

168. Special Type of Separable Algebra over a Commutative Ring

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In the previous paper [4], we considered a type of separable algebra over a field which has the simple ideal components whose degrees are all prime to the characteristic of the field. In this paper we consider the case of algebra over a commutative ring.

Let A be an algebra over a commutative ring R . In the enveloping algebra $A^e = A \otimes_R A^0$ we consider the involution $*$ defined by $(x \otimes y^0)^* = y \otimes x^0$ for $x \otimes y^0 \in A^e$. We set $J = \{x \otimes 1^0 - 1 \otimes x^0 \mid x \in A\}$, then $J^* = J$. Let A be the right annihilator of J in A^e , then A^* is the left annihilator of J and a left ideal in A^e . Let $\varphi: A^e \rightarrow A$ be the A^e -homomorphism defined by $\varphi(x \otimes y^0) = xy$, then $\varphi(A^*)$ is a two sided ideal of A . In this paper we shall call A a strongly separable algebra over R when $\varphi(A^*) = A$.

In § 1, we shall show that A is a strongly separable algebra over R if and only if A is a separable algebra over R and $A = C \oplus [A, A]$ where C is the center of A and $[A, A]$ is the C -submodule of A generated by $xy - yx$ for all $x, y \in A$. In § 2, we consider an R -algebra A such that A is an R -projective module, and we shall show that if $A \neq 0$ then there exists a non zero left ideal in A which is generated by a finite number of elements as R -module. Finally, we have that for a central separable R -algebra A , A is hereditary if and only if R is hereditary. In this paper we assume that every rings and algebras have identity elements.

1. Strongly separable algebra.

PROPOSITION 1. *Let A be an algebra over R . Then $\varphi(A^*) = A$ if and only if $A^e = A^e J \oplus A^*$. If $\varphi(A^*) = A$ then A is a separable algebra over R and $A = C \oplus [A, A]$, where C is the center of A and $[A, A]$ is the C -submodule of A generated by $xy - yx$ for all $x, y \in A$.*

Proof. If $A^e = A^e J \oplus A^*$ then we have $\varphi(A^*) = A$. Now we assume $\varphi(A^*) = A$. Since $\text{Ker } \varphi = A^e J$, we have $A^e = A^* + A^e J$. Therefore we have $A^{e*} = A^{**} + J^* \cdot A^{e*}$ and $A^e = A + JA^e$. Let $1 \otimes 1^0 = z_1 + z_2$ with $z_1 \in A$, $z_2 \in JA^e$. If $x \in A^* \cap A^e J$ then $x = x \cdot 1 \otimes 1^0 = xz_1 + xz_2 = 0$. It follows that $A^* \cap A^e J = 0$ and $A^e = A^* \oplus A^e J$. Thus the first half of the proposition is proved. If $\varphi(A^*) = A$, then φ induces an isomorphism of A^* onto A therefore A is a separable algebra over R . Since $A^e = A^e J \oplus A^*$, there are orthogonal idempotents $e_1 \in A^e J$ and

$e_2 \in A^*$ such that $1 \otimes 1^0 = e_1 + e_2$.¹⁾ Then $A^e J = A^e e_1$, $A^* = A^e e_2$ and $\varphi(e_2) = 1$. Since A is a right ideal, $A = Ae_1 + Ae_2$, where $Ae_1 = AA^e e_1 = AA^e J = AJ$ and $Ae_2 \subseteq AA^* \subseteq A \cap A^*$. Now $Ae_1 \cap (A \cap A^*) \subseteq A^e J \cap A^* = 0$ therefore we have $Ae_2 = A \cap A^*$ and $A = AJ \oplus (A \cap A^*)$. Taking $*$, we have $A^* = JA^* \oplus (A \cap A^*)$. Since φ is an isomorphism of A^* and A , $A = \varphi(JA^*) \oplus \varphi(A \cap A^*)$. Now $\varphi(A \cap A^*) = \varphi(Ae_2) = \varphi(A) = C$ by [1], Proposition 1.1, and $\varphi(JA^*) = [A, A]$ as shown in [4], therefore we have $A = [A, A] \oplus C$.

