

## ON CERTAIN EXTENSIONS OF VALUED FIELDS

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ABSTRACT. Let  $v = v_1 \circ v_2 \circ \dots \circ v_n$  be a valuation of a field  $K$  with  $\text{rank } v = n$ . Let  $(L, z)/(K, v)$  be a finite extension of valued fields where  $z = z_1 \circ z_2 \circ \dots \circ z_n$  is the extension of  $v$  to field  $L$ . In this paper it is shown that, if  $(L, z)/(K, v)$  is a tame extension then finite extensions of valued fields  $(L, z_1)/(K, v_1)$  and  $(k_{z_{i-1}}, z_i)/(k_{v_{i-1}}, v_i)$  are tame extensions for  $i = 2, \dots, n$ . In this paper a residual transcendental extension of  $w = w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_n$  to  $K(x)$  is studied and a characterization of lifting polynomials is given where  $w_i$  is the residual extension of  $v_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper,  $v$  is a Henselian valuation of  $K$  with value group  $G_v$ , residue field  $k_v$ , valuation ring  $O_v$  and  $\bar{v}$  is the fixed extension of  $v$  to the algebraic closure  $\bar{K}$  of  $K$ . For any  $\lambda$  in the valuation ring of  $v$ ,  $\lambda_v^*$  will denote its  $v$ -residue i.e. the image of  $\lambda$  under the canonical homomorphism from the valuation ring of  $v$  onto residue field  $k_v$ . If  $\lambda$  is not an element of valuation ring then for an element  $b \in K$  such that  $v(\lambda) = v(b)$ ,  $\lambda_v^*$  will denote the  $v$ -residue of  $\lambda/b$ . Let  $L$  be a finite extension of  $K$ ,  $w$  be an extension of  $v$  to  $L$ ,  $e(w/v) = [G_w : G_v]$  and  $f(w/v) = [k_w : k_v]$  be the ramification index and the residue degree of  $w/v$  respectively. The extension of valued fields  $(L, w)/(K, v)$  is called tame extension if the following conditions are satisfied.

- i)  $[L : K] = e(w/v) \cdot f(w/v)$
- ii)  $k_w$  is a separable extension of  $k_v$
- iii)  $e(w/v)$  is not divisible by the characteristic of  $k_v$ .

An element  $(a, \delta) \in \bar{K} \times G_{\bar{v}}$  is called minimal pair with respect to  $(K, v)$  if every  $b \in \bar{K}$ ,  $\bar{v}(a - b) \geq \delta$  implies  $[K(a) : K] \leq [K(b) : K]$ . Let  $K(x)$  be a field of rational functions of one variable over  $K$ . The valuation  $w$  on  $K(x)$  is called a residual transcendental extension of  $v$  if  $k_w$  is a transcendental extension of  $k_v$ . Let  $w$  be a residual transcendental extension of  $v$  to  $K(x)$ . Then  $w$  is defined by minimal pairs  $(a, \delta) \in \bar{K} \times G_{\bar{v}}$ . Let  $f(x) = \text{Irr}(a, K)$  be minimal polynomial of  $a$  over  $K$  and  $\gamma = \sum_{a'} \inf(\delta, \bar{v}(a - a'))$  where  $a'$  runs

over all roots of  $f(x)$ . If  $F(x) \in K[x]$  and  $F(x) = \sum_i F_i(x) f(x)^i$ ,  $\deg F_i < \deg f$  is the  $f$ -expansion of  $F(x)$  then the valuation  $w$  on  $K(x)$  is defined as  $w(F) = \inf_i (\bar{v}(F_i(a)) + i \cdot \gamma)$ . Let  $e$  be the smallest positive integer such

that  $e.\gamma \in G_{v_a}$  and  $h(x) \in K[x]$  such that  $\deg h < \deg f$ ,  $\bar{v}(h(a)) = e.\gamma$  where  $v_a$  is the restriction of  $\bar{v}$  to field  $K(a)$ . Let  $r = \frac{f^e}{h} \in K(x)$  such that  $w(r) = 0$ . So  $r^*$  is transcendental over residue field  $k_v$  and also  $k_w = k_{v_a}(r^*)$  is the residue field of  $w$ . We will denote  $r^*$  by  $Y$ . Let  $g(Y) \in k_{v_a}[Y]$ .  $G(x) \in K[x]$  is a lifting of the polynomial  $g(Y)$  with respect to  $w$  if the following conditions are satisfied

