

UNRAMIFIED SCALAR EXTENSIONS OF GRADED DIVISION ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. Let E be a graded central division algebra (GCDA) over a grade field R . Let S be an unramified graded field extension of R . We describe the grading on the underlying GCDA E' of $E \otimes_R S$ which is analogous to the valuation on a tame division algebra over Henselian valued field.

Let D be a division algebra with a valuation. To this one associates a graded division algebra $GD = \bigoplus_{\gamma \in \Gamma_D} GD_\gamma$, where Γ_D is the value group of D and the summands GD_γ arise from the filtration on D induced by the valuation (see [5] for details). As is illustrated in [5], even though computations in the graded setting are often easier than working directly with D , it seems that not much is lost in passage from D to its corresponding graded division algebra GD . This has provided motivation to systematically study this correspondence, notably by Boulagouaz [1], Hwang, Tignol and Wadsworth [4, 5, 8], and to compare certain functors defined on these objects, notably the Brauer group. Also, the graded method is effectively used to calculate the reduced Whitehead group SK_1 of a division algebra, first on the graded level and then specialise to the non-graded setting by Hazrat, Wadsworth, and Yanchevskiĭ [2, 3, 9].

Let Γ be a torsion-free abelian group. A ring E is a *graded division ring* (with grade group in Γ) if E has additive subgroups E_γ for $\gamma \in \Gamma$ such that $E = \bigoplus_{\gamma \in \Gamma} E_\gamma$ and $E_\gamma E_\delta \subseteq E_{\gamma+\delta}$ for all $\gamma, \delta \in \Gamma$, and each $E_\gamma \setminus \{0\}$ lies in E^* , the group of units of E . For background on graded division rings and proofs of their properties mentioned here, see [5]. The grade group of E is

$$\Gamma_E = \{\gamma \in \Gamma \mid E_\gamma \neq \{0\}\},$$

a subgroup of Γ . For $a \in E_\gamma \setminus \{0\}$ we write $\deg(a) = \gamma$. A significant property is that $E^* = \bigcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma_E} E_\gamma \setminus \{0\}$, i.e., every unit of E is actually homogeneous (Γ_E torsion-free is needed for this). Thus, E is not a division ring if $|\Gamma_E| > 1$. But, E has no zero divisors (This also depends on having Γ_E torsion-free). However,

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E_0 is a division ring, and each E_γ ($\gamma \in \Gamma_E$) is a 1-dimensional left- and right- E_0 -vector space.

Let $R = Z(E)$, the center of E , which is a graded subring of E . Indeed, R is a *graded field*, i.e., a commutative graded division ring. Then E is a left (and right) graded R -vector space, and we write $[E : R]$ for $\dim_R(E)$. E is a *graded central division algebra* (GCDA) over R if $[E : R] < \infty$. There is a well-defined group homomorphism

$$(1) \quad \theta_E : \Gamma_E / \Gamma_R \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(Z(E_0)/R_0) \quad \text{given by} \quad \deg(a) + \Gamma_R \mapsto (z \mapsto aza^{-1})$$

for all $a \in E^*$ and $z \in Z(E_0)$, where $\mathcal{G}(Z(E_0)/R_0)$ denotes the Galois group of $Z(E_0)$ over R_0 . It is known that θ_E is surjective (cf. Prop. 2.3 of [5]).

A graded algebra A over a graded field R is said to be a *graded central simple algebra* (GCSA) over R if A is a simple graded ring, $[A : R] < \infty$, and $Z(A) = R$. There is a theory of GCSA's over a graded field analogous to the theory of central simple algebras (CSA's) over a field (see Sec. 1 of [5]).

Let E be any GCDA over the graded field R , and let S be an unramified (or inertial) graded field extension of R (i.e., $\Gamma_S = \Gamma_R$ and S_0 is separable over R_0). Then by Prop. 1.1 of [5], $E \otimes_R S$ is a GCSA over S and $E \otimes_R S = E \otimes_{R_0} S_0$ as $S = S_0 \otimes_{R_0} R$. Let $G = \mathcal{G}(Z(E_0)/R_0)$ and $T = Z(E_0) \otimes_{R_0} S_0$.

