

NOETHER'S PROBLEM FOR ABELIAN EXTENSIONS
OF CYCLIC P -GROUPS OF NILPOTENCY CLASS 2

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Abstract

Let K be a field and G be a finite group. Let G act on the rational function field $K(x(g) : g \in G)$ by K -automorphisms defined by $g \cdot x(h) = x(gh)$ for any $g, h \in G$. Denote by $K(G)$ the fixed field $K(x(g) : g \in G)^G$. Noether's problem then asks whether $K(G)$ is rational over K . Let p be prime and let G be a p -group of exponent p^e . Assume also that (i) $\text{char } K = p > 0$, or (ii) $\text{char } K \neq p$ and K contains a primitive p^e -th root of unity. In this paper we prove that $K(G)$ is rational over K if G is any finite p -group of nilpotency class 2 which is an abelian extension of a cyclic group.

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1. Introduction. Let K be a field and G be a finite group. Let G act on the rational function field $K(x(g) : g \in G)$ by K -automorphisms defined by $g \cdot x(h) = x(gh)$ for any $g, h \in G$. Denote by $K(G)$ the fixed field $K(x(g) : g \in G)^G$. Noether's problem then asks whether $K(G)$ is rational (= purely transcendental) over K . It is related to the inverse Galois problem, to the existence of generic G -Galois extensions over k , and to the existence of versal G -torsors over k -rational field extensions (see [8,9] and ([3], 33.1, p. 86)). Noether's problem for abelian groups was studied extensively by Swan, Voskresenskii, Endo, Miyata and Lenstra, etc. Fischer's Theorem is a starting point of investigating Noether's problem for finite abelian groups in general.

Theorem 1.1 (Fischer [9], Theorem 6.1). *Let G be a finite abelian group of exponent e . Assume that (i) either $\text{char } K = 0$ or $\text{char } K > 0$ with $\text{char } K \nmid e$, and (ii) K contains a primitive e -th root of unity. Then $K(G)$ is rational over K .*

SWAN's paper [9] also gives a survey of many results related to the Noether's problem for abelian groups. On the other hand, the systematic study of Noether's problem for non-abelian groups is a more difficult process and it is far from complete.

Definition 1.1. We say that a group G has the AEC (Abelian Extension of a Cyclic group) property if G has a normal abelian subgroup H such that the quotient group G/H is cyclic.

Recently the first author of the present article gave a positive answer to Noether's problem in [7] for several p -groups G of nilpotency class 2, defined by specific generators and relations. However, Noether's problem for p -groups with the AEC property is still not solved entirely. In the main result of this paper, we give a positive answer to Noether's problem for any p -group G of nilpotency class 2, which has the AEC property. In Section 3 we prove:

Theorem 1.2. *For any prime p let G be a p -group of nilpotency class 2, which has the AEC property. Denote by p^e the exponent of G . Assume that (i) $\text{char } K = p > 0$, or (ii) $\text{char } K \neq p$ and K contains a primitive p^e -th root of unity. Then $K(G)$ is rational over K .*

The key idea to prove our results is to find a faithful G -subspace W of the regular representation space $\bigoplus_{g \in G} K \cdot x(g)$ and to show that W^G is rational over

K . The subspace W is obtained as an induced representation from H .

2. Generalities. We list several results which will be used in the sequel.

Theorem 2.1 ([4], Theorem 1). *Let G be a finite group acting on $L(x_1, \dots, x_m)$, the rational function field of m variables over a field L such that*

- (i) *for any $\sigma \in G$, $\sigma(L) \subset L$;*
- (ii) *the restriction of the action of G to L is faithful;*
- (iii) *for any $\sigma \in G$,*

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ \sigma(x_m) \end{pmatrix} = A(\sigma) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{pmatrix} + B(\sigma),$$

where $A(\sigma) \in \text{GL}_m(L)$ and $B(\sigma)$ is $m \times 1$ matrix over L . Then there exist $z_1, \dots, z_m \in L(x_1, \dots, x_m)$ so that $L(x_1, \dots, x_m)^G = L^G(z_1, \dots, z_m)$ and $\sigma(z_i) = z_i$ for any $\sigma \in G$, any $1 \leq i \leq m$.

