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Dedicated to Professor Hisao Tominaga on his 60th birthday

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In [4], S. Ikehata gave some characterizations of Galois extensions of commutative rings and applied these results to construct Azumaya algebras from skew polynomial rings in [5]. The essential part in his main theorems [5, Theorems 2.2 and 3.3] is to determine H -separable polynomials in skew polynomial rings. In this paper, we give a characterization of Hopf Galois extensions which is a generalization of [4, Theorem 2], and show that H -separable polynomials in the skew polynomial rings are closely related to the dual Hopf Galois extensions. Moreover we give another examples of H -separable polynomials.

Throughout the following, R is a commutative ring with identity 1, and A is a Hopf algebra over R which is a finitely generated projective R -module unless otherwise stated. An R -algebra means a ring extension of R with the same identity 1 such that R is contained in the center. Each \otimes , Hom , etc. is taken over R and each map is R -linear. As for notations and terminologies of Hopf algebras and Hopf Galois extensions used here, we follow [1], [6] and [9].

Let A be a Hopf algebra which is not necessary finitely generated projective R -module. Let S be an R -algebra which is a left A -module. Then $S \otimes S$ and R are left A -modules by the comultiplication Δ and the counit ε of A :

$$a(x \otimes y) = \sum_{i\alpha} a^{(1)i}x \otimes a^{(2)i}y \quad \text{where} \quad \Delta(a) = \sum_{i\alpha} a^{(1)i} \otimes a^{(2)i}$$

and

$$ar = \varepsilon(a)r,$$

respectively (a in A , x, y in S and r in R). An R -algebra S is called a left A -module algebra if S is a left A -module such that the structure maps

$$\mu_S: S \otimes S \rightarrow S(x \otimes y \mapsto xy) \quad \text{and} \quad \iota_S: R \rightarrow S(r \mapsto r)$$

are left A -module homomorphisms. These conditions say that

$$a(xy) = \sum_{i\alpha} (a^{(1)i}x)(a^{(2)i}y) \quad \text{and} \quad a1 = \varepsilon(a)1.$$

Let T be an R -algebra. T is called an A -comodule algebra if T is a right A -comodule with the structure map $\rho: T \rightarrow T \otimes A$ such that ρ is an R -algebra homomorphism. For an A -module algebra S and an A -comodule algebra T , we can define the *smash product algebra* $S \# T$ which is equal to $S \otimes T$ as R -module but the multiplication given by

$$(s_1 \# t_1)(s_2 \# t_2) = \sum_{it_1} s_1(t_1^{(1)}s_2) \# t_1^{(0)}t_2,$$

where $\rho(t_1) = \sum_{it_1} t_1^{(0)} \otimes t_1^{(1)}$ is in $T \otimes A$. As is easily seen, $S \# T$ is an R -algebra with identity $1 \# 1$ and the maps

$$i_S: S \rightarrow S \# T (s \mapsto s \# 1), \quad i_T: T \rightarrow S \# T (t \mapsto 1 \# t)$$

are R -algebra homomorphisms. Since A is an A -comodule algebra by Δ , we can construct the usual smash product $S \# A$.

Let A be a Hopf algebra. A left A -module algebra S is called an A -Hopf Galois extension of R if S is a finitely generated projective faithful R -module and the map $\phi: S \# A \rightarrow \text{Hom}(S, S)$ defined by $\phi(s \# a)(x) = sa(x)$ is an R -algebra isomorphism. Since S is a faithfully flat R -module, S is an A -Hopf Galois extension of R if and only if S is a Galois $A^* = \text{Hom}(A, R)$ -object in the sense of Chase-Sweedler [1, Theorem 9.3]. When this is the case, $S^A = \{s \text{ in } S \mid as = \varepsilon(a)s \text{ for any } a \text{ in } A\}$ is equal to R . For details, we refer to [6].

