

# INITIAL RAMIFICATION INDEX OF NONINVARIANT VALUATIONS ON FINITE DIMENSIONAL DIVISION ALGEBRAS

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### Abstract

Let  $D$  be a division ring with centre  $K$  and  $\dim_K D < \infty$ ,  $\omega$  a valuation on  $K$  and  $\nu$  a noninvariant extension of  $\omega$  to  $D$ . We define the *initial ramification index* of  $\nu$  over  $\omega$ ,  $\varepsilon(\nu/\omega)$ . Let  $A$  be a valuation ring of  $\omega$  with maximal ideal  $m$ , and  $\nu_1, \nu_2, \dots, \nu_s$  noninvariant extensions of  $\omega$  to  $D$  with valuation rings  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_s$ . If  $B = \bigcap_{i=1}^s A_i$ , it is shown that the following conditions are equivalent: (i)  $B$  is a finite  $A$ -module, (ii)  $B$  is a free  $A$ -module, (iii)  $[B/mB : A/m] = [D : K]$ , (iv)  $\sum_{i=1}^s e(\nu_i/\omega) f(\nu_i/\omega) = [D : K]$  and  $\varepsilon(\nu/\omega) = e(\nu/\omega)$ . It is also proved that if  $\varepsilon(\nu/\omega) = e(\nu/\omega)$ , and any of (i) - (iv) holds, then  $\nu$  is invariant.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $D$  be a division ring and  $\Gamma$  a totally ordered set. A function  $\nu : D \rightarrow \Gamma \cup \{\infty\}$  is called a noninvariant valuation if the following conditions are satisfied:

- v.1.  $\nu(d) = \infty \Leftrightarrow d = 0$ ,
- v.2.  $\nu(a + b) \geq \min\{\nu(a), \nu(b)\}$ ,
- v.3.  $\nu(a) \leq \nu(b) \Rightarrow \nu(ca) \leq \nu(cb)$ ,  $a, b, c \in D$ .

In this case  $\Gamma$  is called a value set. Also the set  $B_\nu = \{d \in D \mid \nu(d) \geq \nu(1)\}$  is called a valuation ring of  $\nu$ , and  $m_\nu = \{d \in D \mid \nu(d) > \nu(1)\}$  is its maximal ideal.

Let  $D$  be a division ring,  $B$  be a valuation ring of  $D$  and  $\Gamma_1 = \{\nu(d) \mid d \in D\}$ . Then  $(\Gamma_1, \leq)$  is a totally ordered set with the greatest element  $\nu(0) = \infty$ ,

$$dB \leq d'B \Leftrightarrow d'B \subseteq dB$$

where  $dB$  is a fractional principal right ideal of  $D$ . If we set  $\nu(0) = \infty$ ,  $\Gamma = \Gamma_1 \setminus \{\infty\}$  and define

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$$\nu : D \rightarrow \Gamma \cup \{\infty\}$$

by the rule

$$d \rightarrow dB,$$

then  $\nu$  is a noninvariant valuation on  $D$ , where  $B_\nu = B$  (cf. [5], [3]).

Let  $G_\nu = \{\tilde{x} \mid x \in D^*\}$ , where  $D^* = D \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\tilde{x}$  is an order preserving bijection on  $\Gamma$  as follows:

$$\tilde{x} : \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma$$

$$\nu(d) \rightarrow \nu(xd).$$

Then  $G_\nu$  is a group, with respect to the composition of functions, which possesses a canonical order:

$$\tilde{x} \leq \tilde{y} \Leftrightarrow \tilde{x}(\nu(d)) \leq \tilde{y}(\nu(d)), d \in D^*.$$

With respect to this order,  $G_\nu$  is a partially ordered group.