LEMMA 1. *Let A be an algebra over R , and C the center of A . Then A is a strongly separable algebra over R if and only if A is a strongly separable algebra over C and C is a separable algebra over R .*

Proof. Suppose that A is a strongly separable algebra over R . Let A_σ be the right annihilator of $\{x \otimes_\sigma 1^0 - 1 \otimes_\sigma x^0 \in A \otimes_\sigma A^0 \mid x \in A\}$ in $A \otimes_\sigma A^0$ and $\psi: A \otimes_\sigma A^0 \rightarrow A \otimes_\sigma A^0$ the ring homomorphism defined by $\psi(x \otimes y^0) = x \otimes_\sigma y^0$. Then $\psi(A^*) \subseteq A_\sigma^*$ and we have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A \otimes_R A^0 & \xrightarrow{\psi} & A \otimes_\sigma A^0 \\ & \searrow \varphi & \swarrow \varphi' \\ & A & \end{array}$$

where φ' is defined by $\varphi'(x \otimes_\sigma y^0) = xy$. Since $\varphi(A^*) = \varphi'(\psi(A^*)) \subseteq \varphi'(A_\sigma^*)$ and $\varphi(A^*) = A$ by assumption, we have $\varphi'(A_\sigma^*) = A$ and A is a strongly separable algebra over C . By Proposition 1 A is separable over R , therefore C is also separable over R by [1], Theorem 2.3. Conversely assume that A is a strongly separable algebra over C and C is a separable algebra over R . Since the exact sequence $0 \rightarrow \text{Ker } \varphi'' \rightarrow C \otimes_R C \xrightarrow{\varphi''} C \rightarrow 0$ splits where φ'' is defined by $\varphi''(x \otimes y^0) = x \cdot y$, the sequence

$$(A \otimes_R A^0) \otimes_{\sigma \otimes_R \sigma} (C \otimes_R C) \longrightarrow (A \otimes_R A^0) \otimes_{\sigma \otimes_R \sigma} C \longrightarrow 0$$

splits, therefore $A \otimes_R A^0 \xrightarrow{\psi} A \otimes_\sigma A^0 \rightarrow 0$ splits. There exists a homomorphism $\xi: A \otimes_\sigma A^0 \rightarrow A \otimes_R A^0$ such that $\psi \circ \xi = \text{identity}$. We denote by A' the annihilator of $\{x \otimes 1^0 - 1 \otimes x^0 \in C \otimes_R C \mid x \in C\}$ in $C \otimes_R C$. Since C is separable over R , there exists z in A' such that $z^* = z$, $z^2 = z$, and $\varphi''(z) = 1$. Since A is strongly separable over C , there exists an idempotent element e_1 in A_σ^* such that $e_1^* = e_1$ and $\varphi'(e_1) = 1$. Let $\eta: C \otimes_R C \rightarrow A \otimes_\sigma A$ be the homomorphism induced by the inclusion $C \rightarrow A$ and let $e = \eta(z) \cdot \xi(e_1)$. Then we have $e^* = e$ and $\varphi(e) = \varphi(\eta(z) \cdot \xi(e_1)) = \varphi''(z) \cdot \varphi'(e_1) = 1$. Moreover e is contained in A^* . Therefore we have $\varphi(A^*) = A$.

1) e_1 and e_2 are symmetric, i.e. $e_1^* = e_1$ and $e_2^* = e_2$, because $e_2^* e_1 = e_2^* - e_2^* e_2 \in A^e J \cap A^* = 0$ and $e_2^* = e_2^* e_2$, and $e_2 = (e_2^* e_2)^* = e_2^* e_2 = e_2^*$.

LEMMA 2. *Suppose that the center C of a ring A is a field. Then A is a strongly separable algebra over C if and only if A is separable over C and $A=C\oplus[A, A]$.*

Proof. The “only if” part is proved in Proposition 1. To prove the “if” part we may assume that C is an algebraically closed field by [4], Lemma 3. Then a separable algebra A over C is a direct sum of total matrix rings over C , therefore we may assume that $A=C_n$. Now since

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & 0 \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ \hline & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & | & 0 \\ \hline & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & | & 0 \\ \hline & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ \hline & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & 0 \\ & 2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

and repeating the same argument we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & 0 \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & 0 \\ & 0 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & 0 \\ & & & n \end{pmatrix} \in [A, A].$$

Therefore if n is a multiple of the characteristic p of C , then the unit matrix E is contained in $[A, A]$. This contradicts the assumption $C \cap [A, A]=0$. Thus n is prime to p , and then by the Theorem in [4] A is strongly separable C -algebra.

