

Schur Multipliers and Cohomology of Finite Groups.

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ABSTRACT

G 를 유한군으로, C 를 모든 복소수체로 가정하고, V 를 C 상에서의 유한차원 벡터 공간이라 하자. V 상에서의 G 의 사영적 표시는, $x, y \in G$ 이고 $\alpha: G \times G \rightarrow C$ 를 Factor set이라 할 때

$$T(x)T(y) = T(xy)\alpha(x, y)$$

이 되는 함수 $T: G \rightarrow GL(V)$ 를 말한다.

본 논문의 목적은 군에 대한 Extension theory를 사용해서, G 상의 factor set들의 동치류들은 G 의 Second Cohomology group과 동형이라는 것을 증명하는 것이다.

Introduction

Throughout this note, We assume that G is a finite Group and C is the field of all complex numbers. Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over C . A projective representation of G on V is a function $T: G \rightarrow GL(V)$ such that

$$T(x) T(y) = T(xy) \alpha(x, y,)$$

where $x, y \in G$ and $\alpha: G \times G \rightarrow C$ which is called the Factor set of T .

The purpose of this note is to prove by using "Extention theory of groups" that the equivalence classes of factor sets on G is isomorphic to the second cohomology group of G .

§ 1. The Schur Multipliers

DEFINITION 1. Let us put $C^* = C - \{0\}$. If a function $\alpha: G \times G \rightarrow C^*$ satisfies

$$\alpha(x, yz) \alpha(y, z) = \alpha(x, y) \alpha(xy, z)$$

for all $x, y, z \in G$ then α is called a factor set of G . For two factor sets α and β of G , if there is a function $C: G \rightarrow C^*$ such that $\alpha(x, y) = \beta(x, y) C(x) C(y) C(xy)^{-1}$ for all $x, y \in G$, then α and β are said to be equivalent, Written $\alpha \sim \beta$.

It is easy to prove that \sim is an equivalence relation.

LEMMA 2. If α is the factor set of a projective representation of G , then α is a factor set of G .

PROOF For $x, y, z \in G$, since $T(x) \in GL(V)$ we have

$$T(x)[T(y)T(z)] = [T(x)T(y)]T(z).$$

Since $T(x)T(y) = \alpha(x, y)T(xy)$,

$$\begin{aligned} T(x)[T(y)T(z)] &= T(x)\alpha(y, z)T(yz) = \alpha(x, yz)\alpha(y, z) T(xyz) \\ [T(x)T(y)]T(z) &= \alpha(x, y)T(xy)T(z) = \alpha(x, y)\alpha(xy, z)T(xyz) \\ \therefore \alpha(x, yz)\alpha(y, z) &= \alpha(x, y)\alpha(xy, z). \end{aligned}$$

Let $T_1: G \rightarrow GL(V_1)$ and $T_2: G \rightarrow GL(V_2)$ be projective representations of G . If there is an C -Vector space isomorphism $f: V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ such that $T_1(x) = C(x) f^{-1}T_2(x)f$ for some $c(x) \in C$ and all $x \in G$, then T_1 and T_2 are said to be equivalent.

LEMMA 3. If two projective representations T_1 and T_2 of G are equivalent, then their factor sets are also equivalent.

PROOF. We compute $T_1(x)T_2(y)$ in two way;

$$T_1(x)T_2(y) = \alpha_1(x, y)T_1(xy) = \alpha_1(x, y)c(xy) f^{-1}T_2(xy)f,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} T_1(x)T_2(y) &= C(x) f^{-1}T_2(x)f \cdot T_2(y) fC(y) \\ &= C(x)C(y) f^{-1}T_2(x)T_2(y)f \\ &= C(x)C(y)\alpha_2(x, y) f^{-1}T_2(xy)f. \end{aligned}$$

Where $\alpha_i (i=1, 2)$ is the factor set of T_i and f is a C -Vector space isomorphism. Therefore,

$$\alpha_1(x, y) = \alpha_2(x, y)C(x)C(y)C(xy)^{-1}.$$

Let M_G be the set of all factor sets of G . For $\alpha, \beta \in M_G$

We define $(\alpha\beta)(x, y) = \alpha(x, y)\beta(x, y)$ for all $x, y \in G$ and define $\alpha^{-1}(x, y) = \alpha(x, y)^{-1}$.