$B_v$  and  $v$  are called invariant if for all  $d \in D$ ,  $dB_v = B_v d$ . Therefore we can define a multiplication on  $\Gamma$  via

$$v(d).v(d') = v(dd').$$

Since  $B_v$  is invariant, the multiplication is well-defined and  $\Gamma$  is a totally ordered group. Furthermore,  $G_v$  is totally ordered and

$$f: \Gamma \rightarrow G_v$$

$$v(x) \rightarrow \tilde{x}$$

is an order-preserving group-isomorphism (cf. [6], [7], [8], [9], [10]). Also in this case  $v$  is a Krull valuation on  $D$  (cf. [1], [12]).

### 2. Major Subsets

Let  $D, \Gamma, v, B_v$  and  $G_v$  be as in Section 1.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $S$  be a totally ordered set, then a subset  $M$  of  $S$  is called major, if for every  $x \in M$  and  $y \in S$

$$y \geq x \Rightarrow y \in M.$$

Let  $M$  be a major subset of  $\Gamma$  and  $N$  a right  $B_v$ -module of  $D$ . Then  $a(M) = \{d \in D \mid v(d) \in M \cup \{\infty\}\}$  is a right  $B_v$ -module of  $D$  and  $M(N) = \{v(x) \mid x \in N \setminus \{0\}\}$  is a major subset of  $\Gamma$ , and it is easily shown that there is a one to one correspondence between major subsets of  $\Gamma$  and  $a(M)$ 's in  $D$ . This correspondence is an order preserving, i.e. for two major subsets  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  of  $\Gamma$ , we have

$$M_1 \subseteq M_2 \Leftrightarrow a(M_1) \subseteq a(M_2).$$

(cf. [8, Exercise 2, Ch. 1]).

As a consequence we obtain

**Corollary 2.2.** (i) For any major subset  $T$  of  $\Gamma$ ,  $M(a(T)) = T$ . (ii) For any right  $B_v$ -module  $N$  of  $D$ ,  $a(M(N)) = N$ .

Let  $\Gamma$  be as above, we put  $\Gamma_+ = \{dB_v \mid d \in B_v, d^1 \notin B_v\}$  and  $M$  is a major subset of  $\Gamma_+$ . In this case,  $0 \neq x \in a(M) \Rightarrow xB_v = v(x) \in M \Rightarrow xB_v \in \Gamma_+ \Rightarrow x \in B_v \Rightarrow a(M) \subseteq B_v$ . Thus we have

**Corollary 2.3.** (i) If  $M$  is a major subset of  $\Gamma_+$ , then  $a(M)$  is a right ideal of  $B_v$ . (ii) If  $N$  is a right ideal of  $B_v$ , then  $M(N) = \{v(x) \mid x \in N \setminus \{0\}\}$  is a major subset of  $\Gamma_+$ .

### 3. Initial Rемаification Index

Let  $D$  be a division ring with centre  $K$ ,  $\omega$  a valuation

on  $K$  and  $v$  a noninvariant extension of  $\omega$  to  $D$ , with maximal ideals  $m_\omega$  and  $m_v$ , respectively. Also put  $\Lambda = \{\omega(x) = xB_v \mid x \in K^* = K \setminus \{0\}\}$  and  $\Lambda_+ = \Gamma_+ \setminus \Lambda = \{kB_v \mid k \in K \cap B_v, k^1 \notin B_v\}$ .

Combining the above and Corollary 2.3 one can easily show that

**Proposition 3.1.** There is a one to one correspondence between major subsets of  $\Gamma_+$  which contain  $\Lambda_+$  and the right ideals of  $B_v$  which contain  $m_v B_v$ . If  $D$  is finite dimensional over its centre, the above sets are finite and the rank of each of them is equal to a natural number  $n$ .

We now state the following definition which is one of the keys in this paper.

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $D$  be a division ring finite dimensional over its centre  $K$ . The above natural number is called the initial ramification index of  $v$  over  $\omega$  and it is denoted by  $e(v/\omega)$ .

This definition coincides with the one in the commutative case.

To prove one of the main results in this section, we need to invoke results from [3] and [5].