LEMMA 3. *Let A be the center of a ring A . Then A is a strongly separable algebra over C if and only if A is separable over C and $A=C\oplus[A, A]$.*

Proof. The “only if” part is proved in Proposition 1. We shall prove here the “if” part. Let \mathfrak{m} be any maximal ideal of C . For the localization $C_{\mathfrak{m}}$ of C by \mathfrak{m} , we set $A_{\mathfrak{m}}=A\otimes_{\sigma}C_{\mathfrak{m}}$ and the right annihilator of $\{x\otimes 1^0 - 1\otimes x^0 \in A_{\mathfrak{m}}^e \mid x \in A_{\mathfrak{m}}\}$ in $A_{\mathfrak{m}}^e = A_{\mathfrak{m}}\otimes_{\sigma_{\mathfrak{m}}}A_{\mathfrak{m}}^0$ is denoted by $A_{\mathfrak{m}}$. If an element of A is identified with the image by the homomorphism $A \rightarrow A\otimes_{\sigma}C_{\mathfrak{m}}$, then we have $A_{\mathfrak{m}}^* = A^*C_{\mathfrak{m}}$ and $\varphi_{\mathfrak{m}}(A_{\mathfrak{m}}^*) = \varphi(A^*)C_{\mathfrak{m}}$ where $\varphi_{\mathfrak{m}}: A_{\mathfrak{m}}\otimes_{\sigma_{\mathfrak{m}}}A_{\mathfrak{m}}^0 \rightarrow A_{\mathfrak{m}}$. Consequently, we have that $\varphi(A^*) \ni 1$ if and only if $\varphi_{\mathfrak{m}}(A_{\mathfrak{m}}^*) \ni 1$ for all maximal ideals \mathfrak{m} of C . On the other hand if A is a central separable C -algebra and $A=C$

$C \oplus [A, A]$, then we have that A_m is a central separable C_m -algebra and $A_m = C_m \oplus [A_m, A_m]$. Therefore we may assume that C is a local ring with the maximal ideal m . By proposition 1.4 and Corollary 1.6 in [1] we have that $A/mA \cong A \otimes_o C/m$ is a central separable C/m -algebra and $\bar{A} = \bar{C} + [\bar{A}, \bar{A}]$ if we set $\bar{A} = A/mA$ and $\bar{C} = C + mA/mA \cong C/m$. If $x \in \bar{C} \cap [\bar{A}, \bar{A}]$ then $x = c + \mu = \lambda + \mu'$, $c \in C$, $\lambda \in [A, A]$, $\mu, \mu' \in mA$. Then $c - \lambda \in mA = mC \oplus m[A, A]$, therefore $c \in mC$, $\lambda \in m[A, A]$. It follows that $\bar{C} \cap [\bar{A}, \bar{A}] = 0$ and $\bar{A} = \bar{C} \oplus [\bar{A}, \bar{A}]$. By Lemma 2 \bar{A} is a strongly separable \bar{C} -algebra. Accordingly, we have $\bar{A}^e = \bar{A}^* \oplus \bar{A}^e \bar{J}$ where \bar{A} is the right annihilator of $\bar{J} = \{\bar{x} \otimes \bar{1}^0 - \bar{1} \otimes \bar{x}^0 \in \bar{A}^e \mid \bar{x} \in \bar{A}\}$ in \bar{A}^e . Since $A = \text{Hom}_{A^e}(A, A^e)$ (see [1], p. 369) and A is a projective A^e -module, we have

$$A \otimes_o C/m \cong \text{Hom}_{A^e \otimes_o C/m}(A \otimes_o C/m, A^e \otimes_o C/m) = \text{Hom}_{\bar{A}^e}(\bar{A}, \bar{A}^e).$$

Therefore $A \otimes_o C/m = \bar{A}$ and $A^* \otimes_o C/m = \bar{A}^*$. It follows that $A^e = A^* + A^e J + mA^e$. Since mA^e is contained in the radical of A^e , by Nakayama's Lemma we have $A^e = A^* + A^e J$ and then $\varphi(A^*) = A$.

