# Note on $(\tilde{\rho}, \tilde{D})$ -separable polynomials in skew polynomial rings

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#### Abstract

The notion of  $(\tilde{\rho}, \tilde{D})$ -separable polynomials in skew polynomial rings was introduced by S. Ikehata. In this paper, we shall give a new characterization of  $(\tilde{\rho}, \tilde{D})$ -separable polynomials in skew polynomial rings which shows the difference between separable systems and  $(\tilde{\rho}, \tilde{D})$ -separable systems.

### 1 Introduction and Preliminaries

Let A/B be a ring extension with common identity. A/B is said to be separable if the A-A-homomorphism of  $A \otimes_B A$  onto A defined by  $z \otimes w \mapsto zw$   $(z, w \in A)$  splits. It is well known that A/B is separable if and only if there exists  $\sum_i z_i \otimes w_i \in (A \otimes_B A)^A$  such that  $\sum_i z_i w_i = 1$ , where  $(A \otimes_B A)^A = \{\theta \in A \otimes_B A \mid u\theta = \theta u \ (\forall u \in A)\}$ . Then we say that  $\{z_i, w_i\}$  is a separable system of A/B.

Throughout this paper, let B be an associative ring with identity element 1,  $\rho$  an automorphism of B, and D a  $\rho$ -derivation (that is, D is an additive endomorphism of B such that  $D(\alpha\beta) = D(\alpha)\beta + \rho(\alpha)D(\beta)$  for any  $\alpha, \beta \in B$ ). By  $B[X; \rho, D]$  we denote the skew polynomial ring in which the multiplication is given by  $\alpha X = X\rho(\alpha) + D(\alpha)$  for any  $\alpha \in B$ . Moreover, by  $B[X; \rho, D]_{(0)}$ , we denote the set of all monic polynomials f in  $B[X; \rho, D]$  such that  $fB[X; \rho, D] = B[X; \rho, D]f$ . For each polynomial  $f \in B[X; \rho, D]_{(0)}$ , the residue ring  $B[X; \rho, D]/fB[X; \rho, D]$  is a free ring extension of B.

From now on, let  $B^{\rho} = \{b \in B \mid \rho(b) = b\}$ ,  $f = \sum_{i=0}^{m} X^{i} a_{i} \in B[X; \rho, D]_{(0)} \cap B^{\rho}[X]$   $(m \geq 1, a_{m} = 1)$ ,  $A = B[X; \rho, D]/fB[X; \rho, D]$ , and  $x = X + fB[X; \rho, D]$ . Then A is a free ring extension of B with a free B-basis  $\{1, x, x^{2}, \cdots, x^{m-1}\}$ . Since  $f \in B^{\rho}[X]$ , there is a ring automorphism  $\tilde{\rho}$  of A which is naturally induced by  $\rho$ , that is,  $\tilde{\rho}$  is defined by

$$\tilde{\rho}\left(\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} x^j c_j\right) = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} x^j \rho(c_j) \quad (c_j \in B).$$

Similarly, there is a  $\tilde{\rho}$ -derivation  $\tilde{D}$  of A which is naturally induced by D, that is,  $\tilde{D}$  is defined by

$$\tilde{D}\left(\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} x^j c_j\right) = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} x^j D(c_j) \ (c_j \in B).$$

Now we consider the following A-A-homomorphisms:

$$\begin{cases} \mu: A \otimes_B A \to A, & \mu(z \otimes w) = zw \\ \xi: A \otimes_B A \to A \otimes_B A, & \xi(z \otimes w) = \tilde{D}(z) \otimes \tilde{\rho}(w) + z \otimes \tilde{D}(w) & (z, w \in A) \\ \eta: A \otimes_B A \to A \otimes_B A, & \eta(z \otimes w) = \tilde{\rho}(z) \otimes \tilde{\rho}(w) - z \otimes w \end{cases}$$