As $Z(E_0)$ is Galois over R_0 by Prop. 2.3 of [5], $T = \bigoplus_{i=1}^k Te_i$ where e_i 's are the primitive idempotents of T and G acts transitively on e_i 's (cf. the proof of Prop. 18.18 in [7]). Let $e = e_1$ and $e_{\sigma H} = \sigma(e)$ where σH is the left coset of H in G and $H = \text{stab}_G(e)$ which is the stabilizer group of e in G .

Theorem. *Let E, R, S, G, T and H as above. Let E' be the GCDA over S such that $[E']_g = [E \otimes_R S]_g$ in the graded Bauer group $GBr(S)$ (see Sec. 3 of [5] for the definition of $GBr(S)$). Then,*

- (a) $Z(E'_0) \cong Z(E_0) \cdot S_0$;
- (b) $E'_0 \sim_{E_0 \otimes_{Z(E_0)} (Z(E_0) \cdot S_0)} E_0 \otimes_{Z(E_0)} (Z(E_0) \cdot S_0)$ in $Br(Z(E_0) \cdot S_0)$;
- (c) $\Gamma_{E'} / \Gamma_R = \theta_E^{-1}(\mathcal{G}(Z(E_0)/(Z(E_0) \cap S_0)))$, where θ_E is the map of (1). So $\Gamma_{E'} \subseteq \Gamma_E$ and $|\Gamma_E : \Gamma_{E'}| = [(Z(E_0) \cap S_0) : R_0]$;
- (d) the following diagram is commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Gamma_{E'} / \Gamma_S & \xrightarrow{i} & \Gamma_E / \Gamma_R \\ \theta_{E'} \downarrow & & \theta_E \downarrow \\ \mathcal{G}(Z(E'_0)/S_0) & \xrightarrow{\rho_{S_0/R_0}} & \mathcal{G}(Z(E_0)/R_0) \end{array}$$

where θ_E is the map of (1), i is the inclusion map, and ρ_{S_0/R_0} is restriction of an automorphism from $Z(E'_0) \cong Z(E_0) \cdot S_0$ to $Z(E_0)$.

Proof. Let e and $e_{\sigma H}$ be as above. Then $[e(E \otimes_R S)]_g = [E \otimes_R S]_g = [E']_g$ in $GBr(S)$. Since

$$(e(E \otimes_R S)e)_0 = e(E_0 \otimes_{R_0} S_0)e = e(E_0 \otimes_{Z(E_0)} Z(E_0) \otimes_{R_0} S_0)e$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= e(\mathbf{E}_0 \otimes_{Z(\mathbf{E}_0)} (\bigoplus_{i=1}^k e_i T))e = \mathbf{E}_0 \otimes_{Z(\mathbf{E}_0)} eT \\
 &\cong \mathbf{E}_0 \otimes_{Z(\mathbf{E}_0)} (Z(\mathbf{E}_0) \cdot \mathbf{S}_0),
 \end{aligned}$$

