

On Galois polynomials with a cyclic Galois group in skew polynomial rings

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Abstract

K. Kishimoto gave conditions for a polynomial of the form $X^m - a$ (resp. $X^p - X - a$) in skew polynomial rings of automorphism type (resp. derivation type) to be a Galois polynomial. In this paper, we shall give conditions for quadratic polynomials of the form $X^2 - a$ and $X^2 - X - a$ in the general skew polynomial ring to be a Galois polynomial, respectively.

1 Introduction and Preliminaries

Let A/B be a ring extension with common identity, $\text{Aut}(A)$ a ring automorphism group of A , and G a finite subgroup of $\text{Aut}(A)$. We call then A/B a G -Galois extension if $B = A^G$ (the fix ring of G in A) and, for some positive integer n , there exists a finite set $\{u_i; v_i\}_{i=1}^n = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n; v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ ($u_i, v_i \in A$) such that $\sum_{i=1}^n u_i \varphi(v_i) = \delta_{1, \varphi}$ (the Kronecker's delta) for any $\varphi \in G$. In this case, we say that G is a Galois group of A/B , and $\{u_i; v_i\}_{i=1}^n$ is a G -Galois coordinate system of A/B .

Throughout this paper, let B be an associative ring with identity element 1, ρ an automorphism of B , and D a ρ -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 $fB[X; \rho, D] = B[X; \rho, D]f$. We say that $f \in B[X; \rho, D]_{(0)}$ is a Galois polynomial in $B[X; \rho, D]$ if the residue ring $B[X; \rho, D]/fB[X; \rho, D]$ is a G -Galois extension of B for some finite subgroup G of $\text{Aut}(B[X; \rho, D]/fB[X; \rho, D])$.

We set $B[X; \rho] = B[X; \rho, 0]$, $B[X; D] = B[X; 1, D]$, $B[X; \rho]_{(0)} = B[X; \rho, 0]_{(0)}$, and $B[X; D]_{(0)} = B[X; 1, D]_{(0)}$. In [3] and [4], K. Kishimoto studied Galois polynomials in $B[X; \rho]$ and $B[X; D]$, respectively. In particular, Kishimoto showed the following propositions concerning Galois polynomials.

Proposition 1.1. *Let $m \geq 2$ be a positive integer, $f = X^m - a$ ($a \in B$) in $B[X; \rho]_{(0)}$, $A = B[X; \rho]/fB[X; \rho]$, $x = X + fB[X; \rho]$, and assume that B contains a m -th root ω of unity such that $\rho(\omega) = \omega$, $\alpha\omega = \omega\alpha$ ($\forall \alpha \in B$). Then there exists a B -ring automorphism σ of A defined by $\sigma(x) = x\omega$. In addition, if m and a are invertible in B and $1 - \omega^i$ ($1 \leq i \leq m - 1$) is non-zero divisor in B , then f is a Galois polynomial in $B[X; \rho]$ with a cyclic Galois group of order m . More precisely,*

if we let $G = \langle \sigma \rangle$, then A/B is a G -Galois extension whose G -Galois coordinate system is given by

$$\{m^{-1}x^i; x^{m-i}a^{-1}\}_{i=0}^{m-1}. \quad (1.1)$$

Proposition 1.2. *Let p be a prime number, B of characteristic p , $f = X^p - X - a$ ($a \in B$) in $B[X; D]_{(0)}$, $A = B[X; D]/fB[X; D]$, and $x = X + fB[X; D]$. Then there exists a B -ring automorphism σ of A defined by $\sigma(x) = x + 1$, and f is a Galois polynomial in $B[X; D]$ with a cyclic Galois group of order p . More precisely, if we let $G = \langle \sigma \rangle$, then A/B is a G -Galois extension whose G -Galois coordinate system is given by*

$$\{x^i; z_i\}_{i=0}^{p-1}. \quad (1.2)$$

where $z_0 = 1 - x^{p-1}$ and $z_i = (-1)^{i-1} \binom{p-1}{i} x^{p-i-1}$ ($1 \leq i \leq p-1$).