Definition 1. A Morita context consists of the following data

- (a) R -algebras S and T .
- (b) An (S, T) -bimodule P and a (T, S) -bimodule Q , both centralized by R ; i.e., $rx = xr$ for all x in P or Q , r in R .
- (c) An (S, S) -bimodule homomorphism $\{, \}: P \otimes {}_T Q \rightarrow S$ and a (T, T) -bimodule homomorphism $[,]: Q \otimes {}_S P \rightarrow T$. Given x in P , y in Q , we shall denote the images of $x \otimes y$ and $y \otimes x$, under these mappings, by $\{x, y\}$ and $[y, x]$, respectively. These mappings will be called *pairings*.
- (d) The following equations hold for all x, z in P and y, w in Q

$$\{x, y\}z = x\{y, z\}, \quad [y, z]w = y\{z, w\}.$$

The Morita context will be called *strict* if the pairings $\{, \}$ and $[,]$ are surjective ([1, Chap. II, § 8]).

Definition 2. Let S be a left A -module algebra. Assume that $S^A = R$. Let $D = S \# A$, and $Q = D^A = \{w \text{ in } S \# A \mid (1 \# a)w = \varepsilon(a)w \text{ for}$

any a in A \setminus , a right ideal in D . Define pairings $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : S \otimes {}_R Q \rightarrow D$, $[\cdot, \cdot] : Q \otimes {}_D S \rightarrow S^A = R$ by the formulae

$$\langle x, w \rangle = (x \# 1)w, [w, x] = w(x) \quad (x \text{ in } S \text{ and } w \text{ in } Q),$$

where S is a left D -module via $(s \# a)(x) = sa(x)$. Note that the definition of Q guarantees that $[\cdot, \cdot]$ is well defined. Then the algebras D and R , the (D, R) -bimodule S , the (R, D) -bimodule Q , and the pairings $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$, $[\cdot, \cdot]$ constitute a Morita context ([1, Definition and Remarks 9.4]).

Lemma 3. *Let S be a left A -module algebra, and $S^A = R$. Then the map*

$$\alpha : \text{Hom}_{S \# A}(S, S \# A) \rightarrow (S \# A)^A$$

defined by $\alpha(f) = f(1)$ is an $(R, S \# A)$ -bimodule isomorphism, where the right $S \# A$ -module structure of $\text{Hom}_{S \# A}(S, S \# A)$ is given by $(f(s \# a))(x) = f(x)(s \# a)$.

Proof. For any a in A and f in $\text{Hom}_{S \# A}(S, S \# A)$, we have $(1 \# a)f(1) = f((1 \# a)1) = f(\varepsilon(a)1) = \varepsilon(a)f(1)$ and so α is well defined. Clearly α is one to one and $(R, S \# A)$ -bimodule homomorphism. If $s \# a$ is in $(S \# A)^A$, then the map $f_{s \# a}$ defined by $f_{s \# a}(x) = (x \# 1)(s \# a)$ is a left $S \# A$ -module homomorphism and thus α is an isomorphism. Q.E.D.

Let T be a ring extension of R with the common identity 1. If $T \otimes T$ is isomorphic to a direct summand of a finite direct sum of T as a (T, T) -bimodule, then T is called an *H-separable extension* of R .

Now, we have the following theorem which is a generalization of [4, Theorem 2].

Theorem 4. *Let S be a left A -module algebra. Assume that $S^A = R$. Then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (1) S is an A -Hopf Galois extension of R .
- (2) $S \# A$ is an Azumaya R -algebra.
- (3) $S \# A$ is an H -separable extension of S .
- (4) The Morita context of Definition 2 is strict.

Proof. (1) \Leftrightarrow (2) follows from definition. (2) \Leftrightarrow (3). Since $S \# A$ is projective left S -module, it follows from [4, Theorem 1]. (3) \Leftrightarrow (4) \Leftrightarrow (1). By [4, Lemma], the left $S \# A$ -module S is a generator, i.e., the map $\tau :$

$S \otimes \text{Hom}_{S=A}(S, S \# A) \rightarrow S \# A$ defined by $\tau(s \otimes f) = f(s)$ is an epimorphism. By Lemma 3, we have the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 S \otimes \text{Hom}_{S=A}(S, S \# A) & \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \alpha} & S \otimes (S \# A)^A \\
 \searrow \tau & & \swarrow \{, \} \\
 & S \# A &
 \end{array}$$

Since τ is an epimorphism, $\{, \}$ is an epimorphism and by [1, Theorem 8.4], the Morita context defined in Definition 2 is strict. Thus by the same argument as used in the proof of [1, Theorem 9.6], S is an A -Hopf Galois extension of R . Q.E.D.

