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

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**ABSTRACT.** In 2009, Salemkar et al. extended the notion of the Schur multiplier of a Lie algebra to the  $c$ -nilpotent multiplier. In this paper, we study the  $c$ -nilpotent multiplier of a pair of Lie algebras and give some inequalities for the dimension of the  $c$ -nilpotent multiplier of a pair of Lie algebras.

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### 1. Introduction

The notion of Schur multiplier arises from works of Schur on the projective representation in 1904 [18]. Let  $G$  be a group with a free presentation  $1 \rightarrow R \rightarrow F \rightarrow G \rightarrow 1$ . The abelian group

$$\mathcal{M}(G) = (R \cap F^2)/[F, R]$$

is said to be the Schur multiplier of  $G$  (See [7, 8, 11, 12] for more information). Analogous to the Schur multiplier of a group, the Schur multiplier of a Lie algebra  $L$ , can be defined as  $\mathcal{M}(L) = (R \cap F^2)/[R, F]$ , where  $L \cong F/R$  and  $F$  is a free Lie algebra (See [3, 4, 6, 13] for more details).

In 2009, Salemkar and colleagues [17] generalized the concept of the Schur multiplier to the  $c$ -nilpotent multiplier as follows. For a given Lie algebra  $L$ , the  $c$ -nilpotent multiplier of  $L$ ,  $c \geq 1$ , is

$$\mathcal{M}^{(c)}(L) = (R \cap \gamma_{c+1}(F))/\gamma_{c+1}(R, F),$$

where  $\gamma_{c+1}(F)$  is the  $(c+1)$ -st term of the lower central series of  $F$ ,  $\gamma_1(R, F) = R$ ,  $\gamma_{c+1}(R, F) = [\gamma_c(R, F), F]$  and  $L \cong F/R$  for a free Lie algebra  $F$ . This is analogous to the definition of the Bear-invariant of a group with respect to the variety of nilpotent groups of class at most  $c$  (See [2]). The Lie algebra  $\mathcal{M}^{(1)}(L)$  is the Schur multiplier of  $L$ .

In [15], Saeedi et al. defined the Schur multiplier of a pair of Lie algebras (Also, see [5] for more details). Let  $(N, L)$  be a pair of Lie algebras, in which  $N$  is an ideal in  $L$ , if  $N$  has a complement in  $L$ , then for each free presentation  $0 \rightarrow R \rightarrow F \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$  of  $L$ ,  $\mathcal{M}(N, L)$  is isomorphic to the factor Lie algebra  $(R \cap [S, F])/[R, F]$ , in which  $S$  is an ideal in  $F$  such that  $N \cong S/R$  (See [1, 14] for more information). Using the above concept, we 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 particular, if  $N = L$ , then  $\mathcal{M}^{(c)}(L, L)$  is the  $c$ -nilpotent multiplier of  $L$  (See [16, 17]). In this paper, we generalize some results of Rismanchian and Araskhan [14].

### 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we study some notions and results, which are needed for the next section.

All Lie algebras are considered over a fixed field  $\Lambda$  and  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  denotes the Lie bracket. Recall from [9] that Kassel and Loday investigated the notion of Lie crossed module of pairs of Lie algebras  $(N, L)$  to be a Lie homomorphism  $\sigma : M \rightarrow L$  together with an action of  $L$  on  $M$ , which is denoted by  ${}^l m$  for all  $l \in L, m \in M$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (i)  $\sigma({}^l m) = [l, \sigma(m)]$ , for all  $l \in L, m \in M$
- (ii)  $\sigma({}^m m') = [m, m']$ , for all  $m, m' \in M$
- (iii)  $\sigma(M) = N$ .

Also, see [10] for more information. The inclusion map  $i : N \rightarrow L$  is a crossed module of the pair  $(N, L)$ . In this case,  $[N, L]$  and  $Z(N, L)$  denote the commutator subalgebra and centralizer of  $L$  in  $N$ , respectively. Using the above notions, 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  $[n, l_1, \dots, l_c] = [\dots [n, l_1], l_2], \dots, l_c]$ . Moreover, a pair  $(N, L)$  is called nilpotent of class  $k$ , if  $[N, {}_k L] = 0$  and  $[N, {}_{k-1} L] \neq 0$ , for some positive integer  $k$ .

The following Lemmas are useful for the proof of our main results.