**Theorem A.** [3, Th. 1]. Let  $D$  be a division ring with centre  $K$ ,  $[D:K] = n^2$  and  $B$  be a valuation ring of  $K$ . Then  $B$  possesses at most  $n$  noninvariant extensions in  $D$ .

Suppose  $G_\omega = \{\tilde{k} \mid k \in K^*\}$ ,  $G_\omega(\Gamma) = \{\hat{d} \mid d \in D^*\}$ , where  $\hat{d} = \{\tilde{k} \mid (d, B_v) = kd, B_v \mid k \in K^*\}$ .

In [5], each of the  $\hat{d}$ 's is called an orbit.

**Definition B.** [5, Section 4]. The number of distinct  $\hat{d}$ 's is called the ramification index of  $v$  over  $\omega$  and it is denoted by  $e(v/\omega)$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $D, K, v, \omega, \Gamma_+$  and  $e(v/\omega)$  be as above.

(i) If  $\Gamma_+$  does not contain the least element, then  $e(v/\omega) = 1$ .

(ii) If  $\Gamma_+$  contains the least element such as  $d_0 B_v$ ,  $\Gamma' = \{d_0^t B_v \mid t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  and  $n$  is the number of orbits of the set of

$G_\omega(\Gamma') = \{\hat{d}_0^t \mid t \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ , then  $e(v/\omega) = n$ .

(iii) If  $m_v$ , the maximal ideal of  $B_v$ , is not principal, then  $e(v/\omega) = 1$ .

**Proof.** (i) Let  $xB_v$  be any element in  $\Gamma_+$  and  $A = \{yB_v \in \Gamma_+ \mid yB_v < xB_v\}$ . Clearly  $A$  is an infinite set. Since  $e(v/\omega) < \infty$ , there exist  $y_1 B_v, y_2 B_v$  in  $A$  such that  $\hat{y}_1 = \hat{y}_2$ , hence for

some  $k \in K^*$ ,  $y_1 B_v = y_2 k B_v$ ,  $y_1^{-1} y_2 B_v = k^{-1} B_v$  or  $y_2^{-1} y_1 B_v = k B_v$ .

We can assume that  $y_2^{-1} y_1 \in B_v$ . Since  $y_1 B_v < x B_v$  and  $B_v < y_2 B_v$ , then  $y_2^{-1} y_1 B_v = k B_v < k y_2 B_v = y_2 k B_v = y_1 B_v < x B_v$ . Hence every major subset of  $\Gamma_+$  which contains all elements of  $\Lambda_+$ , contains  $x B_v$  and hence all elements of  $\Gamma_+$ . Therefore, by Definition 3.2,  $e(\nu/\omega) = 1$ .

(ii) Let  $d_0 B_v$  be the least element in  $\Gamma_+$ . Since  $e(\nu/\omega) < \infty$  the set  $T = \{\hat{d}_0, \hat{d}_0^2, \dots, \hat{d}_0^r, \dots\}$  is finite, then there are positive integers  $r, s (r > s)$  such that

$$\{\hat{d}_0^r k B_v \mid k \in K^*\} = \hat{d}_0^r = \hat{d}_0^s = \{\hat{d}_0^s k B_v \mid k \in K^*\}.$$

Thus for some  $k \in K^*$ ,  $\hat{d}_0^r B_v = \hat{d}_0^s k B_v$  or  $\hat{d}_0^{r-s} B_v = k B_v$ , since  $r - s > 0$ ,  $\hat{d}_0^{r-s} B_v \in \Gamma_+$  and  $k B_v = \hat{d}_0^{r-s} B_v \in \Lambda_+$ .

This implies that there exists the least positive integer  $n$ , with  $\hat{d}_0^n B_v \in \Lambda_+$ . Also  $n$  is the number of orbits of the action  $G_\omega$  over  $\Gamma_+$ , that is the number of elements of the set of  $T$ .