Let S be a commutative left A -module algebra over R and R in S^A . Let $R \langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle$ be the (non-commutative) free algebra on n -variables. Suppose that $R \langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle$ is a right A -comodule algebra. We say that $S[X_1, \dots, X_n; A] = S \# R \langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle$ is a *generalized skew polynomial ring of type A* . In this definition, we do not assume that A is a finitely generated projective R -module.

Example 5. Let S be a commutative R -algebra. Let σ be an R -algebra automorphism of S and let D be a σ -derivation of S (i.e., D is an R -module endomorphism of S such that $D(xy) = D(x)\sigma(y) + xD(y)$). We set

$$S^\sigma = \{s \text{ in } S \mid \sigma(s) = s\}, \quad S^D = \{s \text{ in } S \mid D(s) = 0\}.$$

Then R is contained in $S^\sigma \cap S^D$. Let $R[\sigma, D]$ be the commutative free R -algebra on variables σ, D which has coalgebra structure maps and antipode as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta(\sigma^i) &= \sigma^i \otimes \sigma^i, & \varepsilon(\sigma^i) &= 1, & \lambda(\sigma^i) &= \sigma^{-i}, \\
 \Delta(D^i) &= (D \otimes \sigma + 1 \otimes D)^i, & \varepsilon(D^i) &= 0 & \text{and} & \lambda(D^i) = (-D\sigma^{-1})^i.
 \end{aligned}$$

As is easily seen, $R[\sigma, D]$ is a Hopf algebra and S is a left $R[\sigma, D]$ -module algebra. Let $R[X]$ be the polynomial ring over R . Define an R -linear map $\rho: R[X] \rightarrow R[X] \otimes R[\sigma, D]$ by

$$\rho(X^i) = (X \otimes \sigma + 1 \otimes D)^i.$$

Then $R[X]$ is a right $R[\sigma, D]$ -comodule algebra. Let $S[X; \sigma, D]$ be the *skew polynomial ring* in which the multiplication is given by

$$Xs = \sigma(s)X + D(s) \quad (s \text{ in } S),$$

(cf. [3]). We define a map $\psi: S \# R[X] \rightarrow S[X; \sigma, D]$ by $\psi(\sum s_i \# X^i) = \sum s_i X^i$. Then it is easy to check that ψ is an R -algebra isomorphism. Therefore the skew polynomial ring $S[X; \sigma, D]$ is a special case of our generalized skew polynomial ring.

In the following, we denote $R[\sigma, 0]$ (resp. $R[1, D]$) by $R[\sigma]$ (resp. $R[D]$). When this is the case, we also denote $S[X; \sigma, 0]$ (resp. $S[X; 1, D]$) by $S[X; \sigma]$ (resp. $S[X; D]$), which is called the *skew polynomial ring of automorphism* (resp. *derivation*) type.

A Hopf algebra A is called a *free Hopf algebra* if there exists a (non-commutative) free R -algebra $R \langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle$ with Hopf algebra structure such that A is isomorphic to $R \langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle$ as Hopf algebras. If A is a finitely generated free Hopf algebra, then there exist polynomials h_1, \dots, h_m in $R \langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle$ such that A is isomorphic to $R \langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle / (h_1, \dots, h_m)$ as Hopf algebras. Since this Hopf algebra isomorphism is an A -comodule algebra isomorphism, $S \# A$ is isomorphic to $S \# R \langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle / (h_1, \dots, h_m)$ as R -algebras for any left A -module algebra S . Thus by Theorem 4, we have the following theorem (cf. [5, Theorems 2.2 and 3.3]).