Then, if $\alpha \sim \alpha'$ and $\beta \sim \beta'$ we have $\alpha\beta \sim \alpha'\beta'$ and $\alpha^{-1} \sim (\alpha')^{-1}$.

They are easily proved as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \begin{aligned} \alpha \sim \alpha' &\Rightarrow \alpha(x, y) = \alpha'(x, y)C_1(x)C_1(y)C_1(xy)^{-1} \\ \beta \sim \beta' &\Rightarrow \beta(x, y) = \beta'(x, y)C_2(x)C_2(y)C_2(xy)^{-1} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \\ (\alpha\beta)(x, y) &= \alpha(x, y)\beta(x, y) = \alpha'(x, y)\beta'(x, y)C_1(x)C_2(x)C_1(y)C_2(y) \\ &\quad C_1(xy)^{-1}C_2(xy)^{-1} \\ &= (\alpha'\beta')(x, y)C(x)C(y)C(xy)^{-1}, \text{ where } C(x) = C_1(x)C_2(x). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\alpha\beta \sim \alpha'\beta'$. Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha \sim \alpha' &\Rightarrow \alpha(x, y) = \alpha'(x, y)C(x)C(y)C(xy)^{-1} \\ &\Rightarrow \alpha^{-1}(x, y) = \alpha(x, y)^{-1} = \alpha'(x, y)^{-1}C(x)^{-1}C(y)^{-1}C(xy) \\ &= \alpha'^{-1}(x, y)C'(x)C'(y)C'(xy)^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

Where $C'(x) = C(x)^{-1}$. Hence, We have $\alpha^{-1} \sim (\alpha')^{-1}$. Let us Put

$$M_G = M_G / \sim,$$

Which is called the Schur multiplier of G .

LEMMA 4. M_G is a finite group.

PROOF. Let $|G|$ be the number of all elements in G .

At first, we shall prove that for every $\{\alpha\} \in M_G$ $|\alpha| |G| = I$.

Let α be a representative of $\{\alpha\}$.

For $x \in G$ define

$$\varphi_\alpha(x) = \prod_{z \in G} \alpha(x, z).$$

Since $\alpha(x, y)\alpha(xy, z) = \alpha(x, yz)\alpha(y, z)$ for $x, y, z \in G$

We have

$$\alpha(x, y) = \frac{\alpha(x, yz)\alpha(y, z)}{\alpha(xy, z)},$$

and thus

$$\alpha(x, y) |G| = \prod_{z \in G} \frac{\alpha(x, yz)\alpha(y, z)}{\alpha(xy, z)} = \frac{\varphi_\alpha(x)\varphi_\alpha(y)}{\varphi_\alpha(xy)},$$

Where $\prod_{z \in G} yz = G$. Therefore, We have

$$\alpha(x, y) |G| = I(x, y)\varphi_\alpha(x)\varphi_\alpha(y)\varphi_\alpha(xy)^{-1},$$

and thus

$$\{\alpha\} |G| = \{I\}.$$

Where $I: G \times G \rightarrow C^*$ is defined by $I(x, y) = I$ for all $x, y \in G$. Next, we shall prove that if $\{\alpha\}^e = \{I\}$ ($e \leq |G|$).

there is a factor set α^e of G such that $\alpha^e(x, y) = I$ and $\alpha^e \in \{\alpha\}$. Since $\{\alpha\}^e = \{I\}$ there is a function $a: G \rightarrow C^*$ such that

$$\alpha(x, y)^e = a(x)a(y)a(xy)^{-1}.$$

We define a function $b: G \rightarrow C^*$ such that $b(x)^e a(x) = I$ for all $x \in G$.