- i)  $\deg G = e.\deg g.\deg f$
- ii)  $w(G) = e.\deg g.\gamma$
- iii)  $\left(\frac{G}{h^{\deg g}}\right)_w^* = g$ .

Let  $c$  be a root of  $G(x)$ . It is known that  $(c, a)$  is a distinguished pair with respect to  $v_1$ . Distinguished pairs, distinguished chains and their relations with lifting polynomials were firstly studied by Popescu and Zaharescu in 1995 [5]. The constants of an algebraic element are important for defining extensions of  $v$  to rational function field  $K(x)$ , giving characterizations of tame extensions and using in the definition of distinguished pairs. Let  $(K, v_1)$  be a Henselian valued field,  $v_i$  be a valuation of residue field  $k_{v_{i-1}}$  for  $i = 2, \dots, n$  and  $v = v_1 \circ v_2 \circ \dots \circ v_n$  be composite of valuations  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ . In this paper tame extensions of a valued field with a valuation  $v$  of  $\text{rank} v = n$  are studied and the definition of the residual transcendental extension  $w$  of  $v$  to  $K(x)$  is shown by using a root of a lifting polynomial. Also it is studied on the lifting of the polynomials with respect to  $w = w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_n$  by using the liftings with respect to  $w_i$  with  $\text{rank} w_i = 1$  for  $i = 2, \dots, n$ .

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $(K, v_1)$  be a Henselian valued field,  $v_i$  be a valuation with residue field  $k_{v_i}$  for  $i = 2, \dots, n$  and  $v = v_1 \circ v_2 \circ \dots \circ v_n$  be a composite of valuations  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ . Let  $L/K$  be a finite extension,  $z_1$  be an extension of  $v_1$  to  $L$ ,  $z_i$  be an extension of  $v_i$  to  $k_{z_i}$  for  $i = 2, \dots, n$  and  $w = w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_n$  be an extension of  $v$  to  $L$  which is a composite of valuations  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n$ . We suppose that  $(e_i, e_j) = 1$ , for  $i \neq j$  where  $e_i$  is the ramification index of the extension  $z_i/v_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . If  $(L, z)/(K, v)$  is a tame extension then  $(L, z_1)/(K, v_1)$  and  $(k_{z_{i-1}}, z_i)/(k_{v_{i-1}}, v_i)$  are tame extensions for  $i = 2, \dots, n$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $e$  and  $f$  be ramification index and residue degree of the extension  $(L, z)/(K, v)$  respectively. Assume that  $f_i$  is the residue degree of the extension  $z_i/v_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . It is clear that  $k_{z_n} = k_z$ ,  $k_{v_n} = k_v$  and  $f = f_n$ . Since  $(L, z)/(K, v)$  is a tame extension, the following conditions are satisfied.

- i)  $[L : K] = e.f$
- ii)  $e$  is not divisible by the characteristic of the residue field  $k_v$ .
- iii)  $k_z$  is a separable extension of  $k_v$ .