By Lemmas 1 and 3, we have

THEOREM 1. *Let A be an algebra over an arbitrary commutative ring R and C the center of A . Then A is a strongly separable algebra over R if and only if A is a separable algebra over R and $A = C \oplus [A, A]$.*

From the proof of Lemma 3 we have

COROLLARY 1. *A is a strongly separable R -algebra if and only if A/mA is a strongly separable R/m -algebra for all maximal ideals m of R .*

COROLLARY 2. *If A_1 and A_2 are strongly separable R -algebras then $A_1 \otimes_R A_2$ is either 0 or a strongly separable R -algebra.*

2. Annihilator ideal A . Let A be an R -algebra such that A is projective as R -module. Then there exists a family $\{\varphi_\kappa, \lambda_\kappa\}_{\kappa \in I}$ of homomorphisms φ_κ in $\text{Hom}_R(A, R)$ and elements λ_κ in A such that $x = \sum_{\kappa} \varphi_\kappa(x) \lambda_\kappa$ for any element x in A . In this section, we consider the right annihilator A of $J = \{x \otimes 1^0 - 1 \otimes x^0 \in A^e \mid x \in A\}$ in $A^e = A \otimes_R A^0$ for such an algebra A . We can see $\text{Hom}_R(\text{Hom}_R(A, R), A)$ as A^e -right module by setting $f \cdot x \otimes y^0(g) = y \cdot f(x \cdot g)$ for $x \otimes y^0 \in A^e$, $f \in \text{Hom}_R(\text{Hom}_R(A, R), A)$ and $g \in \text{Hom}_R(A, R)$ where $x \cdot g(z) = g(z \cdot x)$, $z \in A$.

LEMMA 4 (cf. [2], VI, Proposition 5.2). *If A is an R -algebra which is projective as R -module, then the homomorphism $\theta: A \otimes_R A^0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(\text{Hom}_R(A, R), A)$ defined by $\theta(x \otimes y_0)(f) = f(x) \cdot y$ is a A^e -monomorphism, and $\theta(A)$ is contained in $\text{Hom}_A^r(\text{Hom}_R(A, R), A)$ where $\text{Hom}_R(A, R)$ is regarded as A -right module by setting $f \cdot \lambda(z) = f(\lambda \cdot z)$ for $f \in \text{Hom}_R(A, R)$.*

Proof. Let f be an element of $\text{Hom}_R(A, R)$. Since

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(x \otimes y^0 \cdot x_1 \otimes y_1^0)(f) &= \theta(xx_1 \otimes (y_1 y^0))(f) = f(xx_1) y_1 y^0 = (x_1 f)(x) \cdot y_1 y^0 \\ &= y_1 \cdot (x_1 \cdot f)(x) \cdot y y_1 (\theta(x \otimes y^0)(x_1 f)) = \theta(x \otimes y^0) \cdot x_1 \otimes y_1^0(f), \end{aligned}$$

θ is a A^e -homomorphism. If $\theta\left(\sum_i x_i \otimes y_i^0\right) = 0$ for an element $\sum_i x_i \otimes y_i^0$ in $A \otimes_R A^0$, then $\sum_i f(x_i) y_i = 0$ for every element f in $\text{Hom}_R(A, R)$, therefore we have $\sum_i x_i \otimes y_i^0 = \sum_i \sum_{\kappa} \varphi_{\kappa}(x_i) \lambda_{\kappa} \otimes y_i^0 = \sum_i \sum_{\kappa} \lambda_{\kappa} \otimes \varphi_{\kappa}(x_i) y_i = 0$ by using the above family $\{\varphi_{\kappa}, \lambda_{\kappa}\}_{\kappa \in I}$. Hence θ is a A^e -monomorphism. Let $\sum_i x_i \otimes y_i^0$ be any element in A . Then we have $\sum_i \lambda x_i \otimes y_i^0 = \sum_i x_i \otimes (y_i \lambda)^0$ for every λ in A . Set $\psi = \theta\left(\sum_i x_i \otimes y_i^0\right)$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(f\lambda) &= \sum_i f \cdot \lambda(x_i) \cdot y_i = \sum_i f(\lambda x_i) y_i = \theta\left(\sum_i \lambda x_i \otimes y_i^0\right)(f) \\ &= \theta\left(\sum_i x_i \otimes (y_i \lambda)^0\right)(f) = \sum_i f(x_i) \cdot y_i \lambda = \psi(f)\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\psi \in \text{Hom}_A^r(\text{Hom}_R(A, R), A)$.