Define $\alpha^e \in M_G$ by

$$\alpha^e(x, y) = \alpha(x, y)b(x)b(y)b(xy)^{-1} \text{ for all } x, y \in G.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^e(x, y)^e &= \alpha(x, y)^e b(x)^e b(y)^e b(xy)^{-e} \\ &= a(x)a(y)a(xy)^{-1} \cdot a(x)^{-1} a(y)^{-1} a(xy) = I. \end{aligned}$$

Since the number of $|G|^{th}$ roots of I are at most $|G|$,

the above proofs say that $|M_G|$ is finite.

It is clear that M_G is a multiplicative group.

Therefore M_G is a finite group.

§ 2 The 2-dimensional Cohomology group of G .

DEFINITION 4. Let A be an abelian group and G a group.

A group extension of A by G is a short exact sequence

$$E: 0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{k} B \xrightarrow{\sigma} G \rightarrow I,$$

Where B and G are not necessary abelian groups and K, σ group homomorphisms and $K(A)$ a normal subgroup of B .

For convenience, we shall write the group composition in B as addition. Let us Put

$\text{Aut}A =$ the group of automorphisms of A .

Then there is a homomorphism $\theta: B \rightarrow \text{Aut}A$ which is defined by

$$\begin{array}{c} \theta(b) \quad K \\ A \xrightarrow{\quad} A \xrightarrow{\quad} B \\ \cup \quad \quad \cup \\ a \rightsquigarrow \theta(b)a \rightsquigarrow K(\theta(b)a) = b + K(a) - b \end{array}$$

for all $b \in B$. Since B is not abelian $b + K(a) - b = b - b + k(a) = 0$ By using this homomorphism θ we can define a homomorphism $\varphi: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}A$ with $\theta = \varphi \cdot \sigma$. That is, for $a \in A$ and $b \in B$

$$K[(\varphi[\sigma[b]])a] = b + K(a) - b.$$

Thus, in E A is a G -module, and E is an extension of A by G with operator $\varphi: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}A$. Note that $b + k(a) - b \in K(A)$, since $K(A)$ is normal in B . Let $A \rtimes_{\varphi} G$, be the semi-direct product of A and G , That is, for $(a_1, g_1), (a_2, g_2) \in A \rtimes_{\varphi} G$, We have addition in $A \rtimes_{\varphi} G$ such that

$$(a_1, g_1) + (a_2, g_2) = (a_1 + \varphi(g_1)a_2, g_1g_2),$$

So $A \rtimes_{\varphi} G$ is not abelian, of course

$$\begin{array}{c} 0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow A \rtimes_{\varphi} G \rightarrow G \rightarrow I \\ \cup \quad \quad \cup \quad \cup \quad \quad \cup \\ a \rightsquigarrow (a, I)(a, g) \rightsquigarrow g \end{array}$$

is an extension of A by G . We have to note that $A \times G$, $A \rtimes_{\varphi} G$ and B (in E) are all isomorphic as sets.

DEFINITION 5. Let $E: 0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow G \rightarrow I$ and $E': 0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow B_1 \rightarrow G \rightarrow I$ be two extensions of A by G .

By a morphism $F: E \rightarrow E'$ we mean a triple $F = (I_A, \beta, I_G)$ of group homomorphisms such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & K & \sigma & & & \\
 E: & o \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & B & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & G \longrightarrow I \\
 & & \downarrow I_A & & \beta & & \downarrow I_G \\
 E: & o \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & G \longrightarrow I
 \end{array}$$

is commutative. By the short five lemma ([2]) β must be an isomorphism.

In this case, $F = F(I_A, \beta, I_G)$ is called a congruence, and thus each congruence has inverse. Let us denote the set of all congruence classes of extensions of A by G with operator φ by $\text{opext}(A, \varphi, G)$.

