

## SOME UPPER BOUNDS FOR THE DIMENSION OF THE $c$ -NILPOTENT MULTIPLIER OF A PAIR OF LIE ALGEBRAS

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### Abstract

The notion of the Schur multiplier of a Lie algebra  $L$  was introduced by Batten in 1996. Recently, the first author introduced the concept of the  $c$ -nilpotent multiplier of a pair of Lie algebras and gave some exact sequences for the  $c$ -nilpotent multiplier of a pair of Lie algebras. The purpose of this paper is to derive some inequalities for dimension of the  $c$ -nilpotent multiplier of a pair of Lie algebras.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY

The Schur multiplier  $\mathcal{M}(G)$  of a group  $G$  was introduced by Schur [16] in 1904. Let  $1 \rightarrow R \rightarrow F \rightarrow G \rightarrow 1$  be a free presentation of a group  $G$ . Then the  $c$ -nilpotent multiplier of  $G$  is defined to be  $\mathcal{M}^{(c)}(G) = (R \cap \gamma_{c+1}(F)) / [R, c F]$ ,

where  $[R,{}_c F]$  denotes the commutator subgroup  $[R, \underbrace{F, \dots, F}_{c-times}]$  and  $c \geq 1$ . The case  $c = 1$  which has been much studied is the Schur multiplier of  $G$ , denoted by  $\mathcal{M}(G)$ . (See [8], for more information). Recently, authors investigated to develop some results on the group theory case to Lie algebra. In [15], analogues to the  $c$ -nilpotent multiplier of groups, for a given Lie algebra  $L$ , the  $c$ -nilpotent multiplier of  $L$  is defined as  $\mathcal{M}^{(c)}(L) = (R \cap \gamma_{c+1}(F)) / \gamma_{c+1}(R, F)$ , where  $\gamma_{c+1}(F)$  is the  $(c+1)$ -st term of the lower central series of  $F$ ,  $\gamma_1(R, F) = R$  and  $\gamma_{c+1}(R, F) = [\gamma_c(R, F), F]$ . The Lie algebra  $\mathcal{M}^{(1)}(L) = \mathcal{M}(L)$  is the Schur multiplier of  $L$  (see [5, 10, 11] for more information). One may check that  $\mathcal{M}^{(c)}(L)$  is independent of the choice of the free presentation of  $L$ .

Let  $(N, L)$  be a pair of Lie algebras, in which  $N$  is an ideal in  $L$ . The Schur multiplier of  $(N, L)$  to be the abelian Lie algebra  $\mathcal{M}(N, L)$  appearing in the following natural exact sequence of Lie algebras

$$\begin{aligned} H_3(L) &\rightarrow H_3(L/N) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(N, L) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(L) \\ &\rightarrow \mathcal{M}(L/N) \rightarrow \frac{L}{[N, L]} \rightarrow \frac{L}{L^2} \rightarrow \frac{L}{(L^2 + N)} \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{M}(-)$  and  $H_3(-)$  denote the Schur multiplier and the third homology of a Lie algebra, respectively. This is analogous to the definition of the Schur multiplier of a pair of groups given by Ellis [7]. For every free presentation  $0 \rightarrow R \rightarrow F \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$  of  $L$ ,  $\mathcal{M}(N, L)$  is isomorphic to the factor Lie algebra  $(R \cap [S, F]) / [R, F]$ , where  $S$  is an ideal in  $F$  such that  $S/R \cong N$ , see [2, 12, 14] for more information. In particular, if  $N = L$ , then the Schur multiplier of  $(N, L)$  is  $\mathcal{M}(L)$ . Using the above notion, we can define the  $c$ -nilpotent multiplier of a pair  $(N, L)$  as  $\mathcal{M}^{(c)}(N, L) = (R \cap [S, {}_c F]) / [R, {}_c F]$ . In [1], we introduced some exact sequences and upper bounds for the  $c$ -nilpotent multiplier of a pair of Lie algebras (Also see [3, 4, 13] for more information). In this paper, we give some inequalities for the dimension of the  $c$ -nilpotent multiplier of a pair of Lie algebras.

