

## The Algebraic K-Theory of Finitely Generated Projective Supermodules $P(R)$ Over a Supercommutative Super-Ring $R$

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**Abstract: Problem statement:** Algebraic K-theory of projective modules over commutative rings were introduced by Bass and central simple superalgebras, supercommutative super-rings were introduced by many researchers such as Knus, Racine and Zelmanov. In this research, we classified the projective supermodules over (torsion free) supercommutative super-rings and through out this study we forced our selves to generalize the algebraic K-theory of projective supermodules over (torsion free) supercommutative super-rings. **Approach:** We generalized the algebraic K-theory of projective modules to the super-case over (torsion free) supercommutative super-rings. **Results:** we extended two results proved by Saltman to the supercase. **Conclusion:** The extending two results, which were proved by Saltman, to the supercase and the algebraic K-theory of projective supermodules over (torsion free) supercommutative super-rings would help any researcher to classify further properties about projective supermodules.

**Key words:** Projective supermodules, superinvolutions, brauer groups, brauer-wall groups

### INTRODUCTION

An associative super-ring  $R = R_0 + R_1$  is nothing but a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded associative ring. A  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded ideal  $I = I_0 + I_1$  of an associative super-ring is called a superideal of  $R$ . An associative super-ring  $R$  is simple if it has no non-trivial superideals. Let  $R$  be an associative super-ring with  $1 \in R_0$  then  $R$  is said to be a division super-ring if all nonzero homogeneous elements are invertible, i.e., every  $0 \neq r_\alpha \in R_\alpha$  has an inverse  $r_\alpha^{-1}$ , necessarily in  $R_\alpha$ . If  $R = R_0 + R_1$  is an associative super-ring, a (right)  $R$ -supermodule  $M$  is a right  $R$ -module with a grading  $M = M_0 + M_1$  as  $R_0$ -modules such that  $m_\alpha r_\beta \in M_{\alpha+\beta}$  for any  $m_\alpha \in M_\alpha$ ,  $r_\beta \in R_\beta$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ . An  $R$ -supermodule  $M$  is simple if  $MR \neq \{0\}$  and  $M$  has no proper subsupermodule. Following<sup>[4]</sup> we have the following definition of  $R$ -supermodule homomorphism. Suppose  $M$  and  $N$  are  $R$ -supermodules. An  $R$ -supermodule homomorphism from  $M$  into  $N$  is an  $R_0$ -module homomorphism  $h_\gamma : M \rightarrow N$ ,  $\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ , such that  $M_\alpha h_\gamma \subseteq N_{\alpha+\gamma}$ . Let  $K$  be a field of characteristic not 2. An associative superalgebra is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -graded associative K-algebra  $A = A_0 + A_1$ . A superalgebra  $A$  is central simple over  $K$ , if  $\hat{Z}(A) = K$ , where  $(\hat{Z}(A))_\alpha = \{\alpha_\alpha \in A_\alpha : \alpha_\alpha b_\beta = (-1)^{\alpha\beta} b_\beta \alpha_\alpha \forall \beta \in A_\beta\}$  and the only superideals of  $A$  are  $(0)$  and  $A$ . Through out this study we let  $R$  be a supercommutative super-ring ( $\hat{Z}(A) = R$ )

with  $1 \in R_0$ . An  $R$ -superalgebra  $A = A_0 + A_1$  is called projective  $R$ -supermodule if it is projective as a module over  $R$ . Define the superalgebra  $A^c = A^0 \hat{\otimes}_R A$ , then  $A$  is right  $A^c$ -supermodule. There is a natural map  $\pi$  from  $A^c$  to  $A$  given by deleting  $0, s$  and multiplying.

In<sup>[2]</sup>, Childs, Garfinkel and Orzech proved some results about finitely generated projective supermodules over  $R$ , where  $R$  is a commutative ring. In<sup>[1]</sup>, we generalized the same results about finitely generated projective supermodules over  $R$ , where  $R$  is a supercommutative super-ring. Here are the results:

**Proposition 1:** Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -supermodule and  $A$  an  $R$ -superalgebra then there exist isomorphisms of  $R$ -superalgebras:

$$A \hat{\otimes}_R \text{End}_R(M) \cong \text{End}_R(M) \hat{\otimes}_R A$$

**Corollary 1:** Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be a finitely generated projective supermodules over  $R$ , then:

$$\text{End}_R(P) \hat{\otimes}_R \text{End}_R(Q) \cong \text{End}_R(Q) \hat{\otimes}_R \text{End}_R(P) \cong \text{End}_R(P \hat{\otimes}_R Q)$$

**Theorem 1:** Let  $A$  be an  $R$ -superalgebra. The following conditions are equivalent:

- $A$  is projective right  $A^c$ -supermodule
- $0 \mapsto \ker(\pi) \mapsto A^c \xrightarrow{\pi} A \rightarrow 0$  splits as a sequence of right  $A^c$ -supermodules

- $(A^e)_0$  contains an element  $\varepsilon$  such that  $\pi(\varepsilon)=1$  and  $\varepsilon(1 \otimes a_\alpha) = \varepsilon(a_\alpha \otimes 1)$  for all  $a_\alpha \in A_\alpha$