Now suppose

$$M(y B_v) = \{z B_v \in \Gamma \mid y B_v \leq z B_v\}.$$

We show that  $M(d_0 B_v), M(\hat{d}_0 B_v), \dots, M(\hat{d}_0^n B_v)$  are the only major subsets of  $\Gamma_+$  which contain  $\Lambda_+$ .

By Definition 2.1  $M(\hat{d}_0 B_v)$  is a major subset of  $\Gamma_+$ , we show that  $\Lambda_+ \subseteq M(\hat{d}_0 B_v)$  for  $1 \leq r \leq n$ . Suppose  $k B_v \in \Lambda_+$ , since  $d_0 B_v \leq k B_v$ , then  $k B_v \in M(d_0 B_v)$ . If there exists some positive integer  $1 \leq r \leq n$ , such that  $\hat{d}_0^r B_v < k B_v < \hat{d}_0^{r+1} B_v$ , that is  $k B_v \in M(\hat{d}_0^r B_v)$  and  $k B_v \notin M(\hat{d}_0^{r+1} B_v)$ , then  $B_v < \hat{d}_0^r k B_v < d_0 B_v$ . This is a contradiction, because it is assumed that  $d_0 B_v$  is the least element of  $\Gamma_+$ , hence  $k B_v \in M(\hat{d}_0^r B_v)$  and  $\Lambda_+ \subseteq M(\hat{d}_0^r B_v)$ , for  $1 \leq r \leq n$ .

Now let  $M'$  be another major subset of  $\Gamma_+$  which contains  $\Lambda_+$ , then  $M' \subseteq M(d_0 B_v)$ . On the other hand  $\hat{d}_0^n B_v \in \Lambda_+ \subseteq M'$  and hence  $(\hat{d}_0^n B_v) \subseteq M'$ . This implies that for some  $1 \leq r \leq n$  and for  $x B_v \in M'$

$$\hat{d}_0^n B_v < x B_v < \hat{d}_0^{r+1} B_v$$

or

$$B_v < \hat{d}_0^r x B_v < d_0 B_v$$

and this is a contradiction too. Therefore  $M' = M(\hat{d}_0^r B_v)$ , for some  $1 \leq r \leq n$  and  $e(\nu/\omega) = n$ .

(iii) On the contrary, suppose  $e(\nu/\omega) > 1$ , by (i)  $\Gamma_+$  contains the least element  $d_0 B_v$ , where  $d_0 \in m_v$ . It is easily shown

that  $m_v = d_0 B_v$ .  $\square$

It is well known that, if  $F \subseteq E$  is a finite field extension, then any discrete valuation ring  $A$  of  $F$  extends to a discrete valuation ring  $B$  of  $E$ . Correspondingly we have the following result, when the field extension lies in a division ring  $D$ .

**Proposition 3.4.** The nontrivial valuation  $\omega$  of  $K$  is discrete if and only if there exists a one to one correspondence between  $\Gamma$  and a subset of integers  $Z$ .

**Proof.** Since  $e(\nu/\omega) < \infty$  and  $\Lambda = \omega(K^*) = \{k B_v \mid k \in K^*\}$  is isomorphic to a subgroup of  $Z$ ,  $\Gamma = \{d B_v \mid d \in D^*\}$  corresponds to a subset of integer  $Z$ . Now the proof is straightforward.  $\square$

We are now in a position to prove an interesting consequence of the above results as follows:

**Corollary 3.5.** (i)  $e(\nu/\omega) \leq e(\nu/\omega)$ .

(ii)  $e(\nu/\omega) \mid e(\nu/\omega)$  if  $\Gamma_+$  does not contain the least element or contains the least element  $d_0 B_v$  such that  $d_0^{e(\nu/\omega)} B_v \in \Gamma_+$ .

(iii)  $e(\nu/\omega) = e(\nu/\omega)$  if  $\omega$  is discrete.

(iv)  $e(\nu/\omega) = 1$  if the valuation ring  $A$  of  $\omega$  is of rank 1 and is nondiscrete.