All Lie algebras are considered over a fixed field  $\Lambda$  and  $[,]$  denotes the Lie bracket. We define the subalgebras  $Z_c(N, L)$  and  $[N, {}_c L]$ , for all  $c \geq 1$ , as follows:

$$Z_c(N, L) = \{n \in N \mid [n, l_1, \dots, l_c] = 0, \forall l_1, \dots, l_c \in L\},$$

$$[N, {}_c L] = \langle [n, l_1, \dots, l_c] \mid n \in N, l_1, \dots, l_c \in L \rangle,$$

where  $[n, l_1, \dots, l_c] = [\dots [n, l_1], l_2], \dots, l_c]$ . (See [12, 13]).

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Lie algebras. Then  $X \Lambda Y$  is the non-abelian exterior product of  $X$  and  $Y$  (see [6]). Moreover,  $\wedge^c X$  is the  $c$ -th exterior product of  $X$ , which is the free  $\Lambda$ -module generated by  $x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_c$  with  $x_i \in X$ .

## 2. SOME INEQUALITIES ON $\dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(N, L)$

In this section, we give some inequalities for the dimension of the  $c$ -nilpotent multiplier of a pair of Lie algebras. Note that  $X \otimes^c Y = X \otimes \underbrace{Y \otimes \cdots \otimes Y}_{c-times}$  is the abelian tensor product.

The following lemmas are useful for the next results.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $L$  and  $K$  be two Lie algebras with central subalgebras  $N$  and  $M$ , respectively. If  $\theta : L \rightarrow K$  is an epimorphism with  $\theta(N) = M$ , then*

$$\dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(M, K) \leq \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(N, L).$$

**Proof.** We can see, that  $\theta$  induces an epimorphism from  $N \otimes^c L^{ab}$  on to  $M \otimes^c K^{ab}$  such that

$$\theta(n \otimes (l_1 + L^2) \otimes \cdots \otimes (l_c + L^2)) = \theta(n) \otimes (\theta(l_1) + K^2) \otimes \cdots \otimes (\theta(l_c) + K^2)$$

for all  $n \in N$  and  $l_1, l_2, \dots, l_c \in L$ .

So, one can easily check that there exists an epimorphism from  $\mathcal{M}^{(c)}(N, L)$  on to  $\mathcal{M}^{(c)}(M, K)$ . Therefore,

$$\dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(M, K) \leq \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(N, L). \quad \blacksquare$$

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $(N, L)$  be a pair of finite dimensional Lie algebras and  $M$  be an ideal in  $L$  contained in  $Z(N, L)$ . Then*

$$\dim(M \cap [N, c L]) \leq \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(N/M, L/M).$$

**Proof.** If  $\sigma : N \wedge^c L \rightarrow L$  is a Lie homomorphism defined by

$$n \wedge (l_1 \wedge l_2 \wedge \cdots \wedge l_c) \mapsto [n, l_1, l_2, \dots, l_c],$$

then  $Im(\sigma) = [N, c L]$  and  $Ker(\sigma) \cong \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(N, L)$ . So, there exists an epimorphism

$$\varphi : N \wedge^c L \rightarrow N/M \wedge^c L/M$$

$$\varphi(n \wedge (l_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge l_c)) = (n + M) \wedge ((l_1 + M) \wedge \cdots \wedge (l_c + M)),$$

for  $l_1, l_2, \dots, l_c \in L$  and  $n \in N$ . So, we obtain an epimorphism  $\delta : N/M \wedge^c L/M \rightarrow [N, c L]$  such that  $\delta\varphi = \sigma$ . Thus,

$$\dim([N, c L]) \leq \dim(N/M \wedge^c L/M).$$

Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \dim(N/M \wedge^c L/M) + \dim(M \cap [N, c L]) \\ &= \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(N/M, L/M) + \dim([N, c L]), \end{aligned}$$

and so,

$$\dim(M \cap [N, c L]) \leq \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(N/M, L/M). \quad \blacksquare$$

In the following theorem, we generalize a result of Salemkar and Niri (2012) [14].

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $(M, K)$  be a pair of nilpotent Lie algebras. If  $(N, L)$  is a pair of finite dimensional Lie algebras such that  $L/Z_c(N, L) \cong K$  and  $N/Z_c(N, L) \cong M$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} \dim([N, c L]) &\leq \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(M/[M, c K], K/[M, c K]) \\ &+ \dim([M, c K]) \cdot d(K/Z_c(M, K)), \end{aligned}$$

where  $d(X)$  is the minimal number of generators of a Lie algebra  $X$ .