For convenience, Let us put

$$K(a) = a, \quad \varphi(x)a = xa$$

for $a \in A$ and $x \in G$ in E . For each $x \in G$ we take an element $U(x)$ in $\sigma^{-1}(x)$. Then, from $K[(\varphi\sigma(U(x)))a] = U(x) + K(a) = U(x)$ we have

$$xa + U(x) = a + U(x).$$

On the other hand, for $x, y \in G$ $\sigma[U(x) + U(y)] = xy$ and thus $U(x) + U(y)$ is contained in $\sigma^{-1}(xy)$. Therefore, there exists an element $f_E(x, y)$ of A such that

$$U(x) + U(y) = f_E(x, y) + U(xy). \quad (*)$$

Since $\sigma(o) = I$, We have $U(I) = 0$ and also

$$f_E(x, I) = 0 = f_E(I, y), \quad x, y \in G \quad (*')$$

Then, $f_E: G \times G \rightarrow A$ satisfies the following:

(i) For $x, y, z \in G$

$$xf_E(y, z) + f_E(x, yz) = f_E(x, y) + f_E(xy, z) \quad (**)$$

(ii) If we take an other element $U'(x)$ in $\sigma^{-1}(x)$,

then for $x, y, z \in G$

$$f_{U'}(x, y) = \delta g(x, y) + f_E(x, y),$$

Where

$$(\delta g)(x, y) = xg(y) - g(xy) + g(x), \quad x, y \in G \quad (***)$$

and $g: G \rightarrow A$ is a function.

(iii) If $f: G \times G \rightarrow A$ satisfies $(*)'$ and $(**)$ then f is called a factor set of (A, φ, G) . We denote by F the set of all factor sets of (A, φ, G) . For $f, f' \in F$ if there is a function $\delta g: G \times G \rightarrow A$ satisfying $(***)$ such that $f'(x, y) = \delta g(x, y) + f(x, y)$

then f and f' are said to be isomorphic, written $f \sim f'$. Then \sim is an equivalence relation.

We put $F = F/\sim$

The above function $f_E: G \times G \rightarrow A$ in $(*)$ is a factor set of (A, φ, G) .

LEMMA 6. As sets, F and $\text{Opext}(A, \varphi, G)$ are isomorphic.

PROOF, For each $\{f\} \in F$ We can Construct an extension

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} O & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & A \times_f G & \longrightarrow & G \longrightarrow I \\ & & \Downarrow & & \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\ & & a & & (a, I) & \Downarrow & \Downarrow \\ & & & & (a, x) & \rightsquigarrow & X \end{array}$$

of A by G as follows, For $u(x) = (a, x)$, $U(y) = (b, y)$ ($a, b \in A, x, y \in G$) define the following:

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad & U(xy) = (a + xb, xy) \\ (b) \quad & U(x) + U(y) = (a + xb + f[xy], xy) \end{aligned}$$

Then, by $(*)'$ and $(**)$ We have

$$\begin{aligned} (O, I) + (a, X) &= (a, X) + (o, I) = (a, x) \\ [U(x) + U(y)] + U(z) &= U(x) + [U(y) + U(z)], \end{aligned}$$

and for $b \in A$ with $xb = -a$ we have also

$$\begin{aligned} (a, x) + (b, x^{-1}) &= (b, x^{-1}) + (a, x) = (o, I) \\ (\text{Note that } -xa = b &\Rightarrow xb = -a), \end{aligned}$$

Then $A \times_f G$ is a group AXG with the above addition (b) .