**Definition 1:** We say that  $A$  is  $R$ -separable if conditions (1-3) above hold.

**Remarks:**

- Condition (3) states that  $A$  is  $R$ -separable if and only if it is  $R$ -separable of the sense of ungraded algebras
- It is easy to see that  $\varepsilon$  defined above is idempotent.  $A$  is a central separable  $R$ -superalgebra if it is separable as an  $R$ -algebra, thus our Azumaya  $R$ -algebras  $A$  are those separable  $R$ -algebras which are superalgebras over  $R$  and whose supercenter is  $R$

For any  $R$ -superalgebra  $A$  we have seen that  $A$  is naturally a right  $A^e$ -supermodule. This induces an  $R$ -superalgebra homomorphism  $\mu$  from  $A^e$  to  $\text{End}_R(A)$  by associating to any element  $x_\alpha \otimes y_\beta$  of  $A^e$  the element  $x_\alpha y_\beta$  where for any  $a_\gamma \in A_\gamma$ :

$$a_\gamma \mu(x_\alpha \otimes y_\beta) = a_\gamma \cdot (x_\alpha y_\beta) = (-1)^{\alpha\gamma} x_\alpha a_\gamma y_\beta$$

**Theorem 2:** Let  $A$  be an  $R$ -superalgebra. The following conditions are equivalent:

- $A$  is an Azumaya  $R$ -superalgebra
- $A$  is finitely generated faithful projective  $R$ -supermodule and  $\mu$  is an isomorphism

**MATERIALS AND METHODS**

Suppose  $C$  is any category and  $\text{obj}(C)$  the class of all objects of  $C$  and let  $C(A,B)$  be the set of all morphisms  $A \rightarrow B$ , where  $A,B \in \text{obj}(C)$ . A groupoid is a category in which all morphisms are isomorphisms.

**Definition 2:** A category with product is a groupoid  $C$ , together with a product functor  $\perp : C \times C \rightarrow C$  which is assumed to be associative and commutative.

A functor  $F : (C, \perp) \rightarrow (C', \perp')$  of categories with product is a functor  $F : C \rightarrow C'$  which preserves the product.

**Examples:**

- Let  $R$  be any supercommutative super-ring and let  $P(R)$  denote the category of finitely generated projective supermodules over  $R$  with isomorphisms

as morphisms. It is a category with product if we set  $\perp = \oplus$

- The subcategory  $FP(R)$  of  $P(R)$  with finitely generated faithful projective supermodules as objects. Here we set  $\perp = \widehat{\otimes}_R$
- The category  $Az(R)$  of Azumaya superalgebras over  $R$ . Here we take  $\perp = \widehat{\otimes}_R$

If  $C(R)$  denotes one of the categories mentioned above and if  $R \rightarrow R'$  is a homomorphism of super-rings. Then  $R' \widehat{\otimes}_R$  induces a functor  $C(R) \rightarrow C'(R')$  preserving product.

**Definition 3:** Let  $C$  be a category with product. The Grothendieck group of  $C$  is defined to be an abelian group  $K_0 C$ , together with the map  $( )_C : \text{obj}(C) \rightarrow K_0 C$ , which is universal for maps into abelian groups satisfying:

- if  $A \cong B$ , then  $(A)_C = (B)_C$
- $(A \perp B)_C = (A)_C + (B)_C$

**Definition 4:** A composition on a category  $(C, \perp)$  is a composition of objects of  $C$ , which satisfies the following condition: if  $A \circ A'$  and  $B \circ B'$  are defined then so also is  $(A \perp B) \circ (A' \perp B')$  and:

$$(A \perp B) \circ (A' \perp B') = (A \circ A') \perp (B \circ B')$$

**Definition 5:** If  $(C, \perp, \circ)$  is a category with product and composition. Then the Grothendieck group of  $C$  is defined to be an abelian group  $K_0 C$ , together with a map:

$$( )_C : \text{obj}(C) \rightarrow K_0 C$$

which is universal for maps into abelian groups satisfying the two conditions in Definition 3 and:

$$\text{If } A \circ B \text{ is defined, then } (A \circ B)_C = (A)_C + (B)_C$$

An easy computation gives us the following result.

**Proposition 2:** Let  $(C, \perp, \circ)$  be a category with product and composition. Then:

- Every element of  $K_0 C$  has the form  $(A)_C - (B)_C$  for some  $A, B$  in  $\text{obj}(C)$
- $(A)_C = (B)_C$  if and only if  $\exists C, D_0, D_1, E_0, E_1 \in \text{obj}(C)$ , such that  $D_0 \circ D_1$  and  $E_0 \circ E_1$  are defined and  $A \perp C \perp (D_0 \circ D_1) \perp E_0 \perp E_1 \cong B \perp C \perp D_0 \perp D_1 \perp (E_0 \circ E_1)$

- If  $F: C \rightarrow C'$  is a functor of categories with product and composition, then  $F$  preserves the composition. Moreover, the map  $K_0F: K_0C \rightarrow K_0C'$  given by  $(A)_C \rightarrow (FA)_{C'}$  is well-defined and makes  $K_0F$  a functor into abelian groups

Now let  $(C, \perp)$  be a groupoid. For  $A \in \text{obj}(C)$ , we write  $G(A) = C(A, A)$ , the group of automorphisms of  $A$ . If  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is an isomorphism, then we have a homomorphism  $G(f): G(A) \rightarrow G(B)$ , given by  $G(f)(\alpha) = f\alpha f^{-1}$ .