$(e(\mathbf{E} \otimes_{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{S})e)_0$ is simple. So, by Prop. 1.4(b) of [5], $\mathbf{E}'_0 \sim \mathbf{E}_0 \otimes_{Z(\mathbf{E}_0)} (Z(\mathbf{E}_0) \cdot \mathbf{S}_0)$ in $Br(Z(\mathbf{E}_0) \cdot \mathbf{S}_0)$, and $Z(\mathbf{E}'_0) \cong Z(\mathbf{E}_0) \cdot \mathbf{S}_0$, and $\Gamma_{\mathbf{E}'_0} = \Gamma_{e(\mathbf{E} \otimes_{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{S})e} \subseteq \Gamma_{\mathbf{E}}$. Since $e(\mathbf{E} \otimes_{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{S})e = e(\mathbf{E} \otimes_{\mathbf{R}_0} \mathbf{S}_0)e = \bigoplus_{\gamma \in \Gamma_{\mathbf{E}}} e(\mathbf{E}_{\gamma} \otimes_{\mathbf{R}_0} \mathbf{S}_0)e$, and $H = \text{stab}_G(e) = \rho_{\mathbf{S}_0/\mathbf{R}_0}(\mathcal{G}((Z(\mathbf{E}_0) \cdot \mathbf{S}_0)/\mathbf{S}_0)) = \mathcal{G}(Z(\mathbf{E}_0)/(Z(\mathbf{E}_0) \cap \mathbf{S}_0))$, it suffices to show that $e(\mathbf{E}_{\gamma} \otimes_{\mathbf{R}_0} \mathbf{S}_0)e \neq 0$ if and only if $\theta_{\mathbf{E}}(\gamma + \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}) \in H$ (So, $\Gamma_{\mathbf{E}'_0}/\Gamma_{\mathbf{R}} = \Gamma_{e(\mathbf{E} \otimes_{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{S})e}/\Gamma_{\mathbf{R}} = \theta_{\mathbf{E}}^{-1}(H)$). To show this, observe that $T = \bigoplus_{\sigma H} T e_{\sigma H}$, where σH are the left cosets of H in G and $e_{\sigma H} = \sigma(e)$, as G acts transitively on e_i 's. Let $a \in \mathbf{E}_{\gamma} - (0)$, and let $\tau = \theta_{\mathbf{E}}(\gamma + \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}) \in G = \mathcal{G}(Z(\mathbf{E}_0)/\mathbf{R}_0) = \mathcal{G}(T/\mathbf{S}_0)$. Then τ is the conjugation by $a \otimes 1$ on $T = Z(\mathbf{E}_0) \otimes_{\mathbf{R}_0} \mathbf{S}_0$. So, $(a \otimes 1)e(a \otimes 1)^{-1} = \tau(e) = e_{\tau H}$.

(1) When $\tau = \theta_{\mathbf{E}}(\gamma + \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}}) \in H$, i.e., $\gamma + \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}} \in \theta_{\mathbf{E}}^{-1}(H)$, $e(a \otimes 1)e(a \otimes 1)^{-1} = e e_{\tau H} = e$. So, $e(\mathbf{E}_{\gamma} \otimes_{\mathbf{R}_0} \mathbf{S}_0)e \neq 0$.

(2) When $\gamma + \Gamma_{\mathbf{R}} \notin \theta_{\mathbf{E}}^{-1}(H)$, i.e., $\tau \notin H$, Then for $b = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \otimes s_i \in \mathbf{E}_{\gamma} \otimes_{\mathbf{R}_0} \mathbf{S}_0$, where $a_i \in \mathbf{E}_{\gamma}$ and $s_i \in \mathbf{S}_0$, $e b e = e(\sum_{i=1}^n (a_i \otimes 1)e(1 \otimes s_i)) = e(\sum_{i=1}^n e_{\tau H}(a_i \otimes s_i)) = e e_{\tau H} b = 0$. So, $e(\mathbf{E}_{\gamma} \otimes_{\mathbf{R}_0} \mathbf{S}_0)e = 0$.

Let $\mathbf{B} = e(\mathbf{E} \otimes_{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{S})e$. Then, as \mathbf{B}_0 is simple, by Cor. 2.3 of [8], $\theta_{\mathbf{E}'} = \theta_{\mathbf{B}}$ where $\theta_{\mathbf{B}}$ is the map defined in (2.5) of [8]. So, the commutativity of the above diagram is followed. \square

Now, we will use this theorem to prove the analogous theorem for tame division algebras over a Henselian valued field.