**Proof.** We proceed by induction on the dimension of  $[M, c K]$ . If  $\dim([M, c K]) = 0$ , then the result follows from Lemma 2.2. Suppose that  $\dim([M, c K]) = n > 0$ , and the result holds for any pair  $(M', K')$  of finite dimensional nilpotent Lie algebras with  $\dim([M', c K']) < n$ . Assume that  $Z_{c+1}(N, L)$  is the pre-image in the ideal  $N$  of  $Z(N/Z_c(N, L), L/Z_c(N, L))$ , we can see that

$$Z_c(N, L) \subsetneq Z_{c+1}(N, L) \cap ([N, c L] + Z_c(N, L))$$

and so, there exists  $x \in (Z_{c+1}(N, L) \cap ([N, c L] + Z_c(N, L))) - Z_c(N, L)$ . Hence, the following map is a well-defined epimorphism.

$$\begin{aligned} \delta : L/Z_{c+1}(N, L) &\rightarrow [x, c L] \\ \delta(l + Z_{c+1}(N, L)) &= [x, \underbrace{l, \dots, l}_c] \end{aligned}$$

Put  $T = [x, c L]$ , by [9] we have

$$\dim T \leq d\left(\frac{K}{Z_c(M, K)}\right).$$

Now, put

$$(N^*, L^*) = (N/T, L/T), (M^*, K^*) = (N^*/Z_c(N^*, L^*), L^*/Z_c(N^*, L^*)).$$

As  $x + T \in Z_c(N^*, L^*) - (Z_c(N, L)/T)$ , it follows that

$$Z_c(N, L)/T \not\subset Z_c(N^*, L^*).$$

Also, the following map is an epimorphism with  $\theta(M) = M^*$  and  $\text{Ker}\theta \neq 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \theta : K &\cong L/Z_c(N, L) \rightarrow K^* \\ \theta(l + Z_c(N, L)) &= (l + T) + Z_c(N^*, L^*) \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.1, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \dim \left( \mathcal{M}^{(c)} \left( \frac{M^*}{Z_c(M^*, K^*)}, \frac{K^*}{Z_c(M^*, K^*)} \right) \right) \\ & \leq \dim \left( \mathcal{M}^{(c)} \left( \frac{M}{Z_c(M, K)}, \frac{K}{Z_c(M, K)} \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,

$$d(K^*/Z_c(M^*, K^*)) \leq d(K/Z_c(M, K))$$

and

$$\dim([M^*,_c L^*]) < \dim([M,_c K]).$$

Hence, by the induction hypothesis

$$\begin{aligned} \dim([N^*,_c L^*]) & \leq \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(M^*/Z_c(M^*, K^*), K^*/Z_c(M^*, K^*)) \\ & + \dim([M^*,_c K^*]) d(K^*/Z_c(M^*, K^*)) \\ & \leq \dim(\mathcal{M}^c(M/Z_c(M, K), K/Z_c(M, K))) \\ & + (\dim([M,_c K]) - 1) d(K/Z_c(M, K)). \end{aligned}$$

But  $\dim([N,_c L]) = \dim([N^*,_c L]) + \dim T$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \dim([N,_c L]) & \leq \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(M/Z_c(M, K), K/Z_c(M, K)) \\ & + (\dim([M,_c K] - 1)) d(K/Z_c(M, K)) + \dim T \\ & \leq \dim(\mathcal{M}^{(c)}(M/Z_c(M, K), K/Z_c(M, K))) \\ & + \dim([M,_c K]) d(K/Z_c(M, K)), \end{aligned}$$

as required. ■

Using Theorem 2.3, we obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.4.** *Let  $(M, K)$  be a pair of nilpotent Lie algebras. Then for each pair  $(N, L)$  of finite dimensional Lie algebras with  $L/Z_c(N, L) \cong K$  and  $N/Z_c(N, L) \cong M$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} \dim([N,_c L] \cap Z_c(N, L)) & \leq \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(M/[M,_c K], K/[M,_c K]) \\ & + \dim([M,_c K])(d(K/Z_c(M, K)) - 1). \end{aligned}$$

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