Theorem 2.2 ([1], Theorem 3.1). *Let G be a finite group acting on $L(x)$, the rational function field of one variable over a field L . Assume that, for any*

$\sigma \in G, \sigma(L) \subset L$ and $\sigma(x) = a_\sigma x + b_\sigma$ for any $a_\sigma, b_\sigma \in L$ with $a_\sigma \neq 0$. Then $L(x)^G = L^G(z)$ for some $z \in L[x]$.

Theorem 2.3. [(Kuniyoshi ^[2]), Theorem 1.7] If $\text{char} K = p > 0$ and G is a finite p -group, then $K(G)$ is rational over K .

The following Lemma can be extracted from some proofs in ^[5,6].

Lemma 2.4. Let $\langle \tau \rangle$ be a cyclic group of order $n > 1$, acting on $K(v_1, \dots, v_{n-1})$, the rational function field of $n - 1$ variables over a field K such that

$$\tau : v_1 \mapsto v_2 \mapsto \dots \mapsto v_{n-1} \mapsto (v_1 \cdots v_{n-1})^{-1} \mapsto v_1.$$

If K contains a primitive n -th root of unity ξ , then $K(v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}) = K(s_1, \dots, s_{n-1})$ where $\tau : s_i \mapsto \xi^i s_i$ for $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$.

3. Proof of Theorem 1.2. The case (i) follows from Theorem 2.3.

(ii) Let G be generated by an abelian normal subgroup H and an element α such that $\alpha^{p^a} \in H$. Assume that $H = \langle \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s \mid \alpha_i^{p^{a_i}} = 1, 1 \leq i \leq s \rangle$. We divide the proof into several steps. We are going now to find a faithful representation of G .

Step 1. Let V be a K -vector space whose dual space V^* is defined as $V^* = \bigoplus_{g \in G} K \cdot x(g)$, where G acts on V^* by $h \cdot x(g) = x(hg)$ for any $h, g \in G$. Thus

$$K(V)^G = K(x(g) : g \in G)^G = K(G).$$

Define $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_s \in V^*$ by

$$X_j = \sum_{\ell_1, \dots, \ell_s} x \left(\prod_{i \neq j} \alpha_i^{\ell_i} \right), \quad \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq s.$$

Note that $\alpha_i \cdot X_j = X_j$ for $j \neq i$. Let $\zeta_{p^{a_i}} \in K$ be a primitive p^{a_i} -th root of unity for $1 \leq i \leq s$. Define $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_s \in V^*$ by

$$Y_i = \sum_{m=0}^{p^{a_i}-1} \zeta_{p^{a_i}}^{-m} \alpha_i^m \cdot X_i$$

for $1 \leq i \leq s$.

It follows that

$$\alpha_i : Y_i \mapsto \zeta_{p^{a_i}} Y_i, \quad Y_j \mapsto Y_j, \quad \text{for } j \neq i.$$

Thus $\bigoplus_{1 \leq j \leq s} K \cdot Y_j$ is a faithful representation space of the subgroup $H = \langle \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s \rangle$.

The induced subspace W depends on the relations in G .

Define $x_{ji} = \alpha^i \cdot Y_j$ for $1 \leq j \leq s, 0 \leq i \leq p^a - 1$. Recall that G is of nilpotency class 2, so $[H, \alpha] \leq Z(G)$, i.e., $[\alpha_j, \alpha] = \gamma_j \in Z(G)$ for $1 \leq j \leq s$. It is not hard to see that

$$\alpha^{-i} \alpha_j \alpha^i = \alpha_j \gamma_j^i, \quad \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq s, 0 \leq i \leq p^a - 1.$$

We can now write the decomposition of γ_j in H :

$$(3.1) \quad \gamma_j = \prod_{i=1}^s \alpha_i^{\alpha_{ij} p^{r_{ij}}} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq s, r_{ij} \geq 0, \alpha_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ if } \alpha_{ij} \neq 0, \gcd(\alpha_{ij}, p) = 1.$$