THEOREM 2. *Let A be an algebra over R such that A is an R -projective module. If $A \neq 0$ then there exists a right ideal of A which is a finitely generated R -module.*

Proof. For $\sum_i x_i \otimes y_i^0 \neq 0$ in A we set $z_{\kappa} = \theta\left(\sum_i x_i \otimes y_i^0\right)(\varphi_{\kappa}) = \sum_i \varphi_{\kappa}(x_i) y_i$, where $\{\varphi_{\kappa}, \lambda_{\kappa}\}$ is the family as above. Since $\theta\left(\sum_i x_i \otimes y_i^0\right) \neq 0$, there is a non zero element z_{κ} and the number of $z_{\kappa} \neq 0$ is finite. For every element λ in A , we have

$$\begin{aligned} z_{\kappa} \lambda &= \theta\left(\sum_i x_i \otimes y_i^0\right)(\varphi_{\kappa}) \cdot \lambda = \theta\left(\sum_i x_i \otimes y_i^0\right)(\varphi_{\kappa} \cdot \lambda) = \sum_i \varphi_{\kappa}(\lambda x_i) y_i \\ &= \sum_i \varphi_{\kappa}\left(\lambda \sum_j \varphi_j(x_i) \lambda_j\right) y_i = \sum_{ij} \varphi_{\kappa}(\lambda \lambda_j) \varphi_j(x_i) y_i = \sum_j \varphi_{\kappa}(\lambda \lambda_j) z_j, \end{aligned}$$

and $\sum_j \varphi_{\kappa}(\lambda \lambda_j) z_j$ is contained in $\sum_{\kappa} R z_{\kappa}$. It follows that $\mathfrak{A} = \sum_{\kappa} R z_{\kappa}$ is a right ideal of A which is a finitely generated R -module.

REMARK. If A is an R -algebra which is a finitely generated projective R -module, then $\theta: A \otimes_R A^0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(\text{Hom}_R(A, R), A)$ is an isomorphism ([2], VI, Proposition 5.2). Then we have $\theta(A^*) = \text{Hom}_A^l(\text{Hom}_R(A, R), A)$ and $\theta(A) = \text{Hom}_A^r(\text{Hom}_R(A, R), A)$. For the family $\{\varphi_{\kappa}, \lambda_{\kappa}\}_{\kappa \in I}$, if we set $\text{Tr} = \sum_i \lambda_i \varphi_i$, then Tr is contained in $\text{Hom}_R(A, R)$ and we have $\varphi(A^*) = \{f(\text{Tr}) \mid f \in \text{Hom}_A^l(\text{Hom}_R(A, R), A)\}$ where $\varphi: A \otimes_R A^0 \rightarrow A$.

PROPOSITION 2. *Let A be a central separable R -algebra. Then A is hereditary (see [2], p. 13) if and only if R is hereditary.*

Proof. If A is R -separable then A is R -semisimple in the sense of Hattori [3]. By [3], § 2, p. 408, we have that if R is hereditary then A is hereditary. Conversely, we suppose that A is hereditary. For any ideal \mathfrak{a} of R , $\mathfrak{a}A$ is a projective A -module. For the exact sequence $0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{a} \rightarrow R \rightarrow R/\mathfrak{a} \rightarrow 0$, we have an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathfrak{a} \otimes_R A \longrightarrow R \otimes_R A \longrightarrow R/\mathfrak{a} \otimes_R A \longrightarrow 0$$

since A is R -projective. Therefore we have $\alpha \otimes_R A \cong \alpha \cdot A$. Since A is R -projective and R is a direct summand of A as R -module, we have that α is a direct summand of R -projective module $\alpha \cdot A \cong \alpha \otimes_R A$ as R -module, therefore α is R -projective. Thus R is hereditary.

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