We say that f is a separable polynomial in  $B[X; \rho, D]$  if A is a separable extension of B. By the definition, f is separable in  $B[X; \rho, D]$  if and only if there exists an A-A-homomorphism  $\nu: A \to A \otimes_B A$  such that  $\mu\nu = 1_A$  (the identity map of A). Moreover, f is called a  $(\tilde{\rho}, \tilde{D})$ -separable polynomial in  $B[X; \rho, D]$  if there exists an A-A-homomorphism  $\nu: A \to A \otimes_B A$  such that  $\mu\nu = 1_A$ ,  $\xi\nu = \nu\tilde{D}$ , and  $\eta\nu = \nu(\tilde{\rho} - 1_A)$ . The notion of  $(\tilde{\rho}, \tilde{D})$ -separable polynomials was introduced by S. Ikehata in [3]. Obviously, a  $(\tilde{\rho}, \tilde{D})$ -separable polynomial is separable. We put here  $B[X; \rho] = B[X; \rho, 0]$  and  $B[X; D] = B[X; 1_B, D]$ . If D = 0 then a  $(\tilde{\rho}, \tilde{0})$ -separable polynomial in  $B[X; \rho]$  is called  $\tilde{\rho}$ -separable. Similarly, if  $\rho = 1_B$  then a  $(\tilde{1}_B, \tilde{D})$ -separable polynomial in B[X; D] is called  $\tilde{D}$ -separable.

In [3], S. Ikehata studied  $(\tilde{\rho}, D)$ -separable polynomials in  $B[X; \rho, D]$ . Moreover, in [11], X. Lou gave a characterization of  $\tilde{\rho}$ -separable polynomials in  $B[X; \rho]$  by making use of the trace map. In this paper, we shall study  $(\tilde{\rho}, \tilde{D})$ -separable polynomials in  $B[X; \rho, D]$  in the case  $\rho D = D \rho$ . In section 2, we shall show a equivalent condition for  $(\tilde{\rho}, \tilde{D})$ -separable polynomials in  $B[X; \rho, D]$ . In section 3, we shall give a new characterization of  $(\tilde{\rho}, \tilde{D})$ -separable polynomial in  $B[X; \rho, D]$ . It shows the difference between separable systems and  $(\tilde{\rho}, \tilde{D})$ -separable systems.

## 2 Equivalent condition for $(\tilde{\rho}, \tilde{D})$ -separability

From this section, assume that  $\rho D = D\rho$ , and let  $B^{\rho} = \{b \in B \mid \rho(b) = b\}$ ,  $B^{\rho,D} = \{b \in B \mid \rho(b) = b, D(b) = 0\}$ ,  $C(B^{\rho,D})$  the center of  $B^{\rho,D}$ , m a positive integer, and f a monic polynomial in  $B[X; \rho, D] \cap B^{\rho}[X]$  of the form  $f = \sum_{i=0}^{m} X^{i} a_{i}$  ( $a_{m} = 1$ ). As was shown in [10, Lemma 1.6 and Corollary 1.7],  $f \in C(B^{\rho,D})[X]$  and

$$a_i \rho^m(\alpha) = \sum_{j=i}^m {j \choose i} \rho^i D^{j-i}(\alpha) a_j \quad (\forall \alpha \in B, \ 0 \le i \le m-1).$$

We shall use the following conventions:

- $A = B[X; \rho, D]/fB[X; \rho, D]$
- $\bullet \ \ x = X + fB[X; \rho, D]$
- $\tilde{\rho}$  is an automorphism of A defined by

$$\tilde{\rho}\left(\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} x^i c_i\right) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} x^i \rho(c_i) \ (c_i \in B).$$

•  $\tilde{D}$  is a  $\tilde{\rho}$ -derivation of A define by

$$\tilde{D}\left(\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} x^i c_i\right) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} x^i D(c_i) \ (c_i \in B).$$

- $A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}} = \{ z \in A \mid \tilde{\rho}(z) = z, \ \tilde{D}(z) = 0 \}.$
- $C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}})$  is the center of  $A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}}$ .
- $V_{m-1} = \{ z \in A \mid \rho^{m-1}(\alpha)z = z\alpha \ (\forall \alpha \in B) \}.$
- $T(A,B) = A \otimes_B A$ .
- $T(A, B)^A = \{\theta \in T(A, B) \mid u\theta = \theta u \ (\forall u \in A)\}.$
- $T(C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}}),C(B^{\rho,D})) = C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}}) \otimes_{C(B^{\rho,D})} C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}}).$
- $T(C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}}),C(B^{\rho,D}))^{C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}})} = \{\theta \in T(C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}}),C(B^{\rho,D})) | u\theta = \theta u \ (\forall u \in C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}})\}.$
- $\pi_i: A \to B$  is the map defined by

$$\pi_i \left( \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} x^j c_j \right) = c_i \ (c_i \in B, 0 \le i \le m-1).$$