Since $\alpha^{p^a} \in H$, we can write $\alpha^{p^a} = \alpha_1^{\delta_1} \cdots \alpha_s^{\delta_s}$ for some integers $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_s$. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_j &: x_{ji} \mapsto \zeta_{p^{a_j}}^{i \alpha_{jj} p^{r_{jj}}} x_{ji}, \quad x_{mi} \mapsto \zeta_{p^{a_m}}^{i \alpha_{mj} p^{r_{mj}}} x_{mi}, \quad \text{for } m \neq j, \\ \alpha &: x_{j0} \mapsto x_{j1} \mapsto \cdots \mapsto x_{jp^{a-1}} \mapsto \zeta_{p^{a_j}}^{\delta_j} x_{j0}, \end{aligned}$$

where $0 \leq i \leq p^a - 1$ and $1 \leq j \leq s$. We find that $Y = \bigoplus_{j,i} K \cdot x_{ji}$ is a faithful G -subspace of V^* . Thus, by Theorem 2.1, it suffices to show that $K(x_{ji} : 1 \leq j \leq s, 0 \leq i \leq p^a - 1)^G$ is rational over K .

Step 2. In this step we will show that the case $\alpha^{p^a} \in H$ can be reduced to the case $\alpha^{p^a} = 1$. Define $X_{ji} = x_{ji}/x_{ji-1}$ for $1 \leq j \leq s$ and $1 \leq i \leq p^a - 1$. We have $K(x_{ji} : 1 \leq j \leq s, 0 \leq i \leq p^a - 1) = K(x_{j0}, X_{ji} : 1 \leq j \leq s, 1 \leq i \leq p^a - 1)$ and $\alpha(x_{j0}) = x_{j0} X_{j1}$ for all j . By applying Theorem 2.2 s times regarding x_{j0} 's, we get $K(x_{ji} : 1 \leq j \leq s, 0 \leq i \leq p^a - 1)^G = K(X_{ji} : 1 \leq j \leq s, 1 \leq i \leq p^a - 1)^G(U_1, \dots, U_s)$, where U_1, \dots, U_s are fixed by the action of G . The action of G on X_{ji} is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_j &: X_{ji} \mapsto \zeta_{p^{a_j}}^{\alpha_{jj} p^{r_{jj}}} X_{ji}, \quad X_{mi} \mapsto \zeta_{p^{a_m}}^{\alpha_{mj} p^{r_{mj}}} X_{mi}, \quad \text{for } m \neq j, \\ \alpha &: X_{j1} \mapsto X_{j2} \mapsto \cdots \mapsto X_{jp^{a-1}} \mapsto \zeta_{p^{a_j}}^{\delta_j} (X_{j1} \cdots X_{jp^{a-1}})^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

where $1 \leq i \leq p^a - 1$ and $1 \leq j \leq s$. Since K contains a primitive p^e -th root of unity ζ_{p^e} , where p^e is the exponent of G , from $\alpha^{p^a} = \alpha_1^{\delta_1} \cdots \alpha_s^{\delta_s}$ it follows that K contains as well the roots of unity $\zeta_{p^{a_j+a}}^{\delta_j}$. Define $Y_{ji} = X_{ji}/\zeta_{p^{a_j+a}}^{\delta_j}$ for $1 \leq i \leq p^a - 1$ and $1 \leq j \leq s$. It follows that $K(X_{ji} : 1 \leq j \leq s, 1 \leq i \leq p^a - 1) = K(Y_{ji} : 1 \leq j \leq s, 1 \leq i \leq p^a - 1)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_j &: Y_{ji} \mapsto \zeta_{p^{a_j}}^{\alpha_{jj} p^{r_{jj}}} Y_{ji}, \quad Y_{mi} \mapsto \zeta_{p^{a_m}}^{\alpha_{mj} p^{r_{mj}}} Y_{mi}, \quad \text{for } m \neq j, \\ \alpha &: Y_{j1} \mapsto Y_{j2} \mapsto \cdots \mapsto Y_{jp^{a-1}} \mapsto (Y_{j1} \cdots Y_{jp^{a-1}})^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that the parameters $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_s$ of these groups G disappear in the above action. In conclusion, for any group G of nilpotency class 2, $K(G)$ is rational over $K(Y_{ji} : 1 \leq j \leq s, 1 \leq i \leq p^a - 1)^G$. Thus all these fields $K(G)$ are isomorphic, and henceforth we will assume that $\alpha^{p^a} = 1$.