We shall construct, out of  $C$ , a new category  $\Omega C$ . we take  $\text{obj}(\Omega C)$  to be the collection of all automorphisms of  $C$ . If  $\alpha \in \text{obj}(\Omega C)$  is an automorphism of  $A \in C$ , we write  $(A, \alpha)$  instead of  $\alpha$ . A morphism  $(A, \alpha) \rightarrow (B, \beta)$  in  $\Omega C$  is a morphism  $f: A \rightarrow B$  in  $C$  such that the diagram in Fig. 1 is commutative, that is  $G(f)(\alpha) = \beta$ . The product in  $\Omega C$  is defined by setting  $(A, \alpha) \perp (B, \beta) = (A \perp B, \alpha \perp \beta)$ . The natural composition  $\circ$  is defined in  $\Omega C$  as follows: if  $\alpha, \beta \in \text{obj}(\Omega C)$  are automorphisms of the same object in  $C$ , then  $\alpha \circ \beta = \alpha \beta$  and:

$$(\alpha \perp \beta) \circ (\alpha' \perp \beta') = \alpha \alpha' \perp \beta \beta'$$

**Definition 6:** If  $(C, \perp)$  is a category with product, we define:

$$K_1C = K_0\Omega C$$

If  $F: C \rightarrow C'$  is a functor, then  $\Omega F: \Omega C \rightarrow \Omega C'$ , preserving product and composition, so we obtain homomorphisms  $K_iF: K_iC \rightarrow K_iC'$ ,  $i = 0, 1$ .

If  $P(R)$  is the category of finitely generated projective  $R$ -supermodules, where  $R$  is a supercommutative super-ring and their isomorphisms with  $\oplus$ . Then the tensor product  $\widehat{\otimes}_R$  is additive with respect to  $\oplus$  so that it induces on  $K_0P(R)$  a structure of commutative ring.

The next following results are just the generalizing of the results proved by H. Bass to the supercase.

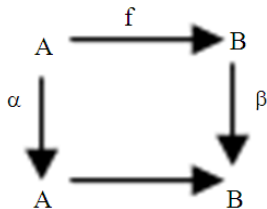


Fig. 1: Set of morphisms

If  $Z \in \text{spec}(R)$  (i.e.,  $Z \subseteq R$  is a prime superideal) and  $P \in P(R)$ , then  $P_Z$  is a free  $R_Z$ -supermodule and its rank is denoted by  $\text{rk}_P(Z)$ . The map:

$$\text{rk}_P: \text{spec}(R) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

given by  $Z \rightarrow \text{rk}_P(Z)$  is continuous and is called the rank of  $P$ . As  $R$  is a supercommutative super-ring,  $K_0P(R)$  and  $Q \widehat{\otimes}_R K_0P(R) = QK_0P(R)$  are rings with multiplication induced by  $\widehat{\otimes}_R$ . Since:

$$\text{rk}_{P \oplus Q} = \text{rk}_P + \text{rk}_Q$$

and

$$\text{rk}_{P \otimes_R Q} = \text{rk}_P \text{rk}_Q$$

We have a rank homomorphism:

$$\text{rk}_P: K_0P(R) \rightarrow C$$

where  $C$  is the ring of continuous functions  $\text{spec}(R) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ .

The rank homomorphism  $\text{rk}$  is splitting by the ring homomorphism  $C \rightarrow K_0P(R)$ , so that:

$$K_0P(R) \cong C \oplus \widetilde{K}_0P(R)$$

where,  $\widetilde{K}_0P(R) = \ker(\text{rk})$  So:

$$\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} K_0P(R) \cong (\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} C) \oplus (\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \widetilde{K}_0P(R))$$

The next results generalize the results proved by H. Bass.

**Theorem 3:** Suppose  $\text{max}(R)$ , the space of maximal superideals of  $R$ , is noetherian space of dimension  $d$ , then:

- If  $x \in K_0P(R)$  and  $\text{rk}(x) \geq d$ , then  $x = (p)_{P(R)}$  for some  $P \in P(R)$
- If  $\text{rk}((P)_{P(R)}) > d$  and if  $(P)_{P(R)} = (Q)_{P(R)}$ , then  $P \approx Q$
- $(\widetilde{K}_0P(R))^{d+1} = 0$

**Proposition 3:** The following conditions on  $R$ -supermodule  $P$  are equivalent:

- $P$  is a finitely generated projective supermodule over  $R$  and has zero annihilator
- $P \in P(R)$  and has every where positive rank

- $\exists$  a supermodule  $Q$  and a positive integer  $n$  such that  $P \widehat{\otimes}_R Q \approx R^n$

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Let  $P(R)$  be the category of finitely generated projective supermodules over  $R$ ,  $Az(R)$  the category of Azumaya superalgebras over  $R$  and  $\text{Prog}(R)$  the category of finitely generated faithful projective  $R$ -supermodules.