Since  $e = [G_z : G_v]$ , for an element  $b \in L$ ,  $e$  is the smallest positive integer such that  $e.z(b) \in G_v$ . Let  $b_i = b_{i-1}^*$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n-1$  where  $b_1 = b^*$ . Keeping in view of the definition of composite valuation we have

$$e.z(b) = e.(z_1(b), z_2(b_1), \dots, z_n(b_{n-1})) \in G_v = G_{v_1} \times G_{v_2} \times \dots \times G_{v_n}.$$

Consequently,

$$e.z_1(b) \in G_{v_1}, e.z_2(b_1) \in G_{v_2}, \dots, e.z_n(b_{n-1}) \in G_{v_n}.$$

Therefore  $e_i | e$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . So by the hypothesis; it is seen that  $e = e_1.e_2\dots.e_n$ . If this equality and the equality  $f = f_n$  are written in the first condition (i) then it is obtained that

$$(1) \quad [L : K] = e.f = e_1.e_2\dots.e_n.f_n.$$

The degree of the extension  $(k_{z_{n-1}}, z_n)/(k_{v_{n-1}}, v_n)$  is  $f_{n-1} = e_n.f_n.d_n$  where  $d_n$  is the defect of this extension. If the equality  $\frac{f_{n-1}}{d_n} = e_n.f_n$  is written in (1) then

$$[L : K] = e.f = e_1.e_2\dots.e_n \cdot \frac{f_{n-1}}{d_2}$$

is obtained. The degree of the extension  $(k_{z_{n-2}}, z_{n-1})/(k_{v_{n-2}}, v_{n-1})$  is  $f_{n-2} = e_{n-1}.f_{n-1}.d_{n-1}$  where  $d_{n-1}$  is the defect of this extension. By continuing in the same way, we have

$$e.f = e_1.f_1.d_1 = e_1.f_1 \cdot \frac{1}{d_2} \cdot \frac{1}{d_3} \dots \frac{1}{d_n}.$$

Therefore we obtain;

$$d_1 = \frac{1}{d_2} \cdot \frac{1}{d_3} \dots \frac{1}{d_n}.$$

Hence  $d_2 = d_3 = \dots = d_n = 1$  since  $d_i \in Z$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and so  $d_i = 1$ . Thus the degree of the extension  $(k_{z_{i-1}}, z_i)/(k_{v_{i-1}}, v_i)$  is  $f_{i-1} = e_i.f_i$  for  $i = 2, \dots, n$  and the degree of the extension  $(L, z_1)/(K, v_1)$  is  $[L : K] = e_1.f_1$ .  $k_{z_n}/k_{v_n}$  is a seperable extension since  $k_{z_n} = k_z$  and  $k_{v_n} = k_v$ . Keeping in view of the the equality  $char k_{v_n} = char k_v$  we obtain

$$char k_v \nmid e \Rightarrow char k_{v_n} \nmid e = e_1.e_2\dots.e_n \Rightarrow char k_{v_n} \nmid e_n.$$

For completing the proof of the theorem, subsituations will be studied.

Case1. If  $char k_{v_{n-1}} = 0$  then  $k_{v_{n-1}}$  is a perfect field. Therefore  $k_{z_{n-1}}/k_{v_{n-1}}$  is a seperable extension and  $e_{n-1}$  is not divisible by the characteristic of  $k_{v_{n-1}}$ .

Case 2. Let  $char k_{v_{n-1}}$  be a prime number. Then  $k_{v_{n-1}} = k_v$  and  $k_{z_{n-1}} = k_z$ . Thus  $k_{z_{n-1}}/k_{v_{n-1}}$  is a seperable extension and

$$char k_v \nmid e \Rightarrow char k_{v_{n-1}} \nmid e_1.e_2\dots.e_n \Rightarrow char k_{v_{n-1}} \nmid e_{n-1}.$$

By continuing in the same way, it is obtained that  $k_{z_i}/k_{v_i}$  is a seperable extension and  $char k_{v_i} \nmid e_i$  for  $i = n - 2, n - 1, \dots, 2, 1$ . Consequently it is obtained that the extensions  $(L, z_1)/(K, v_1)$  and  $(k_{z_{i-1}}, z_i)/(k_{v_{i-1}}, v_i)$  are tame extensions for  $i = 2, \dots, n$ .  $\square$