Step 3. In this step we will find somewhat simpler actions of H . First, we can choose among all roots of unity $\zeta_{p^{a_m}}^{\alpha_{mj} p^{r_{mj}}}$, that appear in the actions of α_j 's,

the one that has the biggest order. Then we can change the indexing of α_j 's and x_{mi} 's (regarding m), so that $\zeta_{p^{a_1}}^{\alpha_{11}p^{r_{11}}}$ has the biggest order. Therefore, for any m, j there exists an integer β_{mj} such that $\zeta_{p^{a_1}}^{\alpha_{11}p^{r_{11}}\beta_{mj}} = \zeta_{p^{a_m}}^{\alpha_{mj}p^{r_{mj}}}$. Under that renumbering, the actions of α_j 's might undergo a slight change, that is

$$\alpha_j : x_{mi} \mapsto \zeta_{p^{a_m}}^{\epsilon_{mj}} \zeta_{p^{a_m}}^{i\alpha_{mj}p^{r_{mj}}} x_{mi}, \text{ for } 1 \leq m \leq s,$$

where $0 \leq i \leq p^a - 1, 1 \leq j \leq s; \epsilon_{m_j j} = 1$ for some $m_j : 1 \leq m_j \leq s; \epsilon_{nj} = 0$ for $n \neq m_j$ and $\epsilon_{m_j k} = 0$ for $k \neq j$.

Next, we can replace the generators of H with the new generators $\alpha_1, \alpha_1^{-\beta_{12}}\alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_1^{-\beta_{1s}}\alpha_s$. The actions of the new generators are of the following type

$$\alpha_1^{-\beta_{1j}}\alpha_j : x_{1i} \mapsto \zeta_{p^{b_{1j}}} x_{1i}, x_{mi} \mapsto \zeta_{p^{a_{mj}}} \zeta_{p^{b_{mj}}}^i x_{mi}, \text{ for } m \neq 1,$$

for some $b_{tj} \geq 0, a_{nj} \geq 0$, where $1 \leq t \leq s, 2 \leq j \leq s, 2 \leq n \leq s$ and $0 \leq i \leq p^a - 1$. Now, for $2 \leq m \leq s$ define $y_{mi} = x_{mi}x_{1i}^{-\beta_{m1}}$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 : x_{1i} &\mapsto \zeta_{p^{a_1}}^{\epsilon_{11}} \zeta_{p^{a_1}}^{i\alpha_{11}p^{r_{11}}} x_{1i}, y_{mi} \mapsto \zeta_{p^{c_{m1}}} y_{mi}, \text{ for } m \neq 1, \\ \alpha_1^{-\beta_{1j}}\alpha_j : x_{1i} &\mapsto \zeta_{p^{b_{1j}}} x_{1i}, y_{mi} \mapsto \zeta_{p^{d_{mj}}} \zeta_{p^{c_{mj}}}^i y_{mi}, \text{ for } m \neq 1, \end{aligned}$$

for some $c_{tj} \geq 0$ and $d_{tj} \geq 0$ ($2 \leq t, j \leq s$), where $0 \leq i \leq p^a - 1$. Note that we obtained an action of α_1 such that i -th powers of roots of unity participate only in the action on x_{1i} , and also i -th powers of roots of unity do not appear in the actions of $\alpha_1^{-\beta_{12}}\alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_1^{-\beta_{1s}}\alpha_s$ on x_{1i} .

Step 4. We can apply the same method of Step 3 with the remaining generators $\alpha_1^{-\beta_{12}}\alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_1^{-\beta_{1s}}\alpha_s$. This process resembles the algorithm for matrix diagonalization by applying elementary transformations. In this way, we can eliminate all i -th powers of roots of unity, except on the diagonal actions. Thus we will finally obtain generators β_1, \dots, β_s of H which act on the function field $K(y_{ji} : 1 \leq j \leq s, 1 \leq i \leq p^a - 1) = K(x_{ji} : 1 \leq j \leq s, 1 \leq i \leq p^a - 1)$ in this way

$$\beta_j : y_{ji} \mapsto \zeta_{p^{b_j}} \zeta_{p^{b_{jj}}}^i y_{ji}, y_{mi} \mapsto \zeta_{p^{b_{mj}}} y_{mi}, \text{ for } m \neq j,$$

for some $b_j \geq 0, b_{tj} \geq 0$, where $1 \leq t, j \leq s$ and $0 \leq i \leq p^a - 1$. Clearly, the action of α is not changed:

$$\alpha : y_{j0} \mapsto y_{j1} \mapsto \dots \mapsto y_{jp^{a-1}} \mapsto y_{j0},$$

where $1 \leq j \leq s$.