•  $\tau: A \to B$  is the map defined by

$$\tau(z) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \pi_i(x^i z) \quad (z \in A).$$

Clearly,  $\pi_i$   $(0 \le i \le m-1)$  and  $\tau$  are  $B^{\rho,D}$ -B-homomorphisms. Moreover, we define polynomials  $Y_i \in B[X; \rho, D]$   $(0 \le i \le m-1)$  as follows:

$$Y_{0} = X^{m-1} + X^{m-2}a_{m-1} + \dots + Xa_{2} + a_{1},$$

$$Y_{1} = X^{m-2} + X^{m-3}a_{m-1} + \dots + Xa_{3} + a_{2},$$

$$\dots$$

$$Y_{i} = X^{m-i-1} + X^{m-i-2}a_{m-1} + \dots + Xa_{i+2} + a_{i+1} \left( = \sum_{k=i}^{m-1} X^{k-i}a_{k+1} \right),$$

$$\dots$$

$$Y_{m-2} = X + a_{m-1},$$

$$Y_{m-1} = 1.$$

The polynomials  $Y_i$  were introduced by Y. Miyashita to characterize separable polynomials in  $B[X; \rho, D]$  (cf. [5]). We set  $y_i = Y_i + fB[X; \rho, D] \in A$  ( $0 \le i \le m - 1$ ).

- **Remark 1.** (1) Since  $f \in C(B^{\rho,D})$ , we see that  $\tau(x^k)$  is in  $C(B^{\rho,D})$  for any non-negative integer k. Moreover,  $Y_i$   $(0 \le i \le m-1)$  is in  $C(B^{\rho,D})[X]$  and  $y_i$   $(0 \le i \le m-1)$  is in  $C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}})$ .
- (2) It is easy to see that

$$C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}}) = \left(C(B^{\rho,D})[X] + fB[X;\rho,D]\right)/fB[X;\rho,D]$$
  
$$\cong C(B^{\rho,D})[X]/fC(B^{\rho,D})[X].$$

In particular, a free B-basis  $\{1, x, x^2, \cdots, x^{m-1}\}$  of A can be regarded as a free  $C(B^{\rho,D})$ -basis of  $C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}})$ , and the restriction map  $\tau|_{C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}})}$  is a trace map from  $C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}})$  to  $C(B^{\rho,D})$ .

(3) As was shown in [10, Lemma 2.1], it is already known that

$$T(A,B)^A = \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i v \otimes x^i \,\middle|\, v \in V_{m-1} \right\}.$$

In particular, every separable system of A/B is of the form  $\{y_i v, x^i\}$  for some  $v \in V_{m-1}$ . Similarly, we can see that

$$T(C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}}),C(B^{\rho,D}))^{C(B^{\rho,D})} = \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i v \otimes x^i \,\middle|\, v \in C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}}) \right\}.$$

(4) Note that  $\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} Y_i X^i = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} X^i Y_i = f'$ , where f' is the derivative of f.

The following is a equivalent condition for  $(\tilde{\rho}, \tilde{D})$ -separability in  $B[X; \rho, D]$ .

Lemma 2.1. The following are equivalent.

- (1) f is  $(\tilde{\rho}, \tilde{D})$ -separable in  $B[X; \rho, D]$ .
- (2) There exists  $v \in V_{m-1} \cap A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}}$  such that  $\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i v x^i = 1$ .
- (3) f' is invertible in  $B[X; \rho, D]$  modulo  $fB[X; \rho, D]$ , where f' is the derivative of f.
- (4) f is separable in  $C(B^{\rho,D})[X]$  (i.e. a commutative ring  $C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}})$  is separable over  $C(B^{\rho,D})$ ).
- (5) There exists  $v \in C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}})$  such that  $\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i v x^i = 1$  and  $\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i v \tau(x^i u) = u$  for any  $u \in C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}})$ .

**Proof.** We have already known that (1), (2), (3), and (4) are equivalent by [3, Theorem 2.1]. We shall show that (4) is equal to (5).