Let  $(K, v_1)$  be a henselian valued field,  $v_i$  be a valuation of residue field  $k_{v_i}$  for  $i = 2, \dots, n$  and  $v = v_1 \circ v_2 \circ \dots \circ v_n$  be composite of valuations  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ . Let  $w_1$  be a residual transcendental extension of  $v_1$  to the rational function field  $K(x)$  defined by minimal pair  $(a_1, \delta_1)$ ,  $w_i$  be a residual transcendental extension of  $v_i$  to the residue field  $k_{w_{i-1}}$  defined by minimal pair  $(a_i, \delta_i)$  for  $i = 2, \dots, n$  and  $w = w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_n$  be an extension of  $v$  to  $K(x)$ . Let  $f_1(x) = Irr(a_1, K)$  be a minimal polynomial of  $a_1$  respect to  $K$ ,  $w_1(f_1) = \gamma_1$  and  $e_1$  is the smallest positive integer such that  $e_1\gamma_1 \in G_{v_{a_1}}$  where  $v_{a_1}$  is the restriction of  $\bar{v}_1$  to  $K(a_1)$  and  $h_1(x) \in K[x]$  such that  $\deg h_1 < \deg f_1$ ,  $v_{a_1}(h_1(a_1)) = e_1\gamma_1$ . Let  $f_i = Irr(a_i, k_{v_{i-1}})$  be a minimal polynomial of  $a_i$  respect to  $k_{v_{i-1}}$ ,  $w_i(f_i) = \gamma_i$  and  $e_i$  is the smallest positive integer such

that  $e_i \gamma_i \in G_{v_{a_i}}$  where  $v_{a_i}$  is the restriction of  $\bar{v}_i$  to the field  $k_{v_{i-1}}(a_i)$  and  $h_i(x) \in k_{v_{a_{i-1}}}[Y_{i-1}]$  such that  $\deg h_i < \deg f_i$ ,  $v_{a_i}(h_i(a_i)) = e_i \gamma_i$  where  $w_1$ -residue of  $f_1^{e_1}/h_1$  is  $Y_1$  and  $w_i$ -residue of  $f_i^{e_i}/h_i$  is  $Y_i$  for  $i = 2, \dots, n$ . Under the above notations we have the following theorems.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $B_{i-1}(Y_{i-1}) \in k_{v_{a_{i-1}}}[Y_{i-1}]$  be a lifting polynomial of  $B_i(Y_i) \in k_{v_{a_i}}[Y_i]$  with respect to  $w_i$  for  $i = 2, \dots, n$  and  $B(x) \in K[x]$  be a lifting polynomial of  $B_1(Y_1) \in k_{v_{a_1}}[Y_1]$  with respect to  $w_1$ . Then  $B(x)$  is a lifting polynomial of  $B_n(Y_n) \in k_{v_{a_n}}[Y_n]$  with respect to  $w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_n$ .*

*Proof.* Proof can be obtained by induction. For  $n = 2$ , proof is clear from [8]. Suppose that assertion is true for  $n - 1$ . In other words, we assume that  $B(x)$  is a lifting polynomial of  $B_{n-1}(Y_{n-1})$  with respect to  $w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_{n-1}$ . Using the definition of lifting polynomial

$$(2) \quad \deg B = \deg B_{n-1} \cdot \deg g_{n-1},$$

$$(3) \quad (w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_{n-1})(B) = \deg B_{n-1} \cdot (w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_{n-1})(g_{n-1}),$$

$$(4) \quad \left( \frac{B}{H_{n-2}^{\deg B_{n-1}}} \right)_{w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_{n-1}}^* = B_{n-1}$$

are satisfied. Since  $B_{n-1}$  is a lifting polynomial of  $B_n$  with respect to  $w_n$