**Proof.** (i) It is clear by Definition B and Theorem 3.3.

(ii) If  $\Gamma_+$  does not contain the least element, then  $e(\nu/\omega) = 1$  and it contains the least element  $d_0 B_v$ , by Theorem 3.3 (ii), there is a least positive integer  $n$  such that  $e(\nu/\omega) = n$  and  $\hat{d}_0^n B_v = k B_v \in \Gamma_+$ . By assumptions for some  $k' \in K^*$ ,  $k' B_v = d_0^{e(\nu/\omega)} B_v$ . Now if  $n$  does not divide  $e(\nu/\omega)$ , then  $e(\nu/\omega) = mn + r$ , where  $0 < r < n$ .

So  $\hat{d}_0^r B_v = k'^{-1} k^m B_v \in \Gamma_+$  and this is a contradiction. In any case  $e(\nu/\omega) \mid e(\nu/\omega)$ .

(iii) By proposition 3.4,  $\Gamma_+$  contains the least element  $d_0 B_v$ . We show that  $\Gamma' = \{\hat{d}_0^n B_v \mid n \in Z\} = \Gamma$ . If  $\Gamma' \neq \Gamma$ , then there exist  $d B_v \in \Gamma$  and a positive integer  $r$  such that  $\hat{d}_0^r B_v < d B_v < \hat{d}_0^{r+1} B_v$ , hence  $B_v < \hat{d}_0^r d B_v < d_0 B_v$  and this is a contradiction. Hence  $\Gamma' = \Gamma$  and  $G(\Gamma') = G(\Gamma)$ , now by Definition B and Theorem 3.3 (ii), the proof is complete.

(iv) Since in this case the value group of  $\omega$  does not contain the least positive element, neither does  $\Gamma$ . Hence, Theorem 3.3 (i) completes the proof.  $\square$

Let  $m_v, m_\omega$  be the maximal ideals of  $B_v, B_\omega$  respectively, then  $[B_v/m_v : B_\omega/m_\omega]$  is called the residue class degree of  $\nu$  over  $\omega$  and it is denoted by  $f(\nu/\omega)$ .

We have the following, which is a generalization of [1] (Proposition 4, § 8.5, Ch.IV) and [4] (18.5 (a)).

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $D$  be a division ring with centre  $K$ ,  $\omega$  a valuation on  $K$  and  $\nu$  a noninvariant valuation on  $D$

which extends  $\omega$ . If  $B_\omega, B_\nu$  are the valuation rings corresponding to  $\omega, \nu$  with maximal ideals  $m_\omega, m_\nu$  respectively, then

$$[B_\nu/m_\nu B_\nu : B_\omega/m_\omega] = e(\nu/\omega) \cdot f(\nu/\omega).$$

**Proof.** By Proposition 3.1 and Definition 3.2,  $e(\nu/\omega)$  is equal to the number of proper right ideals of  $B_\nu$  which contain  $m_\omega B_\nu$ . The set of proper right ideals of  $B_\nu$  which contains  $m_\omega B_\nu$  forms a totally ordered set relative to the inclusion, hence  $e(\nu/\omega)$  is equal to the length of the right module  $B_\nu/m_\omega B_\nu$  as a right  $B_\nu$  module. It is well known that a right  $B_\nu$ -module of length 1 is a 1-dimensional right vector space over  $B_\nu/m_\nu$ . Since  $B_\nu/m_\omega$  is a vector space over  $B_\nu/m_\omega$  of  $f(\nu/\omega)$ -dimension, hence a right  $B_\nu$ -module of length  $e(\nu/\omega)$  is a vector space of dimension  $e(\nu/\omega)f(\nu/\omega)$  over  $B_\nu/m_\nu$ . Thus the proof is complete.  $\square$

#### 4. The Relation $\sum_i e f_i = n$

Let  $D$  be a division ring finite dimensional over its centre  $K$ ,  $\omega$  a valuation on  $K$  with valuation ring  $A$  and  $\nu_1, \nu_2, \dots, \nu_s$  noninvariant extensions of  $\omega$  to  $D$ . We say that  $A$  is defectless in  $D$ , if  $\sum_{i=1}^s e(\nu_i/\omega) f(\nu_i/\omega) = \dim_K D$  (cf. [11]).