Observe that from $1 = [\alpha_j, \alpha^{p^a}] = \gamma_j^{p^a}$ it follows that $a_m - r_{mj} \leq a$ for all m, j (see (3.1)). Since each primitive root $\zeta_{p^{b_{jj}}}$ is obtained via multiplication of roots of degree $p^{a_m - r_{mj}}$, we deduce that $b_{jj} \leq a$ for all j .

Clearly, $W = \bigoplus_{j,i} K \cdot y_{ij} \subset V^*$ is the induced G -subspace obtained from V .

Thus, by Theorem 2.1 it suffices to show that W^G is rational over K .

Step 5. If we suppose that $b_{jj} = 0$ for all $1 \leq j \leq s$, this would mean that G is abelian, i.e., of nilpotency class 1. Therefore, we may assume that $b_{jj} \geq 1$, where $1 \leq j \leq t$ for some $t : 1 \leq t \leq s$, and if $t < s$, $b_{jj} = 0$ for all $t + 1 \leq j \leq s$. (Here we can achieve this by renumbering β_j 's.) Denote $A = b_{11}$ and $\xi = \zeta_{p^{a-A}}$, a primitive p^{a-A} -th root of unity. For $0 \leq \ell \leq p^{a-A} - 1$ and $0 \leq k \leq p^A - 1$ define

$$u_{\ell k} = y_{1k} + \xi^\ell y_{1,k+p^A} + (\xi^\ell)^2 y_{1,k+2p^A} + \cdots + (\xi^\ell)^{p^{a-A}-1} y_{1,k+(p^{a-A}-1)p^A}.$$

It is not hard to see that this is a well defined non-singular transformation, so $K(u_{\ell k} : 0 \leq \ell \leq p^{a-A} - 1, 0 \leq k \leq p^A - 1) = K(y_{1i} : 0 \leq i \leq p^A - 1)$. Then the actions of the generators of G on $K(u_{\ell k})$ are

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_1 & : u_{\ell k} \mapsto \zeta_{p^{b_1}} \zeta_{p^A}^k u_{\ell k}, \\ \beta_m & : u_{\ell k} \mapsto \zeta_{p^{b_{1m}}} u_{\ell k}, \quad \text{for } m \neq 1, \\ \alpha & : u_{\ell 0} \mapsto u_{\ell 1} \mapsto \cdots \mapsto u_{\ell p^A-1} \mapsto \xi^{-\ell} u_{\ell 0}, \end{aligned}$$

where $0 \leq \ell \leq p^{a-A} - 1$ and $0 \leq k \leq p^A - 1$.

For $1 \leq i \leq p^A - 1$ define $v_{0i} = u_{0i}/u_{0i-1}$. For $1 \leq \ell \leq p^{a-A} - 1$ and $0 \leq k \leq p^A - 1$ define $v_{\ell k} = u_{\ell k}/u_{0k}$. Thus $K(u_{\ell k} : 0 \leq \ell \leq p^{a-A} - 1, 0 \leq k \leq p^A - 1) = K(u_{00}, v_{\ell k} : (k, \ell) \neq (0, 0))$, and for every $g \in G$

$$(3.2) \quad g \cdot u_{00} \in K(v_{\ell k} : (k, \ell) \neq (0, 0)) \cdot u_{00},$$