$$(5) \quad \deg B_{n-1} = \deg B_n \cdot \deg f_n,$$

$$(6) \quad w_n(B_{n-1}) = \deg B_n \cdot \gamma_n,$$

$$(7) \quad \left( \frac{B_{n-1}}{h_n^{\deg B_n}} \right)_{w_n}^* = B_n$$

are hold. Writing the equality (5) in the equation (2) it is obtained that  $\deg B = \deg B_n \cdot \deg g_n$ . Considering the equations (3), (5) together with the equation (6) it is obtained that

$$\begin{aligned} (w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_{n-1})(B) &= (w_1(B), w_2(B_1), \dots, w_{n-1}(B_{n-2})) \\ &= \deg B_{n-1} \cdot (w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_{n-1})(g_{n-1}) \\ &= \deg B_n \cdot \deg f_n \cdot (e_1 \cdot \deg f_{n-1} \cdot \deg f_{n-2} \dots \\ &\quad \deg f_2 \cdot \gamma_1, \dots, \deg f_{n-1} \cdot \gamma_{n-2}, \gamma_n). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$(w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_n)(B) = \deg B_n \cdot (w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_n)(g_n)$$

is satisfied. Considering the equalities

$$(w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_n)(g_n) = (\bar{v}_1 \circ \bar{v}_2 \circ \dots \circ \bar{v}_n)(H_{n-1}(c_{n-1})) = (w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_n)(H_{n-1})$$

from [5] and

$$(w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_n)(g_n) = (\deg f_n \cdot e_1 \cdot \deg f_{n-1} \cdot \deg f_{n-2} \dots \deg f_2 \cdot \gamma_1, \dots, \deg f_n \cdot \gamma_{n-1}, \deg B_n \cdot \gamma_n)$$

the equality

$$\begin{aligned} (w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_{n-1})(H_{n-1}) &= \deg f_n \cdot (w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_{n-1})(g_{n-1}) \\ &= \deg f_n \cdot (w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_{n-1})(H_{n-2}) \end{aligned}$$

is obtained. Since  $w_n(h_n) = \gamma_n$  it is seen that

$$(8) \quad \left( \frac{H_{n-1}}{H_{n-2}^{\deg f_n}} \right)_{w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_{n-1}}^* = h_n$$

Using the equalities (4), (5), (7) and (8) it is obtained that

$$\left( \frac{B}{H_{n-1}^{\deg B_n}} \right)_{w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_n}^* = B_n$$

So the proof is completed.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $g_i \in K[x]$  be a lifting polynomial of  $f_i \in k_{v_{a_{i-1}}}[Y_{i-1}]$  with respect to  $w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_{i-1}$  for  $i = 2, \dots, n$ . Then the equality*

$$\begin{aligned} (w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_n)(g_n) = & (e_1 \cdot \deg f_n \cdot \deg f_{n-1} \dots \deg f_2 \cdot \gamma_1, \\ & \deg f_n \cdot \deg f_{n-1} \dots \deg f_3 \cdot \gamma_2, \dots, \\ & \deg f_n \cdot \deg f_{n-1} \dots \deg f_3 \cdot \gamma_2, \dots, \\ & \deg f_n \cdot \deg f_{n-1} \cdot \gamma_{n-2}, \deg f_n \cdot \gamma_{n-1}, \gamma_n) \end{aligned}$$

is satisfied.

*Proof.* Proof can be obtained by induction. For  $n = 2$ ,  $(w_1 \circ w_2)(g_2) = (\deg f_2 \cdot \gamma_1, \gamma_2)$  is known from [8]. Suppose that assertion is true for  $n - 1$ . In other words, we assume that the equality

$$\begin{aligned} (w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_{n-1})(g_{n-1}) = & (e_1 \cdot \deg f_{n-1} \cdot \deg f_{n-2} \dots \deg f_2 \cdot \gamma_1, \\ & \deg f_1 \cdot \deg f_{n-2} \dots \deg f_3 \cdot \gamma_2, \dots, \\ & \deg f_{n-1} \cdot \gamma_{n-2}, \gamma_{n-1}) \end{aligned}$$