To prove our next result we need the following, which is covered by [6,3.3 Satz].

**Lemma 4.1.** Let  $D$  be a division ring finite dimensional over its centre  $K$ ,  $\omega$  a valuation on  $K$  and  $\nu_1, \dots, \nu_s$  the noninvariant extensions of  $\omega$  to  $D$ . If  $A_i$  is a valuation ring of  $\nu_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq s$ ),  $B = \cap_{i=1}^s A_i$  and  $P_i = B \cap m_i$ , where  $m_i$  is a maximal ideal of  $A_i$ . Then,

- (i)  $A_i = B_{P_i}$  (the localization of  $B$  at  $P_i$ ).
- (ii)  $D$  is a field of fraction (left and right) of  $B$ .
- (iii)  $P_i$ 's are the only maximal ideals of  $B$ .

Now it may be of interest to record the following result as the first application of Lemma 4.1.

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $D$  be a division ring finite dimensional over its centre  $K$ ,  $\omega$  a valuation on  $K$  with valuation ring  $A$  and  $\nu_1, \dots, \nu_s$  the distinct noninvariant extensions of  $\omega$  to  $D$ , with valuation rings  $A_1, \dots, A_s$ . Assume that  $m$  is a maximal ideal of  $A$  and  $B = \cap_{i=1}^s A_i$ , then

$$[B/mB : A/m] = \sum_{i=1}^s e(\nu_i/\omega) f(\nu_i/\omega).$$

**Proof.** We define  $\psi : B/mB \rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^s A_i/mA_i$ , by  $\psi(b + mB) = (b + mA_1, \dots, b + mA_s)$ . It is clear that  $\psi$  is a homomorphism,  $(mB)_{P_i} = mA_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq s$ ). By [8, Theorem 7.5],  $mB = mA_1 \cap mA_2 \cap \dots \cap mA_s$ , so  $\psi$  is one

to one. By [2, Theorem 3.2], [8, p. 97, Corollary 6]  $A_i$ 's are locally invariant,  $mA_i$ 's are the right ideal of  $A_i$ 's and if  $(a_1 + mA_1, \dots, a_s + mA_s) \in \prod_{i=1}^s A_i/mA_i$ , then  $a_i, a_j, mA_i$  and  $mA_j$  are compatible for  $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, s\}$  and there exists an  $x \in D$  with  $x - a_k \in mA_k$  for  $k=1, 2, \dots, s$  hence  $x \in B$  and  $\psi(x + mB) = (x + mA_1, \dots, x + mA_s) = (a_1 + mA_1, \dots, a_s + mA_s)$ . This shows that  $\psi$  is onto and hence  $\psi$  is an isomorphism from  $B/mB \rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^s A_i/mA_i$ . By Theorem 3.6 the proof is complete.

For the proof of the main result we need the following

**Theorem C.** ([5, Th. 4.1]). Let  $D, K, \omega$  be as above and let  $\nu_1, \nu_2, \dots, \nu_s$  be all distinct noninvariant extensions of  $\omega$  to  $D$ , then

$$\sum_{i=1}^s e(\nu_i/\omega) f(\nu_i/\omega) \leq [D : K].$$

**Theorem D.** ([3, Th. 3]) Let  $D$  be a division ring finite dimensional over its centre  $K$ . Let  $A$  be a valuation ring of  $K$ . Assume that  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_s$  are all of the noninvariant extensions of  $A$  to  $D$ . Then  $B = \cap_{i=1}^s A_i$  is the integral closure of  $A$  in  $D$ .

