

# On a Class of Azumaya Galois Extensions

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**Abstract.** Let  $B$  be a ring with 1,  $G$  a finite automorphism group of  $B$ ,  $C$  the center of  $B$ ,  $K = \{g \in G \mid g(c) = c \text{ for all } c \in C\}$ , and  $J_g = \{b \in B \mid bx = g(x)b \text{ for all } x \in B\}$  for each  $g \in G$ . Then,  $B$  is an Azumaya Galois extension with Galois group  $G$  and  $J_g = \{0\}$  for each  $g \notin K$  if and only if  $B$  is a commutator Galois extension of  $B^K$  with Galois group  $K$  and  $B^K$  is a DeMeyer-Kanzaki Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G/K$ . More equivalent conditions are also given in terms of Azumaya skew group rings.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $B$  be a Galois algebra with Galois group  $G$ ,  $C$  the center of  $B$ , and  $K = \{g \in G \mid g(c) = c \text{ for all } c \in C\}$ . In [3], it was shown that if  $C$  is indecomposable (that is,  $C$  contains no idempotents but 0 and 1), then  $B$  is a central Galois algebra with Galois group  $K$  and  $C$  is a commutative Galois algebra over  $C^G$  with Galois group  $G/K$ . In [5], the result was generalized to a Galois algebra  $B$  with nontrivial idempotents:  $B$  is a central Galois algebra with Galois group  $K$  and  $C$  is a commutative Galois algebra with Galois group  $G/K$  if and only if  $J_g = \{0\}$  for each  $g \notin K$  where  $J_g = \{b \in B \mid bx = g(x)b \text{ for all } x \in B\}$  for an  $g \in G$ . The purpose of the present paper is to give a further generalization to the class of Azumaya Galois extensions for which  $J_g = \{0\}$  for each  $g \notin K$  where an Azumaya Galois extension  $B$  with Galois group  $G$  is a Galois extension of  $B^K$  which is an Azumaya  $C^G$ -algebra (for more about an Azumaya Galois extension, see [2] and [6]). We

recall that a Galois extension  $B$  with Galois group  $G$  is a commutator Galois extension if the commutator subring of  $B^G$  in  $B$ ,  $V_B(B^G)$ , is a Galois extension with Galois group induced by and isomorphic with  $G$  ([8]), and a DeMeyer-Kanzaki Galois extension if  $B$  is an Azumaya algebra over  $C$  which is a Galois algebra over  $C^G$  with Galois group induced by and isomorphic with  $G$  ([3],[5]). We shall show the following equivalent conditions:

- (1)  $B$  is an Azumaya Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G$  and  $J_g = \{0\}$  for each  $g \notin K$ .
- (2)  $B$  is a commutator Galois extension of  $B^K$  with Galois group  $K$  and  $B^K$  is a DeMeyer-Kanzaki Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G/K$ .
- (3)  $B \cong B^G C \otimes_C V_B(B^G)$  such that  $B^G C$  is a DeMeyer-Kanzaki Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G/K$  and  $V_B(B^G)$  is a central Galois algebra over  $C$  with Galois group  $K$ .
- (4) The skew group rings  $B * G$  and  $(B^G C) * (G/K)$  are Azumaya  $C^G$ -algebras.

Similar results are also obtained for commutator Galois extensions.

## 2 Basic Definitions and Notations

Throughout, we assume that  $B$  is a ring with 1,  $C$  the center of  $B$ ,  $G$  a finite automorphism group of  $B$ ,  $K = \{g \in G \mid g(c) = c \text{ for all } c \in C\}$ , and  $J_g = \{b \in B \mid bx = g(x)b \text{ for all } x \in B\}$  for each  $g \in G$ . We denote  $B^G$  the set  $\{a \in B \mid g(a) = a \text{ for all } g \in G\}$ . For a subring  $A$  of  $B$ , we denote the commutator subring of  $A$  in  $B$  by  $V_B(A)$  and  $\{a \in A \mid ax = g(x)a \text{ for all } x \in A\}$  by  $J_g^{(A)}$  for each  $g \in G$ .