In this paper, we shall extend Proposition 1.1 (resp. Proposition 1.2) to the case of general skew polynomial rings $B[X; \rho, D]$ when $m = 2$ (resp. $p = 2$). In section 2, we shall give conditions for $f = X^2 - a$ ($a \in B$) in $B[X; \rho, D]$ to be a Galois polynomial with a (cyclic) Galois group of order 2. In section 3, assume that B is of characteristic 2, and we shall give conditions for $f = X^2 - X - a$ ($a \in B$) in $B[X; \rho, D]$ to be a Galois polynomial with a (cyclic) Galois group of order 2.

2 Conditions for $X^2 - a$ to be a Galois polynomial

Throughout this section, let $R = B[X; \rho, D]$, $R_{(0)} = B[X; \rho, D]_{(0)}$, $f = X^2 - a \in R_{(0)}$ ($a \in B$), $A = R/fR$, and $x = X + fR \in A$. Note that, by [2, Lemma 1.3], $f = X^2 - a$ is in $R_{(0)}$ if and only if

$$\begin{cases} \rho(a) = a, \quad D(a) = 0, \quad \rho D + D\rho = 0, \\ D^2(\alpha) = \alpha a - a\rho^2(\alpha) \quad (\forall \alpha \in B). \end{cases}$$

Let ω be in B such that

$$\begin{cases} \rho(\omega) = \omega, \quad D(\omega) = 0, \quad \alpha\omega = \omega\alpha \quad (\forall \alpha \in B), \\ \omega \text{ is a square root of unity in } B. \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

Moreover, assume that there exists $b \in B$ such that

$$\begin{cases} \rho(b) = -b, \quad D(b) = -b^2\omega(\omega - 1), \\ D(\alpha)\omega + \alpha b(\omega - 1) = b(\omega - 1)\rho(\alpha) + D(\alpha) \quad (\forall \alpha \in B). \end{cases} \quad (2.2)$$

For any $\alpha \in B$, it follows from (2.2) that

$$\alpha(X\omega + b(\omega - 1)) = \alpha X\omega + \alpha b(\omega - 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= X\rho(\alpha)\omega + D(\alpha)\omega + \alpha b(\omega - 1) \\
&= X\omega\rho(\alpha) + b(\omega - 1)\rho(\alpha) + D(\alpha) \\
&= (X\omega + b(\omega - 1))\rho(\alpha) + D(\alpha).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, by [1, Lemma 2.1], there exists an B -ring endomorphism σ^* of R defined by $\sigma^*(X) = X\omega + b(\omega - 1)$. It is easy to see that $\sigma^{*2}(X) = X$. This implies that σ^* is a B -ring automorphism of R such that $\sigma^{*2} = 1$. Moreover, since (2.1) and (2.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma^*(f) &= \sigma^*(X^2 - a) \\
&= (X\omega + b(\omega - 1))(X\omega + b(\omega - 1)) - a \\
&= X\omega X\omega + X\omega b(\omega - 1) + b(\omega - 1)X\omega + b^2(\omega - 1)^2 - a \\
&= X^2\omega^2 + X\omega b(\omega - 1) + (X\rho(b)(\omega - 1) + D(b)(\omega - 1))\omega + b^2(\omega - 1)^2 - a \\
&= X^2 + X\omega(\omega - 1)(b + \rho(b)) + (\omega - 1)(D(b)\omega + b^2(\omega - 1)) - a \\
&= X^2 + X\omega(\omega - 1)(b - b) + (\omega - 1)(-b^2\omega^2(\omega - 1) + b^2(\omega - 1)) - a \\
&= X^2 - a \\
&= f.
\end{aligned}$$

This implies that $\sigma^*(fR) \subset fR$, and hence there exists an automorphism of A defined by $\sigma(x) = x\omega + b(\omega - 1)$ which is naturally induced by σ^* . It is obvious that $\sigma^2 = 1$.

So we shall state the following theorem which is the first main results in this paper.