A useful fact to be remember is that since  $R$  is supercommutative super-ring,  $P \in \text{Prog}(R)$  if and only if  $P \in \text{Prog}(R)$  and  $P$  is faithful. If  $A, B \in Az(R)$  are equivalent in  $BW(R)$  (the Brauer-Wall group of  $R$ ), we will write  $A \sim B$ . If  $M$  is a supermodule over  $R$ , then  $nM$  is the  $n$ -fold direct sum of  $M$ . If  $P \in P(R)$  let  $\{P\}$  be the image of  $P$  in  $K_0 P(R)$  and  $\{P\}$  in  $\mathbb{Q} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} K_0 P(R) = \mathbb{Q} K_0 P(R)$ . The next results generalize the results proved by<sup>[6]</sup>.

**Theorem 4:** Let  $P, P', Q \in P(R)$ . Then:

- $P \in \text{Prog}(R)$  if and only if there is a  $Q$  in  $P(R)$  such that  $P \widehat{\otimes}_R Q$  is free
- If  $x \in \mathbb{Q} K_0 P(R)$  and  $\text{rk}(x) > 0$  then  $x = \left(\frac{1}{m}\right) \{Q\}$  for some  $Q \in \text{Prog}(R)$ ,  $m > 0$  an integer
- If  $\{P\} = \{Q\}$ ,  $P \in \text{Prog}(R)$ , then there is an integer  $n > 0$  such that  $nP \approx nQ$
- If  $Q \in \text{Prog}(R)$  and  $((P) - (P'))(Q) = 0$  then there is an integer  $n > 0$  such that  $nP \approx nP'$
- If  $P \in \text{Prog}(R)$  and  $\text{rk}_P$  is a square then there is an integer  $n > 0$  and  $Q \in \text{Prog}(R)$  such that  $n^2 P \approx Q \widehat{\otimes}_R Q$

Let  $R/S$  be Galois extension of supercommutative super-rings with finite Galois Group  $G$ .  $M = M_0 + M_1$ , an  $R$ -supermodule, has a  $G$ -action if there is a group injection  $\varphi: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(M)$  such that  $\varphi(\sigma)$  is  $\sigma$ -linear for all  $\sigma \in G$ . That is,  $\varphi(\sigma)(m_{\alpha} r_{\beta}) = \varphi(\sigma)(m_{\alpha}) \sigma(r_{\beta})$ . Let  $M^G = \{m \in M: \varphi(\sigma)(m) = m \text{ for all } \sigma \in G\}$ . The following fact was proved in<sup>[1]</sup>, if  $M \in \text{Prog}(R)$ ,  $M^G \in \text{Prog}(S)$  then:

$$R \widehat{\otimes}_S M^G \cong M$$

Again let  $R/S$  be a Galois extension of supercommutative super-rings with Galois group  $G = \{1, \sigma\}$ . Let  $A$  be any central separable  $R$ -superalgebra, we define  $A^{\sigma}$  as follows, set  $A^{\sigma} = A$  as a super-ring, but the

product by a scalar. on  $A^{\sigma}$  is defined by  $\lambda a = \sigma(\lambda)a$  for all  $\lambda \in R$ . Then one easily check that  $A^{\sigma}$  is a central separable  $R$ -superalgebra.

Now let  $\tau: A^{\sigma} \widehat{\otimes}_R A \rightarrow A^{\sigma} \widehat{\otimes}_R A$ , be defined by  $\tau(a_{\alpha} \otimes b_{\beta}) = (-1)^{\alpha\beta} b_{\beta} \otimes a_{\alpha}$ , then  $\tau$  is a  $\sigma$ -linear automorphism. In particular  $\tau$  is  $S$ -linear. Define the Corestriction:

$$\text{Tr}(A) = \{x \in A^{\sigma} \widehat{\otimes}_R A \mid \tau(x) = x\}$$

Obviously,  $\text{Tr}(A)$  is an  $S$ -superalgebra. But by<sup>[3]</sup>  $\text{Tr}(A)$  is an  $S$ -progenerator as an  $S$ -supermodule, if  $A$  is an  $R$ -progenerator as an  $R$ -supermodule. Moreover if  $A$  is central separable over  $R$  then by<sup>[3]</sup>  $\text{Tr}(A)$  is central separable over  $S$ .

**Lemma 1:** Let  $R/S$  be a Galois extension of supercommutative super-rings with Galois group  $G = \{1, \sigma\}$ . Let  $A, B$  be  $R$ -supermodules (superalgebras),  $P \in \text{Prog}(R)$ :

- If  $A$  and  $B$  have  $G$ -action, so does  $M = A \widehat{\otimes}_R B$  and  $M^G = A^G \otimes_R B^G$
- $\text{Tr}(A \widehat{\otimes}_R B) \cong \text{Tr}(A) \widehat{\otimes}_S \text{Tr}(B)$
- If  $E = \text{End}_R(P)$ ,  $\text{Tr}(E) \cong \text{End}_S(\text{Tr}(P))$

**Theorem 5:** Let  $A \in Az(R)$  and  $P, Q \in \text{Prog}(A)$  such that  $P \approx Q$  as  $R$ -supermodules. Then there is an integer  $n > 0$  such that  $nP \approx nQ$  as  $A$ -supermodules.