As given in [7],  $B$  is called a Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G$  if there exist elements  $\{a_i, b_i \text{ in } B, i = 1, 2, \dots, m \text{ for some integer } m\}$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^m a_i g(b_i) = \delta_{1,g}$ , and such a set  $\{a_i, b_i\}$  is called a  $G$ -Galois system for  $B$ . A Galois extension  $B$  with Galois group  $G$  is called an Azumaya Galois extension if  $B^G$  is an Azumaya algebra over  $C^G$  ([2],[6]), and a DeMeyer-Kanzaki Galois extension if  $B$  is an Azumaya algebra over  $C$

which is a Galois algebra over  $C^G$  with Galois group induced by and isomorphic with  $G$  ([3],[5]). A Galois extension  $B$  with Galois group  $G$  is called a commutator Galois extension of  $B^G$  if the commutator subring of  $B^G$  in  $B$ ,  $V_B(B^G)$ , is a Galois extension with Galois group induced by and isomorphic with  $G$  ([8]). We note that the class of DeMeyer-Kanzaki Galois extensions is contained in the class of Azumaya Galois extensions which is a subclass of commutator Galois extensions. Throughout this paper, for an  $G$ -invariant subring  $A$  of  $B$ , that  $A$  is a Galois extension of  $A^G$  with Galois group  $G$  means that  $A$  is a Galois extension of  $A^G$  with Galois group induced by and isomorphic with  $G$ .

### 3. Characterizations

In this section, keeping all notations of section 2 we shall give several characterizations of the class of Azumaya Galois extensions for which  $J_g = \{0\}$  for each  $g \notin K$ . We begin with an expression of an Azumaya Galois extension, a DeMeyer-Kanzaki Galois extension, and a commutator Galois extension, respectively.

#### Lemma 3.1

If  $B$  is a DeMeyer-Kanzaki Galois extension with Galois group  $G$ , then  $B = B^G C \cong B^G \otimes_{C^G} C$  where  $B^G$  is an Azumaya  $C^G$ -algebra and  $C$  is a commutative Galois algebra with Galois group  $G$ .

*Proof.* It is given in Lemma 2 in [3].

#### Lemma 3.2

If  $B$  is a commutator Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G$ , then  $B = B^G \cdot V_B(B^G)$  such that  $V_B(B^G)$  is a Galois algebra over  $C^G$  with Galois group  $G$ .

*Proof.* Since  $B$  is a commutator Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G$ ,  $V_B(B^G)$  is a Galois algebra over  $C^G$  with Galois group  $G$  by Lemma 3.1 in [8]. But then  $B$  and

$B^G \cdot V_B(B^G)$  are Galois extensions of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G$  such that  $B^G \cdot V_B(B^G) \subset B$ ; and so  $B = B^G \cdot V_B(B^G)$ .

**Lemma 3.3**

If  $B$  is an Azumaya Galois extension with Galois group  $G$ , then  $B = B^G \cdot V_B(B^G) \cong B^G \otimes_{C^G} V_B(B^G)$  where  $B^G$  is an Azumaya  $C^G$ -algebra and  $V_B(B^G)$  is a Galois algebra over  $C^G$  with Galois group  $G$ .

*Proof.* Since  $B$  is an Azumaya Galois extension with Galois group  $G$ ,  $B^G$  is an Azumaya  $C^G$ -algebra and  $V_B(B^G)$  is a Galois algebra over  $C^G$  with Galois group  $G$  ([1], Theorem 2). Hence  $B$  is a commutator Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G$ . Thus by Lemma 3.2,  $B = B^G \cdot V_B(B^G) \cong B^G \otimes_{C^G} V_B(B^G)$  ([1], Theorem 2).

We need one more lemma on patching two different Galois systems to one.