Combining Theorem 4.2 and Theorem C, we obtain

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $D$  be a division ring with centre  $K$  and  $\dim_K D < \infty$ . Let  $\omega$  be a valuation on  $K$  with valuation ring  $A$  and  $\nu_1, \dots, \nu_s$  be the distinct noninvariant extensions of  $\omega$  to  $D$ , with valuation rings  $A_1, \dots, A_s$ . Assume that  $m$  is a maximal ideal of  $A$  and  $B = \cap_{i=1}^s A_i$ , then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (i)  $B$  is a finite  $A$ -module.
- (ii)  $B$  is a free  $A$ -module.
- (iii)  $[B/mB : A/m] = [D : K]$ .
- (iv)  $\sum_{i=1}^s e(\nu_i/\omega) f(\nu_i/\omega) = [D : K]$  and  $e(\nu_i/\omega) = e(\nu_j/\omega)$ .

**Proof.** (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii) is proved exactly similar to the commutative case, (cf. [4], 18.6). Now by Theorem 4.2, Theorem C, Corollary 3.5 and the equivalence of (i), (ii), (iii) the proof is complete.  $\square$

In view of Theorem 4.3 an interesting and important case is  $e(\nu_i/\omega) = e(\nu_j/\omega)$  in which  $\nu_i$  must be invariant. So, we show the following consequence for which we are indebted to J. Gräter.

**Theorem 4.4.** If the conditions of Theorem 4.3 hold, then  $\omega$  uniquely extends to an invariant valuation to  $D$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\nu$  be an extension of  $\omega$  to  $D$  and  $e(\nu/\omega) = e(\nu_i/\omega) = n > 1$ . Let  $m_\omega B_\omega \subsetneq b_1 B_\omega \subsetneq b_2 B_\omega \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq b_n B_\omega = m_\nu$  be the

complete chain of right ideals, where  $b_i$ 's are the distinct orbits of  $v$  over  $\omega$ . Then each  $d$  in  $D$  can be written as  $d = b_i k u$ , where  $k \in K^*$ , and  $u$  is a unit in  $B_v$  [5]. On the contrary, assume that  $v$  is not the only extension of  $\omega$  to  $D$ . Let  $R$  be the subring of  $D$  minimal with the property of containing all extensions of  $\omega$  to  $D$  [3, Lemma 4]. Then  $J(R) \subset m_{\omega} B_v \subset B_v \subset R$ , i.e. each  $b_i$  is a unit in  $R$ . With the same notations as in [3, Lemma 5], the automorphism of  $S$  induced by the inner automorphism of  $D$  which is induced by  $d = b_i k u$  is the identity, i.e.  $S = (R \cap K)/(N \cap K)$  and  $Z$  is purely inseparable over  $S$ , where  $N$  is the maximal ideal of  $R$  and  $Z$  is the centre of  $R/N$ . This is a contradiction as in the proof of [3, Lemma 5(i)]. Thus  $v$  is invariant and the only extension of  $\omega$  to  $D$ . So the proof is complete.  $\square$

**Remark 1.** Let  $K \subseteq L$  be a finite separable extension,  $A$  a discrete valuation ring of  $K$ , then the conditions of Theorem 4.3 holds, but when  $E$  lies in a division ring  $D$ , this conclusion does not hold.

**Example 4.5.** Let  $H = \left( \frac{-1, -1}{Q} \right)$  be the usual quaternion algebra, then the  $p$ -adic valuation ( $p > 3$ ) of  $Q$  does not extend to  $H$ . So by Theorem 4.4, this conclusion does not hold for  $Q$  and  $H$ .

Finally, as an immediate consequence of Theorem 4.3 and Corollary 3.5, we obtain

**Corollary 4.6.** For any non discrete valuation ring  $A$  of rank 1, the equivalent conditions of Theorem 4.3 hold if and only if  $A$  is defectless in  $D$  and  $e(v_i/\omega) = 1$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq s$ .

**Remark 2.** To observe some of the results developed here see the example of [3, Sec. 4] or [5, Sec. 5]. Unfortunately, an example which may demonstrate all of the results can

not easily be constructed. It would be an interesting exercise to think of such examples.

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