**Proof:**  $A \widehat{\otimes}_R \text{End}_A(P) \cong \text{End}_R(P) \cong \text{End}_R(Q) \cong A \widehat{\otimes}_R \text{End}_A(Q)$ . Tensoring by  $A^{\sigma}$  yields that:

$$\text{End}_R(A) \otimes_R \text{End}_A(P) \cong \text{End}_R(A) \otimes_R \text{End}_A(Q)$$

or

$$\text{End}_A(A \otimes_R P) \cong \text{End}_A(A \otimes_R Q)$$

where,  $A$  acts on  $A \widehat{\otimes}_R P$  ( $A \widehat{\otimes}_R Q$ ) by acting on  $P$  ( $Q$ ). Using<sup>[3]</sup>, There is a rank one projective  $R$ -supermodule  $I$ , such that  $A \widehat{\otimes}_R P \cong A \widehat{\otimes}_R Q \widehat{\otimes}_R I$  as  $A$ -supermodules. Theorem 4(a) implies that  $mR \widehat{\otimes}_R P \cong mR \widehat{\otimes}_R Q \widehat{\otimes}_R I$  as  $A$ -supermodules, for some  $m > 0$  and  $m'R \cong m'R \widehat{\otimes}_R I$  as  $R$ -supermodules, for some different  $m'$ . Finally,  $n = mm'$  will satisfy the theorem.

On a superalgebra  $A$ , a map  $J: A \rightarrow A$  is called a superinvolution if  $J^2$  is the identity and  $J$  is an

antiautomorphism. More explicitly,  $(a_\alpha)^j = a_\alpha$ ,  $(a_\alpha + b_\beta)^j = a_\alpha^j + b_\beta^j$  and  $(a_\alpha b_\beta)^j = (-1)^{\alpha\beta} b_\beta^j a_\alpha^j$  for all  $a_\alpha, b_\beta \in A$ . Let  $C = \widehat{Z}(A)$  (the super-center of  $A$ ) then  $J$  must preserve  $C$ . If  $J$  is the identity on  $C$ ,  $J$  is a superinvolution of the first kind. If not,  $J$  induces an automorphism of  $C$  of order 2 and  $J$  is said to be of the second kind. Two superinvolutions  $J, J'$  which agree on  $C$  are said to be of the same kind.

The following theorem generalizes of<sup>[6]</sup>.

**Theorem 6:** If  $A \in \text{Az}(R)$  and  $A \widehat{\otimes}_R A \sim 1$ , then there is a  $B \in \text{Az}(R)$ , such that  $B \sim A$  and  $B \cong B^\circ$ .

Another way of viewing an isomorphism  $B \cong B^\circ$  is that  $B$  has an antiautomorphism,  $J$ , of the first kind. Now, we are ready to prove the following result.

**Theorem 7:** Suppose  $A$  is a super-ring with antiautomorphism  $J$  such that  $J^2$  is inner, induced by a  $w_0 \in A_0$  such that  $w_0(w_0)^j = (w_0)^j w_0 = 1$ . Then  $M_2(A)$  has a superinvolution of the same kind.

Proof Let  $L$  be the inverse map to  $J$ . Since:

$$w_0^{-1} a_\alpha w_0 = (a_\alpha)^{j^2}$$

We have  $(a_\alpha)^j (w_0)^j = (w_0)^j (a_\alpha)^L$  and  $(a_\alpha)^L w_0 = w_0 (a_\alpha)^j$ , so the map:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_\alpha & b_\alpha \\ c_\alpha & d_\alpha \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} (d_\alpha)^j & (w_0)^j (b_\alpha)^L \\ w_0 (c_\alpha)^j & (a_\alpha)^L \end{pmatrix}$$

is a superinvolution on  $M_2 A$  of the same kind of  $J$ .

Next we try to find the conditions on a central separable  $R$ -superalgebra  $A$  to have a superinvolution of the second kind, if  $R$  is a connected super-ring. In the next theorem we try to find the conditions on  $A = \text{End}_R(P)$  to have a superinvolution of any kind, where  $P$  is an  $R$ -progenerator as a supermodule over  $R$ , if  $R$  is a connected super-ring.

The following theorem involves assuming that  $R$ , the base super-ring, is semilocal. We will use the fact, from<sup>[5]</sup>, that if  $A, B$  are central separable  $R$ -algebras,  $A \sim B$  and the rank of  $A$  equals rank of  $B$ , then  $A \cong B$ , which is also true in the superalgebra case (i.e., if  $A, B$  are central separable  $R$ -superalgebras,  $A \sim B$  and the rank of  $A$  equals rank of  $B$ , then  $A \cong B$ ). Let  $M$  be the Jacobson radical of  $R$ . Then  $\overline{A} = A/MA$  is a finite direct sum of simple superalgebras. We call  $\overline{A}$  is

perfect if every simple subsuperalgebra of  $\overline{A}$  admits a superinvolution of the second kind.