Theorem 6. *Let A be a free Hopf algebra and let S be an R -algebra. Assume that S is a left A -module algebra such that $S^A = R$. Then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (1) *A is a finitely generated free Hopf algebra and S is an A -Hopf Galois extension of R .*
- (2) *There exist polynomials g_1, \dots, g_m in $R \langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle$ satisfying the following conditions:*
 - (a) *$R \langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle / (g_1, \dots, g_m) \cong A$ as right A -comodule algebras.*
 - (b) *$S \# R \langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle / (g_1, \dots, g_m)$ is an Azumaya algebra.*
- (3) *There exist polynomials h_1, \dots, h_m in $R \langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle$ satisfying the following conditions:*
 - (a) *$R \langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle / (h_1, \dots, h_m) \cong A$ as right A -comodule algebras.*
 - (b) *$S \# R \langle X_1, \dots, X_n \rangle / (h_1, \dots, h_m)$ is an H -separable extension of S .*

Let A be a Hopf algebra which is not necessary finitely generated projective R -module. Let $R[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ be the polynomial ring on n -variables which is a right A -comodule algebra, and let $\{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$ be monic polynomials

als in $R[X_1, \dots, X_n]$. A set $\{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$ is called a *set of comodule polynomials* if the ideal generated by $\{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$ is a right A -subcomodule in $R[X_1, \dots, X_n]$. Let S be a left A -comodule algebra over R . A set of comodule polynomials $\{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$ in $R[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ is said to be *H-separable* in $S[X_1, \dots, X_n; A]$ if $S[X_1, \dots, X_n; A]/(f_1, \dots, f_m)$ is an H -separable extension of S .

Let A be a Hopf algebra, S an A^* -comodule algebra and T an A -comodule algebra. In [2], J. Gamst and K. Hoechsman defined a smash product $S \# T$ as follows: As an R -module $S \# T$ equals to $S \otimes T$ and the product is defined by

$$(s_1 \# t_1)(s_2 \# t_2) = \sum_{i, s_2, t_1} s_1 s_2^{i0} \langle s_2^{i1}, t_1^{i1} \rangle \otimes t_1^{i0} t_2,$$

where $\rho_S: S \rightarrow S \otimes A^*$ (resp. $\rho_T: T \rightarrow T \otimes A$) is defined by $\rho_S(s_2) = \sum_{i, s_2} s_1^{i0} \otimes s_2^{i1}$ (resp. $\rho_T(t_1) = \sum_{i, t_1} t_1^{i0} \otimes t_1^{i1}$) and $\langle, \rangle: A^* \otimes A \rightarrow R$ is the evaluation. Since S is an A^* -comodule algebra, S is an A -module algebra by $as = \sum_{i, s} \langle s^{i1}, a \rangle s^{i0}$. When this the case, we can construct our smash product $S \# T$, which is equal to that of [2].

Theorem 7. *Let S be a commutative A -Hopf Galois extension of R . If $\{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$ is a set of comodule polynomials in $R[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ such that $R[X_1, \dots, X_n]/(f_1, \dots, f_m)$ is an A^* -Hopf Galois extension of R , then $\{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$ is H -separable in $S[X_1, \dots, X_n; A]$.*

Proof. By [2, Theorem 1], $S \# R[X_1, \dots, X_n]/(f_1, \dots, f_m)$ is an Azumaya R -algebra and so by [4, Theorem 1], $S \# R[X_1, \dots, X_n]/(f_1, \dots, f_m)$ is an H -separable extension of S . Since $S \# R[X_1, \dots, X_n]/(f_1, \dots, f_m)$ is isomorphic to $S[X_1, \dots, X_n; A]/(f_1, \dots, f_m)$, $\{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$ is H -separable in $S[X_1, \dots, X_n; A]$. Q. E. D.

Example 8. Let R be a commutative algebra over the prime field $GF(2)$. Define a commutative Hopf algebra $A = R[\sigma, D]$ by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{algebra structure: } & \sigma^4 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad D^2 = \sigma^2 + 1, \\ \text{coalgebra structure: } & \Delta(\sigma) = \sigma \otimes \sigma, \quad \Delta(D) = D \otimes \sigma + 1 \otimes D, \\ & \varepsilon(\sigma) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon(D) = 0, \\ \text{antipode: } & \lambda(\sigma) = \sigma^{-1} (= \sigma^3) \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda(D) = D\sigma^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $R[X, Y]$ be the polynomial ring on two variables. Define a map $\rho: R[X, Y] \rightarrow R[X, Y] \otimes A$ by

$$\rho(X) = X \otimes \sigma, \rho(Y) = Y \otimes \sigma + 1 \otimes D \text{ and } \rho(X^i Y^j) = \rho(X)^i \rho(Y)^j.$$