**Lemma 3.4**

If  $B$  is a Galois extension with Galois group  $K$  and  $C$  is a Galois algebra with Galois group  $G/K$ , then  $B$  is a Galois extension with Galois group  $G$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\{a_i, b_i$  in  $B$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$  for some integer  $m\}$  be a  $K$ -Galois system for  $B$  and  $\{c_j, d_j$  in  $C$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$  for some integer  $k\}$  be a  $G/K$ -Galois system for  $C$ . Then  $\sum_{i=1}^m a_i b_i = 1$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^m a_i g(b_i) = 0$  for  $g \neq 1$  in  $K$ ,  $\sum_{j=1}^k c_j d_j = 1$ , and  $\sum_{j=1}^k c_j g(d_j) = 0$  for  $g \notin K$ . Hence

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^k (a_i c_j)(b_i d_j) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_i b_i \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^k c_j d_j \right) = 1 \text{ and}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^k (a_i c_j) g(b_i d_j) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_i g(b_i) \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^k c_j g(d_j) \right) = 0 \text{ for } g \neq 1 \text{ in } G.$$

Thus  $\{a_i c_j, b_i d_j$  in  $B$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$  is a  $G$ -Galois system for  $B$ . Therefore  $B$  is a Galois extension with Galois group  $G$ .

**Theorem 3.5**

The following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $B$  is an Azumaya Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G$  and  $J_g = \{0\}$  for each  $g \notin K$ .
- (2)  $B$  is a commutator Galois extension of  $B^K$  with Galois group  $K$  and  $B^K$  is a DeMeyer-Kanzaki Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G/K$ .
- (3)  $B \cong B^G C \otimes_C V_B(B^G)$  such that  $B^G C$  is a DeMeyer-Kanzaki Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G/K$  and  $V_B(B^G)$  is a central Galois algebra over  $C$  with Galois group  $K$ .
- (4) The skew group rings  $B * G$  and  $(B^G C) * (G/K)$  are Azumaya  $C^G$ -algebras.

*Proof.* (1)  $\implies$  (2) Since  $B$  is an Azumaya Galois extension with Galois group  $G$ ,  $B = B^G \cdot V_B(B^G) \cong B^G \otimes_{C^G} V_B(B^G)$  such that  $V_B(B^G)$  is a Galois algebra over  $C^G$  with Galois group  $G$  by Lemma 3.3. From the expression  $B = B^G \cdot V_B(B^G) \cong B^G \otimes_{C^G} V_B(B^G)$ , we can see that the center of  $V_B(B^G)$  is  $C$  and  $J_g = J_g^{(V_B(B^G))}$  for each  $g \in G$ , so that  $J_g = \{0\}$  for each  $g \notin K$  implies that  $J_g^{(V_B(B^G))} = \{0\}$  for each  $g \notin K$ . Hence  $V_B(B^G)$  is a central Galois algebra over  $C$  with Galois group  $K$  and  $C$  is a commutative Galois algebra with Galois group  $G/K$  ([5], Proposition 3). This implies that both  $B^G C$  and  $B^K$  are Galois extensions of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G/K$  (for  $C \subset B^K$ ). Therefore, noting that  $B^G C \subset B^K$ , we have that  $B^K = B^G C$  which is a DeMeyer-Kanzaki Galois extension with Galois group  $G/K$ , and then  $V_B(B^K) = V_B(B^G C) = V_B(B^G)$  which was already shown to be a central Galois algebra with Galois group  $K$ , that is,  $B$  is a commutator Galois extension of  $B^K$  with Galois group  $K$ . Thus (2) holds.