while the subfield $K(v_{\ell k} : (k, \ell) \neq (0, 0))$ is invariant by the action of G , i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_1 & : v_{0i} \mapsto \zeta_{p^A} v_{0i}, \quad v_{\ell k} \mapsto v_{\ell k}, \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq p^A - 1, 0 \leq k \leq p^A - 1, \ell \neq 0 \\ \beta_m & : v_{\ell k} \mapsto v_{\ell k}, \quad \text{for } m \neq 1, 0 \leq \ell \leq p^{a-A} - 1, 0 \leq k \leq p^A - 1, (k, \ell) \neq (0, 0), \\ \alpha & : v_{01} \mapsto v_{02} \mapsto \cdots \mapsto v_{0p^A-1} \mapsto (v_{01} \cdots v_{0p^A-1})^{-1}, \\ & v_{\ell 0} \mapsto v_{\ell 1} \mapsto \cdots \mapsto v_{\ell p^A-1} \mapsto \xi^{-\ell} v_{\ell 0}, \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \ell \leq p^{a-A} - 1. \end{aligned}$$

Note that we can apply Theorem 2.2 on the variable u_{00} so that we may assume that u_{00} is invariant under the action of G .

Step 6. We can apply the same type of transformations as in Step 5 for each $K(y_{ji} : 0 \leq i \leq p^A - 1)$, where $2 \leq j \leq t$. For $t + 1 \leq j \leq s$ define $w_{ji} = y_{ji}/y_{ji-1}$, where $1 \leq i \leq p^A - 1$. Denote by \mathcal{X} the set of all new variables (i.e., of type $v_{\ell k}$ from Step 5, applied for $1 \leq j \leq t$, w_{ji} , and the variables obtained by applying Theorem 2.2 on the variables of type (3.2)) and by \mathcal{X}_j the subset of all variables that are not invariant under β_j and are not of the type (3.2). Observe that β_1 leaves invariant all new variables except v_{0i} 's and except the type (3.2), i.e. $\mathcal{X}_1 = \{v_{0i} : 1 \leq i \leq p^A - 1\}$.

Define $w_1 = v_{01}^{p^A}$ and $w_i = v_{0i}/v_{0i-1}$ for $2 \leq i \leq p^A - 1$. Then $K(y_{ji} : 0 \leq i \leq p^A - 1, 1 \leq j \leq s)^{\langle \beta_1 \rangle} = K(\mathcal{X})^{\langle \beta_1 \rangle} = K(w_i, \mathcal{X} \setminus \mathcal{X}_1, 1 \leq i \leq p^A - 1)$. The action of α on \mathcal{X}_1 is

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha : w_1 &\mapsto w_1 w_2^{p^A}, \\ w_2 &\mapsto w_3 \mapsto \cdots \mapsto w_{p^A-1} \mapsto (w_1 w_2^{p^A-1} w_3^{p^A-2} \cdots w_{p^A-1}^2)^{-1} \mapsto \\ &\mapsto w_1 w_2^{p^A-2} w_3^{p^A-3} \cdots w_{p^A-2}^2 w_{p^A-1} \mapsto w_2. \end{aligned}$$

Define $z_1 = w_2, z_i = \alpha^i \cdot w_2$ for $2 \leq i \leq p^A - 1$. Now the action of α is

$$\alpha : z_1 \mapsto z_2 \mapsto \cdots \mapsto z_{p^A-1} \mapsto (z_1 z_2 \cdots z_{p^A-1})^{-1}.$$

Since $w_1 = (z_{p^A-1} z_1^{p^A-1} z_2^{p^A-2} \cdots z_{p^A-2}^2)^{-1}$, we get that $K(w_1, \dots, w_{p^A-1}) = K(z_1, \dots, z_{p^A-1})$. From Lemma 2.4 it follows that the action of α on $K(z_1, \dots, z_{p^A-1})$ can be linearized. Clearly, the action of α on $K(v_{\ell i} : 1 \leq \ell \leq p^{a-A} - 1, 0 \leq i \leq p^A - 1)$ is also linear.

Similarly, we can linearize the action of α on $K(\mathcal{X})^{\langle \beta_j \rangle}$ for each $j : 2 \leq j \leq t$. For $j : t + 1 \leq j \leq s$ the action of α on $K(w_{ji})$ is

$$\alpha : w_{j1} \mapsto w_{j2} \mapsto \cdots \mapsto w_{jp^a-1} \mapsto (w_{j1} w_{j2} \cdots w_{jp^a-1})^{-1},$$

which again can be linearized according to Lemma 2.4. Therefore, we obtain a linear action of α on $K(\mathcal{X})^H$. We are done.

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