Then $R[X, Y]$ is a right A -comodule algebra via ρ . When this is the case, the ideal generated by $X^4 + 1$ and $Y^2 + X^2 + 1$ is a right A -subcomodule in $R[X, Y]$. Since $R[X, Y]/(X^4 + 1, Y^2 + X^2 + 1)$ is isomorphic to $R[\sigma, D]$ as $R[\sigma, D]$ -comodule algebras and $R[\sigma, D]$ is a Galois $R[\sigma, D]$ -object by [1, Proposition 9.1], i.e., $R[X, Y]/(X^4 + 1, Y^2 + X^2 + 1)$ is a $R[\sigma, D]^*$ -Hopf Galois extension of R , the pair of polynomials $\{X^4 + 1, Y^2 + X^2 + 1\}$ satisfies the condition in Theorem 7. Moreover if S is a commutative $R[\sigma, D]$ -Hopf Galois extension of R , then by Theorem 6, $S \# R[X, Y]/(X^4 + 1, Y^2 + X^2 + 1) \cong S[X, Y; \sigma, D]/(X^4 + 1, Y^2 + X^2 + 1)$ is Azumaya R -algebra.

Theorems 6 and 7 give some information in relation to Hopf algebras, H -separable polynomials in skew polynomial rings and Azumaya algebras. Under suitable conditions, H -separable polynomials in $S[X; \sigma]$ (resp. $S[X; D]$) were completely determined by S. Ikehata [5]. There are closely related to A^* -Hopf Galois extension of R , where $A = R[\sigma]$ or $A = R[D]$.

Now let A be a Hopf algebra which is not necessary finitely generated projective R -module. Let S be a commutative A -module algebra such that $S^A = R$. Let $f(X)$ be a monic polynomial in $R[X]$ such that $S[X; A]f(X) = f(X)S[X; A]$.

Automorphism type. Assume that σ is an R -algebra automorphism of S and $A = R[\sigma]$. If $f(X)$ is H -separable in $S[X; \sigma]$, then by [5, Theorem 2.1], the order of σ is m and $f(X) = X^m + r$, where r is invertible in R . When this is the case, $R[X]/(X^m + r)$ has an $R[\sigma]$ -comodule structure map $\rho: R[x] \rightarrow R[x] \otimes R[\sigma]$ defined by $\rho(x) = x \otimes \sigma$, where $x = X + (X^m + r)$. As is easily checked, ρ induces an R -algebra isomorphism $R[x] \otimes R[x] \cong R[x] \otimes R[\sigma]$, which shows that $R[x]$ is an $R[\sigma]^*$ -Hopf Galois extension of R (cf. [1, Chapter I, § 4]).

Derivation type. Let R be a commutative algebra over the prime field $GF(p)$. Assume that D is a derivation of S and $A = R[D]$. If $f(X)$ is H -separable in $S[X; D]$, then by [5, Lemma 1.6 and Theorem 3.3],

$$f(X) = X^{pe} - u_{e-1}X^{pe-1} - \dots - u_1X^p - u_0X - u_{-1} \quad (u_i \text{ in } R)$$

and $f(D) = -u_{-1}$. Define a map $\rho: R[x] \rightarrow R[x] \otimes R[D]$ by $\rho(x) = x \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes D$, where $x = X + (f(X))$. Then we can check that ρ gives an $R[D]$ -comodule structure on $R[x]$ and induces an R -algebra isomorphism $R[x] \otimes$

$R[x] \cong R[x] \otimes R[D]$, which shows that $R[x]$ is an $R[D]^*$ -Hopf Galois extension of R (cf. [8, Theorem 1.3]). Under the above assumptions and notations, we get the following

Theorem 9. *If $f(X)$ is H -separable in $S[X; \sigma]$ (resp. $S[X; D]$), then $R[X]/(f(X))$ is an $R[\sigma]^*$ (resp. $R[D]^*$)-Hopf Galois extension of R .*

By [1, Chapter I, § 4], [8, Theorem 1.4], [2] and [5, Theorems 2.1 and 3.1], we have the converse case of Theorem 9.