(2)  $\implies$  (1) Since  $B$  is a commutator Galois extension of  $B^K$  with Galois group  $K$ ,  $B = B^K \cdot V_B(B^K)$  by Lemma 3.2 such that  $V_B(B^K)$  is a Galois algebra over  $C^K$  with Galois group  $K$  and has center  $C$ . By hypothesis,  $B^K$  is a DeMeyer-Kanzaki Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G/K$ , so  $B^K = B^G Z \cong B^G \otimes_{Z^G} Z$  where  $Z$  is the center of  $B^K$

by Lemma 3.1,  $B^G (= (B^K)^{G/K})$  is an Azumaya  $Z^G$ -algebra, and  $Z$  is a commutative Galois algebra over  $Z^G$  with Galois group  $G/K$ . Noting that  $B = B^K \cdot V_B(B^K)$  and  $Z$  is the center of  $B^K$ , we have that  $Z$  is contained in the center of  $B$ , that is,  $Z \subset C$ . But  $C \subset B^K$ , so  $C \subset Z$ . Thus  $Z = C$ ; and so  $B^G$  is an Azumaya  $C^G$ -algebra. Thus to show that  $B$  is an Azumaya Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G$ , it suffices to show that  $B$  is a Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G$ . In fact, since  $B$  is a Galois extension of  $B^K$  with Galois group  $K$  and  $C (= Z)$  is a Galois algebra with Galois group  $G/K$ ,  $B$  is a Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G$  by Lemma 3.4.

Next we claim that  $J_g = \{0\}$  for each  $g \notin K$ . Since  $V_B(B^K)$  is a Galois algebra over  $C^K$  with Galois group  $K$ ,  $V_B(B^K) = \bigoplus_{g \in K} J_g^{(V_B(B^K))}$  ([5], Theorem 1). But  $B$  is a Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G$ , so  $V_B(B^G) = \bigoplus_{g \in G} J_g$  ([5], Proposition 1). Noting that  $B^K = B^G C$  and  $J_g^{(V_B(B^K))} = J_g$  for each  $g \in K$ , we have that  $\bigoplus_{g \in G} J_g = V_B(B^G) = V_B(B^G C) = V_B(B^K) = \bigoplus_{g \in K} J_g^{(V_B(B^K))} = \bigoplus_{g \in K} J_g$ . Thus  $J_g = \{0\}$  for each  $g \notin K$ .

(1)  $\implies$  (3) By Lemma 3.3,  $B = B^G \cdot V_B(B^G) \cong B^G \otimes_{C^G} V_B(B^G) \cong B^G \otimes_{C^G} C \otimes_C V_B(B^G) \cong B^G C \otimes_C V_B(B^G)$ . By the proof of (1)  $\implies$  (2),  $B^G C = B^K$  which is a DeMeyer-Kanzaki Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G/K$  and  $V_B(B^G)$  is a central Galois algebra over  $C$  with Galois group  $K$ , so statement (3) holds.

(3)  $\implies$  (1) Since  $B \cong B^G C \otimes_C V_B(B^G)$ ,  $C$  is the center of  $B^G C$ . Hence  $C$  is a Galois algebra with Galois group  $G/K$  for  $B^G C$  is a DeMeyer-Kanzaki Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G/K$ . By hypothesis,  $V_B(B^G)$  is a central Galois algebra over  $C$  with Galois group  $K$ , so  $B$  is a Galois extension with Galois group  $K$ . Hence by Lemma 3.4,  $B$  is a Galois extension with Galois group  $G$ . Moreover, since  $B^G C$  is a DeMeyer-Kanzaki Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G/K$ ,  $B^G$  is an Azumaya algebra over  $C^G$  by Lemma 3.1. Thus  $B$  is an Azumaya Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G$ .

Next we show that  $J_g = \{0\}$  for each  $g \notin K$ . Since  $B$  is a Galois extension of  $B^G$  with

Galois group  $G$ ,  $V_B(B^G) = \bigoplus \sum_{g \in G} J_g$  ([5], Proposition 1). By hypothesis,  $V_B(B^G)$  is a central Galois algebra over  $C$  with Galois group  $K$ , so  $V_B(B^G) = \bigoplus \sum_{g \in K} J_g^{(V_B(B^G))}$  ([5], Theorem 1). Since  $B^G C$  and  $V_B(B^G)$  are Azumaya  $C$ -algebras, that  $B \cong B^G C \otimes_C V_B(B^G)$  implies that  $B = B^G C \cdot V_B(B^G) = B^G \cdot V_B(B^G)$  by the multiplication map ([4], Theorem 4.4, page 58). This implies that  $J_g^{(V_B(B^G))} = J_g$  for each  $g \in G$ . Hence  $\bigoplus \sum_{g \in G} J_g = V_B(B^G) = \bigoplus \sum_{g \in K} J_g^{(V_B(B^G))} = \bigoplus \sum_{g \in K} J_g$ . Thus  $J_g = \{0\}$  for each  $g \notin K$ .