**Theorem 8:** Suppose  $R$  is a connected semilocal super-ring and  $A$  is a central separable  $R$ -superalgebra. Suppose  $R/S$  is a Galois extension with Galois group  $\{1, \sigma\}$ . Then  $A$  has a superinvolution of the second kind extending  $\sigma$  if and only if  $\text{Tr}(A) \sim 1$  and  $\overline{A}$  is perfect.

**Proof:** Suppose  $A$  has a superinvolution,  $*$ , extending  $\sigma$ . Then it is easy to Check that  $\overline{A}$  is perfect. Also  $*$  induces an isomorphism  $A^\sigma \cong A^\circ$ , so there is an isomorphism:

$$\varphi : A^\sigma \widehat{\otimes}_R A \rightarrow \text{End}_R(A)$$

given by  $x_\gamma (a_\alpha \otimes b_\beta)^\varphi = (-1)^{\alpha\gamma} a_\alpha^* x_\gamma b_\beta$ . Set  $A' = A'_0 + A'_1$ , where  $A'_\alpha = \{a_\alpha \in A_\alpha : a_\alpha^* = a_\alpha\}$ .

Since  $*$  is  $\sigma$ -linear  $R$ -supermodule automorphism of  $A$ , the  $S$ -supermodule  $A'$  is an  $S$  progenerator as a module over  $S$ .  $\varphi$  induces an isomorphism  $\text{Tr}(A) \cong \text{End}_S(A')$ , hence  $\text{Tr}(A) \sim 1$ .

Conversely, since  $R$  is a connected semilocal super-ring, one easily sees that  $S$  is a connected semilocal super-ring also. Let  $\text{Tr}(A) \cong \text{End}_S(P)$ . In other

words let  $\tau : A^\sigma \widehat{\otimes}_R A \rightarrow A^\sigma \widehat{\otimes}_R A$  given by  $(a_\alpha \otimes b_\beta)^\tau = (-1)^{\alpha\beta} b_\beta \otimes a_\alpha$ , be a  $\sigma$ -linear automorphism.

Then  $\text{Tr}(A)$  is the fixed super-ring of  $A^\sigma \widehat{\otimes}_R A$  under  $\tau$ . Say  $\text{Tr}(A) \cong \text{End}_S(P)$ , where  $P$  is an  $S$ -progenerator as a supermodule over  $S$ . Then

$$A^\sigma \widehat{\otimes}_R A \cong R \widehat{\otimes}_R \text{End}_S(P) \cong \text{End}_R(R \widehat{\otimes}_S P) \quad \text{and} \quad \text{if}$$

$$\varphi = \sigma \otimes 1 : R \widehat{\otimes}_S P \rightarrow R \widehat{\otimes}_S P, \quad \text{then}$$

$(x_\gamma (a_\alpha \otimes b_\beta))^\varphi = x_\gamma^\varphi (a_\alpha \otimes b_\beta)^\tau$ , for all  $x_\gamma \in R \widehat{\otimes}_S P$  and  $a_\alpha \otimes b_\beta \in A^\sigma \widehat{\otimes}_R A$ . Since  $R$  is connected,  $\text{rank}_R(A) = \text{rank}_R(A^\circ)$ , but:

$$A^\sigma \widehat{\otimes}_R A \cong \text{End}_R(R \widehat{\otimes}_S P)$$

Therefore:

$$A^\sigma \widehat{\otimes}_R (A \widehat{\otimes}_R A^\circ) \cong A^\sigma \widehat{\otimes}_R \text{End}_R(A) \cong \text{End}_R(R \widehat{\otimes}_S P) \widehat{\otimes}_R A^\circ$$

So by<sup>[5]</sup>,  $A^\sigma \cong A^\circ$ , which implies that  $\text{End}_R(A) \cong \text{End}_R(R \widehat{\otimes}_S P)$ , but the  $R$ -rank of  $A$  equals the

R-rank of  $R\widehat{\otimes}_S P$ . So again by<sup>[5]</sup>,  $A \cong R\widehat{\otimes}_S P$ . In other words,  $A$  has a  $\sigma$ -linear antiautomorphism  $J$  such that for all  $a_\alpha, x_\gamma, b_\beta$  in  $A$ , setting  $x_\gamma(a_\alpha \otimes b_\beta) = (-1)^{\alpha\lambda} a_\alpha^J x_\gamma b_\beta$  yields the isomorphism  $A^\sigma \otimes_R A \cong \text{End}_R(A)$  and the map  $\varphi: \sigma \otimes 1: A(\cong R\widehat{\otimes}_S P) \rightarrow A$  satisfies  $\varphi^2 = 1$  and  $(x_\gamma(a_\alpha \otimes b_\beta))^\varphi = x_\gamma^\varphi(a_\alpha \otimes b_\beta)^\tau$ . Therefore:

$$(-1)^{\alpha\lambda} (a_\alpha^J x_\gamma b_\beta)^\varphi = (-1)^{\alpha\beta} x_\gamma^\varphi (b_\beta \otimes a_\alpha) = (-1)^{\beta(\alpha+\gamma)} b_\beta^J x_\gamma^\varphi a_\alpha$$