is satisfied. The composite valuation  $w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_{i-1}$  is defined by the minimal pair  $(c_{n-2}, \lambda_{n-2})$  where  $c_{n-2}$  is a root of the polynomial  $g_{n-1}$  and  $\lambda_{n-2} = (\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_{n-1})$  from [4]. Let  $v_{c_{n-2}}$  denote the restriction of the valuation  $\bar{v}$  to the field  $K(c_{n-2})$  and  $e$  be the smallest positive integer such that  $e \cdot (w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_{n-1})(g_n) \in G_{v_{c_{n-2}}}$ . The equality

$$(w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_{n-1})(g_n) = e \cdot (w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_{n-1})(g_{n-1}) \cdot \deg f_n$$

is satisfied since  $g_n$  is a lifting of the polynomial  $f_n$  with respect to composite valuation  $w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_{n-1}$ . We suppose that  $f_n$  is a lifting of some polynomial  $J_n \in k_{v_{a_n}}[Y_n]$ . Thus  $\deg f_n = e_n \cdot \deg J_n$  and so  $e_n = 1$ . Also  $e = 1$  is obtained with the same way in [8]. Hence

$$(w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_{n-1})(g_n) = (w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_{n-1})(g_{n-1}) \cdot \deg f_n$$

is written. Keeping in view of the equation

$$\begin{aligned} (w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_{n-1})(g_n) = & (w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_{n-1})(g_{n-1}) \cdot \deg f_n, \\ & (e_1 \cdot \deg f_n \deg f_{n-1} \cdot \deg f_{n-2} \dots \deg f_2 \cdot \gamma_1, \\ & \deg f_n \deg f_1 \cdot \deg f_{n-2} \dots \deg f_3 \cdot \gamma_2, \dots, \\ & \deg f_n \deg f_{n-1} \cdot \gamma_{n-2}, \deg f_n \gamma_{n-1}) \end{aligned}$$

and the fact that  $g_n$  is a lifting of the polynomial  $f_n$  with respect to composite valuation  $w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_{n-1}$  it is obtained that

$$\begin{aligned}
(w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_n)(g_n) &= (e_1 \cdot \deg f_n \deg f_{n-1} \cdot \deg f_{n-2} \dots \deg f_2 \cdot \gamma_1, \\
&\quad \deg f_n \deg f_1 \cdot \deg f_{n-2} \dots \deg f_3 \cdot \gamma_2, \dots, \\
&\quad \deg f_n \deg f_{n-1} \cdot \gamma_{n-2}, \deg f_n \gamma_{n-1}, w_n(f_n)) \\
&= (e_1 \cdot \deg f_n \cdot \deg f_{n-1} \dots \deg f_2 \cdot \gamma_1, \\
&\quad \deg f_n \cdot \deg f_{n-1} \dots \deg f_3 \cdot \gamma_2, \dots, \dots, \\
&\quad \deg f_n \cdot \deg f_{n-1} \dots \deg f_3 \cdot \gamma_2, \dots, \dots, \\
&\quad \deg f_n \cdot \deg f_{n-1} \cdot \gamma_{n-2}, \deg f_n \cdot \gamma_{n-1}, \gamma_n)
\end{aligned}$$

as desired.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $g_i \in K[x]$  be a lifting polynomial of  $f_i \in k_{v_{a_{i-1}}}[Y_{i-1}]$  with respect to  $w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_{i-1}$  for  $i = 2, \dots, n$  and  $c_{n-1}$  be a root of  $g_n$  that defines composite valuation  $w = w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_n$  with  $\lambda_{n-1} = (\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_n)$  and  $v$ . If  $F(x) \in K[x]$  and  $F(x) = \sum_i F_i g_n(x)^i$ ,  $\deg F_i < \deg g_n$  is the  $g_n$ -expansion of  $F$  then the valuation  $w$  is defined as*