 $(4) \Longrightarrow (5)$  Assume that f is separable in  $C(B^{\rho,D})[X]$ , that is, a commutative ring  $C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}})$  is (finitely generated projective and) separable over  $C(B^{\rho,D})$ . Note that  $\tau$  is a trace map from  $C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}})$  to  $C(B^{\rho,D})$  by Remark 1 (2). Let u be arbitrary element in  $C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}})$ . Then, by [1, chapter III, Theorem 2.1], there exists a finite set  $\{z_i,w_i\}$   $(z_i,w_i\in C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}}))$  such that  $\sum_i z_iw_i=1$  and  $\sum_i z_i\tau(w_iu)=u$ . Concerning  $\sum_i z_i\otimes w_i\in T(C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}}),C(B^{\rho,D}))$ , we have

$$\sum_{i} z_{i} \otimes w_{i}u = \sum_{i} z_{i} \otimes \sum_{j} z_{j}\tau(w_{j}w_{i}u)$$

$$= \sum_{j} \sum_{i} z_{i}\tau(w_{i}w_{j}u) \otimes z_{j}$$

$$= \sum_{j} uw_{j} \otimes z_{j}.$$

Thus  $\sum_i z_i \otimes w_i = \sum_j w_j \otimes z_j \in T(C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}}),C(B^{\rho,D}))^{C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}})}$ . So, by Remark 1 (3), there exists  $v \in C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}})$  such that  $\sum_i z_i \otimes w_i = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i v \otimes x^i$ . Let  $\mu$  and  $\hat{\tau}$  be additive endomorphisms from  $T(C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}}),C(B^{\rho,D}))$  to  $C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}})$  defined by  $\mu(z\otimes w)=zw$  and  $\hat{\tau}(z\otimes w)=z\tau(w)$   $(z,w\in C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}}))$ , respectively. We obtain then

$$1 = \sum_{i} z_{i} w_{i} = \mu \left( \sum_{i} z_{i} \otimes w_{i} \right) = \mu \left( \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_{i} v \otimes x^{i} \right) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_{i} v x^{i},$$

$$u = \sum_{i} z_{i} \widehat{\tau}(w_{i} u) = \widehat{\tau} \left( \sum_{i} z_{i} \otimes w_{i} u \right) = \widehat{\tau} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_{i} v \otimes x^{i} u \right) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_{i} v \tau(x^{i} u).$$

$$(5) \Longrightarrow (4) \text{ It is obvious by [1, chapter III, Theorem 2.1].}$$

## 3 Characterization of $(\tilde{\rho}, \tilde{D})$ -separability

The conventions and notations employed in the preceding section will be used in this section. First we shall state the following.

Lemma 3.1.  $\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i \tau(x^i)$  is in  $C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}})$  and

$$\rho^{1-m}(\alpha) \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i \tau(x^i) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i \tau(x^i) \alpha \quad (\forall \alpha \in B).$$

**Proof.** Since  $y_i \in C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}})$  and  $\tau(x^i) \in C(B^{\rho,D})$ , it is obvious that  $\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i \tau(x^i) \in C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}})$ . Let  $\alpha$  be arbitrary element in B, and  $\hat{\tau}: A \otimes_B A \to A$  an A-B-homomorphism defined by  $\hat{\tau}(z \otimes w) = z\tau(w)$   $(z, w \in A)$ . As was shown [10],

we have already known that

$$\alpha y_j = \sum_{i=j}^{m-1} y_i \binom{i}{j} (-1)^{i-j} \rho^{m-j-1} D^{i-j}(\alpha) \quad (0 \le j \le m-1).$$

Noting that  $x^i \alpha = \sum_{j=0}^i {i \choose j} (-1)^{i-j} \rho^{-j} D^{i-j} (\alpha) x^j$ , we obtain

$$\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \rho^{1-m}(\alpha) y_j \tau(x^j) = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \sum_{i=j}^{m-1} y_i \binom{i}{j} (-1)^{i-j} \rho^{-j} D^{i-j}(\alpha) \tau(x^j)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \sum_{j=0}^{i} y_i \binom{i}{j} (-1)^{i-j} \rho^{-j} D^{i-j}(\alpha) \tau(x^j)$$

$$= \widehat{\tau} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \sum_{j=0}^{i} y_i \binom{i}{j} (-1)^{i-j} \rho^{-j} D^{i-j}(\alpha) \otimes x^j \right)$$

$$= \widehat{\tau} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i \otimes \left( \sum_{j=0}^{i} \binom{i}{j} (-1)^{i-j} \rho^{-j} D^{i-j}(\alpha) x^j \right) \right)$$

$$= \widehat{\tau} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i \otimes x^i \alpha \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i \tau(x^i) \alpha.$$

This completes the proof.