( $\varphi$  respects the grading). For  $w = 1^\varphi \in A_0$  we have  $ww^J = w^J w = 1$  and  $wa_\alpha w^{-1} = a_\alpha^J$  and:

$$\varphi^2 = 1, (a_\alpha^J x_\gamma b_\beta)^\varphi = (-1)^{\alpha\lambda} (-1)^{\beta(\alpha+\gamma)} b_\beta^J x_\gamma^\varphi a_\alpha \tag{1}$$

**Lemma 2:** Let  $A$  be a central separable  $R$ -superalgebra, with  $J$  and  $\varphi$  satisfying (1). Then  $A$  has a superinvolution agreeing with  $J$  on  $R$  if  $\varphi$  fixes a unit of  $A_a$ .

**Proof:** If  $u_a$  is a unit in  $A_a$  such that  $u_a^\varphi = u_a$  then  $u_a = (1.u_a)^\varphi = u_a^J w$ , so  $(u_a^J)^{-1} u_a = w$ , but  $(u_a^J)^{-1} = (-1)^\alpha (u_a^{-1})^J$ , therefore  $w = (-1)^\alpha (u_a^{-1})^J u_a$ , implying that  $x_\gamma^J = u_a^{-1} x_\gamma^J u_a$  is a superinvolution since  $J$  is an antiautomorphism on  $A$  and:

$$\begin{aligned} (x_\gamma^J)^J &= u_a^{-1} (u_a^{-1} x_\gamma^J u_a)^J u_a = (-1)^\alpha u_a^{-1} (u_a^J x_\gamma^J (u_a^{-1})^J) u_a \\ &= u_a^{-1} u_a^J (w x_\gamma w^{-1}) w \\ &= x_\gamma, \text{ since } u_a^{-1} u_a^J = w^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

**Continuing proof of the theorem:** Let  $M$  be the jacobson radical of  $R$ . Then  $\bar{A} = A/MA$  is a finite direct sum of simple superalgebras. On  $\bar{A}$ ,  $\varphi$  and  $J$  induce maps  $\bar{\varphi}$  and  $\bar{J}$  satisfying (1). Every preimage of a unit  $\bar{u}_\alpha$  of  $\bar{A}$  is a unit  $u_\alpha$  of  $A_a$ . Thus we can change  $J$  by conjugation with a unit  $u_a$ , to make  $\bar{J}$  any desired antiautomorphism of  $\bar{A}$  of the same kind. In fact, if  $J$  is defined by  $x_\gamma^J = u_a^{-1} x_\gamma^J u_a$ , we can find a corresponding  $\varphi'$  so that  $J, \varphi'$  satisfy (1). Specifically if  $L$  is the inverse map to  $J$ , we can set  $x_\gamma^\varphi = u_a^{-1} x_\gamma^\varphi u_a^L$ , to show that we have:

$$\begin{aligned} (x_\gamma^\varphi)^\varphi &= u_a^{-1} (u_a^{-1} x_\gamma^\varphi u_a^L)^\varphi u_a^L \\ &= (-1)^\alpha u_a^{-1} (u_a^L x_\gamma z_\alpha) u_a^L \end{aligned}$$

where  $z_\alpha^J = u_a^{-1}$  and hence  $z_\alpha = z_\alpha^L = (u_a^{-1})^L$ , so that  $(x_\gamma^\varphi)^\varphi = (-1)^\alpha x_\gamma (u_a^{-1})^L u_a^L = x_\gamma$  since  $(-1)^\alpha (u_a^L)^{-1} = (u_a^{-1})^L$ . It suffices to find  $\bar{u}_\alpha$  of  $\bar{A}$  such that  $(\bar{u}_\alpha)^\varphi + \bar{u}_\alpha$  is a unit, for if  $u_\alpha$  is a preimage of  $\bar{u}_\alpha$ , then  $(u_\alpha)^\varphi + u_\alpha$  will be a  $\varphi$  fixed unit of  $A_a$ . Since  $\bar{A}$  is perfect, it suffices to prove.

**Lemma 3:** Let  $\bar{A}$  be a finite dimensional central simple superalgebra over a field  $F$  with a superinvolution  $J$  of the second kind and any associated  $\varphi$  to  $J$  then there is an element  $\bar{a}_\alpha$  in  $\bar{A}_\alpha$  such that  $(\bar{a}_\alpha)^\varphi + \bar{a}_\alpha$  is a unit.

**Proof:** The element  $w = 1^\varphi$  is central since  $J$  is a superinvolution. If  $w \neq -1$ , then  $\bar{a}_0 = 1$  will do. If  $w = -1$ , then  $(\bar{a}_\alpha)^\varphi = (\bar{a}_\alpha)^J w = -(\bar{a}_\alpha)^J$ . Since  $J$  is of order 2 on  $F$ , there is  $f$  in  $F$  such that  $f - f^J \neq 0$ , so again take  $\bar{a}_0 = f - f^J$ .