Theorem 2.1. *Assume that there exist ω and b in B such which satisfy (2.1) and (2.2), respectively. Then there exists an automorphism σ of A defined by $\sigma(x) = x\omega + b(\omega - 1)$ such that $\sigma^2 = 1$.*

In addition, if 2 and a are invertible in B , $1 - \omega$ is a non-zero divisor in B , and $b^2 = 0$, then A is a G -Galois extension of B (namely, $f = X^2 - a$ is a Galois polynomial in R), where $G = \langle \sigma \rangle$. In fact, a G -Galois coordinate system of A/B is given by

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}(x + b); (x + b)^2 a^{-1}, (x + b)a^{-1} \right\} \quad (2.3)$$

Proof. Assume that there exist ω and b in B which satisfy (2.1) and (2.2). We have already proved that there exists a B -ring automorphism σ of A defined by $\sigma(x) = x\omega + b(\omega - 1)$ such that $\sigma^2 = 1$. Let $G = \langle \sigma \rangle = \{1, \sigma\}$.

Assume that 2 and a are invertible in B , $1 - \omega$ is a non-zero divisor in B , and $b^2 = 0$. Then we see that ω is a primitive square root of unity, and $D(b) = 0$ since (2.2).

First, we shall show $A^G = B$. It is clear that $B \subset A^G$. Let $z = xc_1 + c_0$ ($c_1, c_0 \in B$) be in A^G . Since $z = \sigma(z)$, we obtain

$$xc_1 + c_0 = \sigma(xc_1 + c_0)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (x\omega + b)c_1 + c_0 \\
&= x\omega c_1 + bc_1 + c_0.
\end{aligned}$$

Comparing coefficients of both sides, we have $(1 - \omega)c_1 = 0$. So, since $1 - \omega$ is a non-zero divisor in B , we obtain $c_1 = 0$. Therefore we see that $z = c_0 \in B$, namely, $A^G \subset B$.

Next, we shall show that (2.3) is a G -Galois coordinate system of A/B . Since $1 - \omega$ is a non-zero divisor in B , we see that $1 + \omega = 0$. Let k be a integer such that $0 \leq k \leq 1$. It is easy to see that $\sigma^k(x + b) = x\omega^k + b\omega^k = \omega^k(x + b)$. Noting that $x^2 = a$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
(x + b)^2 &= (x^2 + xb + bx + b^2) \\
&= (a + xb + x\rho(b)) \\
&= (a + xb - xb) \\
&= a.
\end{aligned}$$

We have then

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{2}\sigma^k((x + b)^2a^{-1}) + \frac{1}{2}(x + b)\sigma^k((x + b)a^{-1}) &= \frac{1}{2}(\sigma^k(aa^{-1}) + (x + b)\omega^k(x + b)a^{-1}) \\
&= \frac{1}{2}(1 + \omega^k(x + b)^2a^{-1}) \\
&= \frac{1}{2}(1 + \omega^k aa^{-1}) \\
&= \frac{1}{2}(1 + \omega^k) \\
&= \delta_{0,k}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, (2.3) is a G -Galois coordinate system of A/B . □

Remark 1. In Theorem 2.1, assumet that $b = 0$. So, it follows from (2.2) that $D = 0$, and hence $B[X; \rho, D] = B[X; \rho]$. Moreover, a G -Galois coordinate system (2.3) is equal to (1.1) in the case $m = 2$ in Proposition 1.1.

3 Conditions for $X^2 - X - a$ to a Galois polynomial

Thoroughout this section, let B be of characteristic 2, $R = B[X; \rho, D]$, $R_{(0)} = B[X; \rho, D]_{(0)}$, $f = X^2 - X - a \in R_{(0)}$ ($a \in B$), $A = R/fR$, and $x = X + fR \in A$. Note that, by [2, Corollary 1.7], $f = X^2 - X - a$ is in $R_{(0)}$ if and only if

$$\begin{cases} \rho(a) = a, & D(a) = 0, \\ \rho D(\alpha) + D\rho(\alpha) = \rho(\alpha) - \rho^2(\alpha), & (\forall \alpha \in B) \\ D^2(\alpha) - D(\alpha) = \alpha a - a\rho^2(\alpha). \end{cases}$$