#### Corollary 3.2.

$$\tilde{\rho}^{1-m}(z) \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i \tau(x^i) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i \tau(x^i) z \quad (\forall z \in A).$$

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**Proof.** It is obvious by Lemma 3.1.

So we shall state the following theorem which shows a new equivalent condition for  $(\tilde{\rho}, \tilde{D})$ -separability. It shows the difference between separable systems and  $(\tilde{\rho}, \tilde{D})$ -separable systems of A/B.

**Theorem 3.3.** The following are equivalent.

- (1) f is  $(\tilde{\rho}, \tilde{D})$ -separable in  $B[X; \rho, D]$ .
- (2) f is separable in  $B[X; \rho, D]$  with a separable system  $\{y_i v, x^i\}$  of A/B such that  $\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i v \tau(x^i) = 1$ , where  $v \in V_{m-1}$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Longrightarrow$  (2) Let f be  $(\tilde{\rho}, \tilde{D})$ -separable in  $B[X; \rho, D]$ . So, by Lemma 2.1 (5), there exists  $v \in C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}})$  such that  $\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i v x^i = 1$  and  $\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i v \tau(x^i u) = u$  for any  $u \in C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}})$ . Clearly,  $\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i v \tau(x^i) = 1$ . To show that  $\{y_i v, x^i\}$  is a separable system of A/B, it suffices to prove that  $\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i v \otimes x^i \in (A \otimes_B A)^A$ . Let  $\tilde{f}' = f' + fB[X; \rho, D]$ , where f' is the derivative of f. Noting that  $\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i x^i = \tilde{f}'$ , we have

$$1 = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i v x^i = \tilde{f}' v = v \tilde{f}'.$$

Thus  $\tilde{f}'$  is invertible in A (this is the assertion (3) of Lemma 2.1). For any  $\alpha \in B$ , it follows from the proof of [3, Lemma 1.2] that  $\alpha f' = f' \rho^{m-1}(\alpha)$ , and hence we obtain

$$\alpha = \alpha \cdot 1 = \alpha \tilde{f}' v = \tilde{f}' \rho^{m-1}(\alpha) v,$$
  
=  $1 \cdot \alpha = \tilde{f}' v \alpha.$ 

Since  $\tilde{f}'$  is invertible, we have  $\rho^{m-1}(\alpha)v = v\alpha$ . Therefore  $v \in V_{m-1}$ , and hence  $\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i v \otimes x^i \in (A \otimes_B A)^A$  by Remark 1 (3).

 $(2) \Longrightarrow (1)$  Assume that f is separable in  $B[X; \rho, D]$  with a separable system  $\{y_i v, x^i\}$  of A/B such that  $\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i v \tau(x^i) = 1$ , where  $v \in V_{m-1}$ . If  $v \in A^{\tilde{\rho}, \tilde{D}}$  then f is  $(\tilde{\rho}, \tilde{D})$ -separable by Lemma 2.1 (2). Therefore we shall show that  $v \in A^{\tilde{\rho}, \tilde{D}}$ . By Corollary 3.2, we see that

$$1 = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i v \tau(x^i) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i \tau(x^i) v = \tilde{\rho}^{1-m}(v) \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i \tau(x^i).$$

On the other hand, since  $\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i \tau(x^i) \in C(A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}})$ , we have

$$1 = \tilde{\rho}(1) = \tilde{\rho}\left(\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i \tau(x^i) v\right) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i \tau(x^i) \tilde{\rho}(v),$$
$$0 = \tilde{D}(1) = \tilde{D}\left(\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i \tau(x^i) v\right) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i v \tau(x^i) \tilde{D}(v).$$

This implies that  $\tilde{\rho}(v) = v$  and  $\tilde{D}(v) = 0$ , whence  $v \in A^{\tilde{\rho},\tilde{D}}$ .

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