Corollary (Theorem 3.1 of [6]). *Let (F, v) be a Henselian valued field, and let D be any tame CDA (central division algebra) over F . Let L be any inertial extension field of F (i.e., $[\overline{L} : \overline{F}] = [L : F]$ and \overline{L} is separable over \overline{F}). Let D_L be the CDA over L with $D_L \sim D \otimes_F L$ in $Br(L)$. Then,*

(a) $Z(\overline{D_L}) \cong Z(\overline{D}) \cdot \overline{L}$;

(b) $\overline{D_L} \cong (\overline{D})_{Z(\overline{D}) \cdot \overline{L}}$;

(c) $\Gamma_{D_L}/\Gamma_F = \theta_D^{-1}(\mathcal{G}(Z(\overline{D})/(Z(\overline{D}) \cap \overline{L})))$, where θ_D is a well-defined group homomorphism

(2) $\theta_D : \Gamma_D/\Gamma_F \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(Z(\overline{D})/\overline{F})$ given by $v(d) + \Gamma_F \mapsto (\overline{z} \mapsto \overline{dzd^{-1}})$

for all $d \in D^*$ and $\overline{z} \in Z(\overline{D})$. So $\Gamma_{D_L} \subseteq \Gamma_D$ and $|\Gamma_D : \Gamma_{D_L}| = [(Z(\overline{D}) \cap \overline{L}) : \overline{F}]$;

(d) the following diagram is commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \Gamma_{D_L}/\Gamma_L & \xrightarrow{i} & \Gamma_D/\Gamma_F \\
 \theta_{D_L} \downarrow & & \theta_D \downarrow \\
 \mathcal{G}(Z(\overline{D_L})/\overline{L}) & \xrightarrow{\rho_{L/F}} & \mathcal{G}(Z(\overline{D})/\overline{F})
 \end{array}$$

where θ_D is the map of (2), i is the inclusion map, and $\rho_{L/F}$ is restriction of an automorphism from $Z(\overline{D_L}) \cong Z(\overline{D}) \cdot \overline{L}$ to $Z(\overline{D})$.

Proof. Let GD and GF be the graded division algebra and the graded field derived from D and F , respectively, as defined in Sec. 4 of [5]. Then GD is a $GCD A$ over GF by Prop. 4.3 of [5], and GL is unramified over GF as $\Gamma_{GL} = \Gamma_L = \Gamma_F = \Gamma_{GF}$ and $(GL)_0 (= \bar{L})$ is separable over $(GF)_0 (= \bar{F})$ as L is inertial over F . Also, GD_L is the $GCD A$ over GL such that $[GD_L]_g = [GD \otimes_{GF} GL]_g$ in $GBr(GL)$ by Cor. 5.7 of [5]. So, by applying the above theorem with $E = GD$, $R = GF$ and $S = GL$,

$$(a) \ Z(\overline{D_L}) = Z((GD_L)_0) \cong Z((GD)_0) \cdot (GL)_0 = Z(\overline{D}) \cdot \bar{L}.$$

$$(b) \ \overline{D_L} = (GD_L)_0 \sim (GD)_0 \otimes_{Z((GD)_0)} (Z((GD)_0) \cdot (GL)_0) = \overline{D} \otimes_{Z(\overline{D})} (Z(\overline{D}) \cdot \bar{L}). \text{ So, } \overline{D_L} \cong (\overline{D})_{Z((\overline{D}) \cdot \bar{L})}.$$

(c) Let θ_{GD} be the map of (1) with $E = GD$. Then, as $\theta_{GD} = \theta_D, \Gamma_{D_L}/\Gamma_F = \Gamma_{GD_L}/\Gamma_{GF} = \theta_{GD}^{-1}(\mathcal{G}(Z(G((GD)_0)))/(Z(GD)_0 \cap (GL)_0)) = \theta_D^{-1}(\mathcal{G}(Z(\overline{D})/(Z(\overline{D}) \cap \bar{L}))$.

(d) It is clear that the commutative diagram of the theorem becomes the above diagram. \square

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