(1)  $\implies$  (4) Since  $B$  is an Azumaya Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G$ ,  $B * G$  is an Azumaya  $C^G$ -algebra ([2], Theorem 1). Moreover, by (1)  $\implies$  (3),  $B^G C$  is a DeMeyer-Kanzaki Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G/K$ , so  $B^G C$  is an Azumaya Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G/K$ . Thus, by Theorem 1 in [2] again,  $(B^G C) * (G/K)$  is an Azumaya  $C^G$ -algebra.

(4)  $\implies$  (2) Since  $B * G$  is an Azumaya  $C^G$ -algebra,  $B$  is an Azumaya Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G$  ([2], Theorem 1). Hence, by Lemma 3.3,  $B = B^G \cdot V_B(B^G) \cong B^G \otimes_{C^G} V_B(B^G) \cong B^G \otimes_{C^G} C \otimes_C V_B(B^G) \cong B^G C \otimes_C V_B(B^G)$ . Thus both  $B^G C$  and  $V_B(B^G)$  have center  $C$ . Therefore  $V_{B^G C}(B^G) = V_{B^G C}(B^G C) = C$ . Moreover, by hypothesis,  $(B^G C) * (G/K)$  is an Azumaya  $C^G$ -algebra, so  $B^G C$  is an Azumaya Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G/K$  by Theorem 1 in [2] again. Hence, by Lemma 3.3,  $C$  ( $= V_{B^G C}(B^G)$ ) is a Galois algebra with Galois group  $G/K$ . This implies that  $B^G C = B^K$ . Thus  $B^K$  is a DeMeyer-Kanzaki Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G/K$ .

Next we claim that  $B$  is a commutator Galois extension of  $B^K$  with Galois group  $K$ , that is,  $V_B(B^K)$  is a Galois extension with Galois group  $K$ . In fact, since  $B$  is an Azumaya Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G$ , by Lemma 3.3,  $V_B(B^G)$  is a Galois algebra over  $C^G$  with Galois group  $G$ . Hence  $V_B(B^G)$  is a Galois extension with Galois group  $K$ . But  $V_B(B^G) = V_B(B^G C) = V_B(B^K)$ , so  $V_B(B^K)$  is a Galois extension with Galois group  $K$ . This completes the proof.

By using the similar argument as given in Theorem 3.5, we can show two equivalent

conditions for a commutator Galois extension for which  $J_g = \{0\}$  for each  $g \notin K$ . Recall that  $B$  is called a center Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G$  if  $C$  is a Galois algebra over  $C^G$  with Galois group  $G$  ([7]).

**Theorem 3.6**

The following statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $B$  is a commutator Galois extension with Galois group  $G$  for which  $J_g = \{0\}$  for each  $g \notin K$ .
- (2)  $B = B^G C \cdot V_B(B^G)$  such that  $B^G C$  is a center Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G/K$  and  $V_B(B^G)$  is a central Galois algebra over  $C$  with Galois group  $K$ .
- (3)  $B$  is a commutator Galois extension of  $B^K$  with Galois group  $K$  and  $B^K$  is a center Galois extension of  $B^G$  with Galois group  $G/K$ .

**Remark.**

The equivalent conditions of (1), (2), and (3) of the Theorem 3.5 generalize the Kan-zaki's result ([5], Proposition 3) to Azumaya Galois extensions, and Theorem 3.6 is a further generalization of Theorem 3.5 to commutator Galois extensions.

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