**Lemma 4:** Suppose  $Q$  is a right  $A^e = A \widehat{\otimes}_R A$  -supermodule, then:

$$Q = M \oplus I$$

where,  $M$  is the  $R$ -subsupermodule of  $Q$  generated by all elements of the form  $(a_\alpha \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes a_\alpha) q_\beta$ , where  $a_\alpha \in A_\alpha$  and  $q_\beta \in Q_\beta$ . If  $Q$  is  $R$ -projective as a supermodule over  $R$  then:

$$\text{rank}_R(A) \cdot \text{rank}_R(I) = \text{rank}_R(Q).$$

**Proof:** Consider the well-known split exact sequence of  $A^e$ -supermodules:

$$0 \rightarrow J \rightarrow A^e \xrightarrow{\mu} A \rightarrow 0$$

where,  $\mu(a_\alpha \otimes b_\beta) = a_\alpha b_\beta$  and  $J$  is a right super-ideal of  $A^e$  generated by all elements of the form  $a_\alpha \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes a_\alpha$  where  $a_\alpha \in A_\alpha$ . Suppose  $Q$  is a right  $A^e$ -supermodule. Tensoring by  $Q$  over  $A^e$  yields a split exact sequence of  $R$ -supermodules:

$$0 \rightarrow Q \widehat{\otimes}_{A^e} J \rightarrow Q \widehat{\otimes}_{A^e} A^e \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \mu} Q \widehat{\otimes}_{A^e} A \rightarrow 0$$

of course,  $Q \widehat{\otimes}_{A^e} A^e \cong Q$  under the map  $a_\alpha \otimes z_\beta \mapsto a_\alpha z_\beta$ . Under this isomorphism  $Q \widehat{\otimes}_{A^e} J$  is mapped onto  $M$  defined above. Thus  $Q \cong M \oplus I$ , where  $I \cong Q \widehat{\otimes}_{A^e} A$ . But:

$$I \widehat{\otimes}_R A \cong Q \widehat{\otimes}_{A^e} (A \widehat{\otimes}_R A) \cong Q \widehat{\otimes}_{A^e} (A^e \widehat{\otimes}_R A)$$

as an R-supermodules, therefore,  $I \widehat{\otimes}_R A \cong Q \widehat{\otimes}_{A^e} A^e \cong Q$ .

Suppose R is a local supercommutative super-ring,  $\sigma$  an automorphism of R of order 2, P is an R-progenerator as a supermodule over R and I a rank one R-projective supermodule. A morphism  $e: P \widehat{\otimes}_R P \rightarrow I$  is called a bilinear I form on P, a morphism  $e: P^\sigma \widehat{\otimes}_R P \rightarrow I$  is called a  $\sigma$  bilinear I form on P. The image  $e(p_\alpha \otimes q_\beta)$  is often written as  $e(p_\alpha, q_\beta)$  and in either case, e can be thought of as a map  $e: P \times P \rightarrow I$ . Such a form induces a map  $e^*: P \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(P, I)$  ( $P^\sigma \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(P, I)$ ) given by  $e^*(p_\alpha)(q_\beta) = e(p_\alpha, q_\beta)$ . In a similar manner, we define  $e_*: P \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(P, I)$  ( $P \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(P^\sigma, I)$ ) given by  $e_*(p_\alpha)(q_\beta) = e(p_\alpha, q_\beta)$ . If  $e^*$  and  $e_*$  are isomorphisms then we say e is nondegenerate. The next final result shows that the existence of superinvolutions on  $\text{End}_R(p)$ , where  $\text{End}_R(p)$  is an R-progenerator as a supermodule over R, is equivalent to the existence of forms on P and this result was proved in<sup>[1]</sup>.

**Theorem 9:** Let R be a connected super-ring and  $A = \text{End}_R(p)$  be a central separable R-superalgebra such that A is an R-progenerator as a supermodule over R, then:

- A has a superinvolution of the first kind if and only if there is a rank one R-projective I, a nondegenerate bilinear I form e on P and a  $\delta \in R_0$  such that  $\delta^2 = 1$  and  $e(x_\alpha, y_\beta) = (-1)^{\alpha\beta} \delta e(y_\beta, x_\alpha)$  for all  $x_\alpha, y_\beta$  in P
- Let  $\sigma$  be an automorphism of R of order 2. Then A has a superinvolution of the second kind extending  $\sigma$  if and only if there is a rank one R-projective I with a  $\sigma$ -linear automorphism of order 2 (also called  $\sigma$ ) a  $\sigma$ -bilinear I form e on P and an element  $\delta$  in  $R_0$  such that  $\sigma(\delta)\delta = 1$  and  $\sigma(e(x_\alpha, y_\beta)) = (-1)^{\alpha\beta} \delta e(y_\beta, x_\alpha)$  for all  $x_\alpha, y_\beta$  in P

## CONCLUSION

The extended two results proved by Saltman<sup>[6]</sup> to the supercase and the algebraic K-theory of projective supermodules over (torsion free) supercommutative super-rings would help any researcher to classify further properties about projective supermodules.

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