$$\begin{aligned}
(w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_n)(F) &= \inf_i \{ (\bar{v}_1(F_i(c_{n-1}))), w_2((F_i(x)/F_i(c_{n-1}))_{w_1}^*), \\
&\quad w_3((F_i(x)/F_i(c_{n-1}))_{w_1 \circ w_2}^*), \dots, \\
&\quad w_n((F_i(x)/F_i(c_{n-1}))_{w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_n}^*) \} + \\
&\quad i \cdot (e_1 \cdot \deg f_n \cdot \deg f_{n-1} \dots \deg f_2 \cdot \gamma_1, \\
&\quad \deg f_n \cdot \deg f_{n-1} \dots \deg f_3 \cdot \gamma_2, \dots, \\
&\quad \deg f_n \cdot \deg f_{n-1} \cdot \gamma_{n-2}, \deg f_n \cdot \gamma_{n-1}, \gamma_n)
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* It is known that the valuation  $w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_{n-1}$  is defined by the minimal pair  $(c_{n-2}, \lambda_{n-2})$  where  $c_{n-2}$  is a root of the polynomial  $g_{n-1}$  and  $\lambda_{n-2} = (\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_{n-1})$  from [4]. If we consider that  $g_n$  is a lifting of the polynomial  $f_n$  with respect to  $w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_{n-1}$  and the composite valuation  $w = w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_n$  is defined by the minimal pair  $(c_{n-1}, \lambda_{n-1})$  where  $c_{n-1}$  is a root of the polynomial  $g_{n-2}$  and  $\lambda_{n-1} = (\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_{n-2})$  then we see that  $(w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_n)(F_i) = (\bar{v}_1 \circ \bar{v}_2 \circ \dots \circ \bar{v}_n)(F_i(c_{n-1}))$ . Hence the equality  $(w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_j)(F_i) = (\bar{v}_1 \circ \bar{v}_2 \circ \dots \circ \bar{v}_j)(F_i(c_{n-1}))$  is hold for  $j = 1, \dots, n$ . So  $\frac{F_i(x)}{F_i(c_{n-1})}$  have a residue with respect to  $w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_j$ . Therefore we write the equality

$$\begin{aligned}
(w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_n)(F_i) &= (\bar{v}_1(F_i(c_{n-1}))), w_2((F_i(x)/F_i(c_{n-1}))_{w_1}^*), \\
&\quad w_3((F_i(x)/F_i(c_{n-1}))_{w_1 \circ w_2}^*), \dots, \\
&\quad w_n((F_i(x)/F_i(c_{n-1}))_{w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_n}^*)
\end{aligned}$$

by using the definition the composite valuation. Keeping in view of the expression from Theorem 2.3. we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (w_1 \circ \dots \circ w_n)(F) &= \inf_i \{(w_1 \circ \dots \circ w_n)(F_i) + i \cdot (w_1 \circ \dots \circ w_n)(g_n)\} \\
 &= \inf_i \{(\bar{v}_1(F_i(c_{n-1})), w_2((F_i(x)/F_i(c_{n-1}))_{w_1}^*), \\
 &\quad w_3((F_i(x)/F_i(c_{n-1}))_{w_1 \circ w_2}^*), \dots, \\
 &\quad w_n((F_i(x)/F_i(c_{n-1}))_{w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \dots \circ w_n}^*)\} + \\
 &\quad i \cdot (e_1 \cdot \deg f_n \cdot \deg f_{n-1} \dots \deg f_2 \cdot \gamma_1, \\
 &\quad \deg f_n \cdot \deg f_{n-1} \dots \deg f_3 \cdot \gamma_2, \dots, \\
 &\quad \deg f_n \cdot \deg f_{n-1} \cdot \gamma_{n-2}, \deg f_n \cdot \gamma_{n-1}, \gamma_n).
 \end{aligned}$$

So the proof is completed.  $\square$

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