Theorem 10. *Let $f(X)$ be a monic polynomial in $R[X]$.*

(1) *If σ is of order m and if $R[X]/(f(X))$ is an $R[\sigma]^*$ -Hopf Galois extension of R , then for any $R[\sigma]$ -Hopf Galois extension S of R , $f(X)S[X; \sigma] = S[X; \sigma]f(X)$ and $f(X)$ is H -separable in $S[X; \sigma]$.*

(2) *Let R be a commutative algebra over the prime field $GF(p)$. If $D^{pe} - u_{e-1}D^{pe-1} - \dots - u_1D^p - u_0D = 0$ (u_i in R) and if $R[X]/(f(X))$ is an $R[D]^*$ -Hopf Galois extension of R , then for any $R[D]$ -Hopf Galois extension S of R , $f(X)S[X; D] = S[X; D]f(X)$ and $f(X)$ is H -separable in $S[X; D]$.*

Remark 11. In the skew polynomial rings of automorphism type and derivation type, the following hold by [3, Corollary 1.5 and Lemma 1.6]. Let $f(X)$ be in $S[X; \xi]$ and $f(X)S[X; \xi] = S[X; \xi]f(X)$, where $\xi = \sigma$ or $\xi = D$. Then, $f(X)$ is in $R[X]$ when $f(X)$ is in $S[X; \sigma]$ and S is a semiprime ring, or when $f(X)$ is in $S[X; D]$. Thus the assumption that $f(X)$ is contained in $R[X]$ in Theorem 10 is reasonable.

Finally we give the following example which is an H -separable polynomial of another case.

Example 12. Let R be a commutative algebra over the prime field $GF(p)$. Let u be a fixed element in R and $H(u, p^e)$ the Hopf algebra defined in [7], that is, $H(u, p^e)$ has an R -free basis $1, D, \dots, D^{pe-1}$ and a Hopf algebra structure is given by the following;

algebra structure: $D^{pe} = 0$,

coalgebra structure: $\Delta(D) = D \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes D + uD \otimes D$, $\varepsilon(D) = 0$,

antipode: $\lambda(D) = \sum_{i=0}^{pe-1} (-1)^i u^{i-1} D^i$.

For a polynomial ring $R[X]$, we define an R -module homomorphism $\rho: R[X]$

$\rightarrow R[X] \otimes H(u, p^e)$ by $\rho(X^i) = (X \otimes \sigma + 1 \otimes D)^i$, where $\sigma = 1 + uD$. Then it is easy to see that $R[X]$ is a right $H(u, p^e)$ -comodule algebra by ρ . Let S be an $H(u, p^e)$ -module algebra over R . Since $\Delta(\sigma) = \sigma \otimes \sigma$, $\varepsilon(\sigma) = 1$ and $\Delta(D) = \sigma \otimes D + D \otimes 1$, D is a σ -derivation on S and thus we can construct the skew polynomial ring $S[X; \sigma, D]$. Then by

$$X^{p^i} s = \sigma^{p^i}(s) X^{p^i} + D^{p^i}(s) \quad (s \text{ in } S),$$

we have $X^{p^e} s = s X^{p^e}$. Moreover $S \# H(u, p^e)$ is canonically isomorphic to $S[X; \sigma, D]/X^{p^e} S[X; \sigma, D]$ as R -algebras. Therefore if S is an $H(u, p^e)$ -Hopf Galois extension of R , then $S[X; \sigma, D]/X^{p^e} S[X; \sigma, D]$ is an Azumaya R -algebra and by [4, Theorem 1], $S[X; \sigma, D]/X^{p^e} S[X; \sigma, D]$ is an H -separable extension of S . This shows that X^{p^e} is an H -separable polynomial in $S[X; \sigma, D]$. When this is the case, $R[X]/(X^{p^e})$ is also an $H(u, p^e)^*$ -Hopf Galois extension of R . Finally we note that if we set $\theta = D - uD$, then θ is also a σ -derivation and we can prove that $S[X; \sigma, \theta]/(X^{p^e} - 1) S[X; \sigma, \theta]$ is Azumaya R -algebra. Thus $X^{p^e} - 1$ is H -separable in $S[X; \sigma, \theta]$.

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