For two factor sets f and $f' \in \{f\} \in F$ we consider two extensions

$$\begin{aligned} E: \quad & o \rightarrow A \rightarrow A \times_f G \rightarrow G \rightarrow I, \\ E': \quad & o \rightarrow A \rightarrow A \times_{f'} G \rightarrow G \rightarrow I \end{aligned}$$

of A by G . We define a mapping

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \beta: & AX_f G & \longrightarrow & AX_{f'} G \\ & \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\ & a + U(x) & \rightsquigarrow & a + g(x) + U'(x) \end{array}$$

Where $g: G \rightarrow A$ is a function (Note that each element of $A \times_{f'} G$ can be represented uniquely as $a + U'(x)$ for $a \in A$ and $x \in G$).

Since $U(x) + a = xa + U(x)$ We have

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(a + U(x)) + (b + U(y)) &= a + xb + f(x, y) + g(xy) + U'(xy). \\ \beta(a + U(x)) + \beta(b + U(y)) &= a + g(x) + xb + xg(y) + f'(x, y) + U'(xy). \end{aligned}$$

By $(**)$

$$\beta(a + u(x)) + \beta(b + U(y)) = \beta(a + U(x)) + (b + U(y))$$

and thus β is a homomorphism, Define

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \beta^{-1}: & A \times_{f'} G & \longrightarrow & A \times_f G \\ & \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\ & a + U'(x) & \rightsquigarrow & a - g(x) + U(x), \end{array}$$

then β^{-1} is a homomorphism and $\beta^{-1}\beta = I_A \times_f G$. Therefore, β is an isomorphism and E' is in the congruence class belonging to E . Similary, We can prove that if $\Gamma: E \rightarrow E'$ is a congruence then $f_E \sim f_{E'}$, where f_E is the factor set of E and $f_{E'}$ the factor set of E' . In

consequence, we proved that F and $\text{Opext}(A, \varphi, G)$ are isomorphic as sets.

DEFINITION 7. For $\{f\}, \{f'\} \in F$ we define

$$\{f\} + \{f'\} = \{f + f'\},$$

where $(f + f')(x, Y) = f(x, y) + f'(x, y)$ for all $(x, y) \in G \times G$.

Then F becomes an abelian group. Since $F \cong \text{Opext}(Z, \varphi, G)$ (as sets), by the abelian group F we can introduce on $\text{Opext}(A, \varphi, G)$ the structure of abelian group. Therefore, Lemma 6 says that $F \cong \text{Opext}(A, \varphi, G)$ as abelian groups, we put

$$\text{Opext}(A, \varphi, G) = H^2(G, A),$$

which is called the 2-dimensional cohomology group of G with respect to A and φ .

An extension of C^* by G is a short exact sequence

$$E: I \rightarrow C^* \rightarrow B \rightarrow G \rightarrow I.$$

where B is a multiplicative group and the action of G on C^* is trivial, i.e., $\forall \gamma \in C^*$ and $\forall x \in G \quad x\gamma = \gamma$. We put

$$IC^*: \begin{array}{ccc} G & \longrightarrow & \text{Aut } C^* \\ \cup & & \cup \\ X & \rightsquigarrow & I C^* \end{array}$$

and also $\text{Opext}(C^*, I_G, G) = H^2(G, C^*)$

THEOREM 8. $M_G \cong H^2(G, C^*)$

PROOF. In Definition 5, We see that $M_G \cong F$ Using multiplication instead of addition (refer Definition I), When

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} E: I & \longrightarrow & C^* & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & G \longrightarrow o \\ & & \parallel & & \cong \downarrow \beta & \parallel & \\ E': I & \longrightarrow & C^* & \longrightarrow & B' & \longrightarrow & G \longrightarrow o \end{array}$$

$\Gamma = T(IC^*, \beta, I_G): E \rightarrow E'$ is a congruence. of course

$\text{Opext}(C^*, I_G, G)$ = the set of all congruence classes of extensions Of C^* by G with operator I_G .

By Lemma 6, as abelian groups $F \cong \text{Opext}(C^*, I, G) = H^2(G, C^*)$.

Thus, We proved that $M_G \cong H^2(G, C^*)$.

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