Let ω be in B such that

$$\alpha\omega = \omega\rho(\alpha) \ (\forall \alpha \in B), \ \rho(\omega) = -\omega, \ D(\omega) = \omega - \omega^2. \quad (3.1)$$

So, for any $\alpha \in B$, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(X + \omega) &= \alpha X + \alpha\omega \\ &= X\rho(\alpha) + D(\alpha) + \omega\rho(\alpha) \\ &= (X + \omega)\rho(\alpha) + D(\alpha). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by [1, Lemma 2.1], there exists a B -ring endomorphism σ^* of R defined by $\sigma^*(X) = X + \omega$. It is easy to see that $\sigma^{*2}(X) = X$. This implies that σ^* is a B -ring automorphism of R such that $\sigma^{*2} = 1$. Moreover, since (3.1), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^*(f) &= \sigma^*(X^2 - X - a) \\ &= (X + \omega)^2 - (X + \omega) - a \\ &= X^2 + X\omega + X\rho(\omega) + D(\omega) + \omega^2 - X - \omega - a \\ &= X^2 + X\omega - X\omega + \omega - \omega^2 + \omega^2 - X - \omega - a \\ &= X^2 - X - a \\ &= f. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that $\sigma^*(fR) \subset fR$, and hence there exists a B -ring automorphism of A defined by $\sigma(x) = x + \omega$ which is naturally induced by σ^* . Obviously, $\sigma^2 = 1$.

Now we shall state the following theorem which is the second main results in this paper.

Theorem 3.1. *Assume that there exists ω in B which satisfies (3.1). Then there exists an automorphism σ of A defined by $\sigma(x) = x + \omega$ such that $\sigma^2 = 1$.*

In addition, if ω is invertible in B , then A is a G -Galois extension of B (namely, $f = X^2 - X - a$ is a Galois polynomial in R), where $G = \langle \sigma \rangle$. In fact, a G -Galois coordinate system of A/B is given by the following :

$$\{1, x ; 1 - x\omega^{-1}, \omega^{-1}\} \quad (3.2)$$

Proof. Assume that there exists ω in B which satisfies (3.1). We have already showed that there exists a B -ring automorphism σ of A defined by $\sigma(x) = x + \omega$ such that $\sigma^2 = 1$. Let $G = \langle \sigma \rangle = \{1, \sigma\}$.

Assume that ω is invertible in B . First, we shall show $A^G = B$. It is obvious that $B \subset A^G$. Let $z = xc_1 + c_0$ ($c_1, c_0 \in B$) be in A^G . Since $z = \sigma(z)$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} xc_1 + c_0 &= \sigma(xc_1 + c_0) \\ &= (x + \omega)c_1 + c_0 \\ &= xc_1 + \omega c_1 + c_0 \end{aligned}$$

Comparing coefficients of both sides, we have $\omega c_1 = 0$, and hence $c_1 = 0$ because ω is invertible in B . Therefore, we see that $z = c_0 \in B$, namely, $A^G \subset B$.

Next, we shall show that (3.2) is a G -Galois coordinate system of A/B . Let k be an integer such that $0 \leq k \leq 1$. It is easy to see that $\sigma^k(x) = x + k\omega$. We have then

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^k(1 - x\omega^{-1}) + x\sigma^k(\omega^{-1}) &= 1 - (x + k\omega)\omega^{-1} + x\omega^{-1} \\ &= 1 - x\omega^k + k\omega\omega^{-1} + x\omega^{-1} \\ &= 1 + k \\ &= \delta_{0,k}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, (3.2) is a G -Galois coordinate system of A/B . □

Remark 2. In Theorem 3.1, assume that $\omega = 1$. So, it follows from (3.1) that $\rho = 1$, and hence $B[X; \rho, D] = B[X; D]$. Moreover, a G -Galois coordinate system (3.2) is equal to (1.2) in the case of $p = 2$ in Proposition 1.2.

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