**Lemma 2.1** (See [11, Lemma 2.2]). *Let  $L$  be a finite dimensional Lie algebra with an ideal  $N$ . Let  $0 \rightarrow R \rightarrow F \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$  be a free presentation of  $L$  and  $N \cong \frac{S}{R}$  for some ideal  $S$  of the free Lie algebra  $F$  such that  $K = \frac{L}{N} \cong \frac{F}{S}$ . Then, there exists the following epimorphism*

$$\otimes^{c+1}(N, K) \longrightarrow \frac{[S, {}_c F]}{[R, {}_c F] + [S, {}_{c+1} F] + \sum_{i=2}^{c+1} \gamma_{c+1}(S, F)_i},$$

where for all  $2 \leq i \leq c$ ,  $\gamma_{c+1}(S, F)_i = [D_1, \dots, D_{c+1}]$  such that  $D_1 = D_i = S$ ,  $D_j = F$ , for all  $j \neq 1, i$  and  $\otimes^{c+1}(N, K) = N \otimes \underbrace{K \otimes \dots \otimes K}_{c\text{-times}}$  is the abelian

tensor product.

**Lemma 2.2** (See [14, Lemma 2.5]). *Let  $H$  and  $N$  be ideals of Lie algebra  $L$  and  $N = N_0 \supseteq N_1 \supseteq \dots$ , a chain of ideals of  $N$  such that  $[N_i, L] \subseteq N_{i+1}$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ . Then*

$$[N_i, [H, {}_j L]] \subseteq N_{i+j+1}$$

for all  $i, j$ .

**Proposition 2.3.** *Let  $L$  be a Lie algebra and  $K$  be an ideal in  $L$  contained in  $N$ ; then the following sequences are exact*

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(K, L) &\longrightarrow \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(N, L) \xrightarrow{\alpha} \\ \mathcal{M}^{(c)}\left(\frac{N}{K}, \frac{L}{K}\right) &\longrightarrow \frac{K \cap [N, {}_c L]}{[K, {}_c L]} \longrightarrow 0; \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(N, L) &\longrightarrow \mathcal{M}^{(c)}\left(\frac{N}{K}, \frac{L}{K}\right) \longrightarrow K \\ &\longrightarrow \frac{L}{[N, {}_c L]} \longrightarrow \frac{L}{[N, {}_c L] + K} \longrightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Let  $0 \rightarrow R \rightarrow F \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$  be a free presentation of  $L$  and let  $S$  and  $T$  be ideals in  $F$  such that  $K \cong \frac{F}{T}$  and  $N \cong \frac{F}{S}$ . By definition we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(K, L) &= \frac{R \cap [T + R, {}_c F]}{[R, {}_c F]}; \\ \text{(ii)} \quad \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(N, L) &= \frac{R \cap [S + R, {}_c F]}{[R, {}_c F]}; \\ \text{(iii)} \quad \mathcal{M}^{(c)}\left(\frac{N}{K}, \frac{L}{K}\right) &= \frac{(T + R) \cap [S + R, {}_c F]}{[T + R, {}_c F]}; \\ \text{(iv)} \quad \frac{K \cap [N, {}_c L]}{[K, {}_c L]} &= \frac{((T + R) \cap [S + R, {}_c F]) + R}{[T + R, {}_c F] + R}. \end{aligned}$$

(a) Clearly the following sequence, with obvious natural homomorphism is exact

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \longrightarrow \frac{R \cap [T + R, {}_c F]}{[R, {}_c F]} &\longrightarrow \frac{R \cap [(S + R), {}_c F]}{[R, {}_c F]} \\ &\longrightarrow \frac{(T + R) \cap [(S + R), {}_c F]}{[T + R, {}_c F]} \\ &\longrightarrow \frac{((T + R) \cap [(S + R), {}_c F]) + R}{[(T + R), {}_c F] + R} \longrightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

(b) The inclusion maps

$$\begin{aligned} R \cap [(S + R),_c F] &\longrightarrow (T + R) \cap [(S + R),_c F] \\ &\longrightarrow (T + R) \longrightarrow F \longrightarrow F; \end{aligned}$$

induce the following exact sequence of homomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{R \cap [(S + R),_c F]}{[R,_c F]} &\longrightarrow \frac{(T + R) \cap [(S + R),_c F]}{[(T + R),_c F]} \longrightarrow \frac{T + R}{R} \\ &\xrightarrow{F} \frac{F}{[(S + R),_c F] + R} \longrightarrow \frac{F}{[(S + R),_c F] + T + R} \longrightarrow 0; \end{aligned}$$

which gives the result. □

The following corollary is an immediate consequence of Proposition 2.3.

**Corollary 2.4.** *Let  $(N, L)$  be a pair of finite dimensional Lie algebras and  $K$  be an ideal in  $L$  contained in  $N$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \left( \frac{K \cap [N,_c L]}{[K,_c L]} \right) + \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(N, L) \\ = \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)} \left( \frac{N}{K}, \frac{L}{K} \right) + \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(K, L). \end{aligned}$$

### 3. Some inequalities on dimension of $\mathcal{M}^{(c)}(N, L)$

In this section, we give some inequalities for the dimension of the  $c$ -nilpotent multiplier of a pair of finite dimensional Lie algebras.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $(N, L)$  be a pair of finite dimensional Lie algebras and  $K$  be a central subalgebra of  $L$  contained in  $N$ . Let  $0 \rightarrow R \rightarrow F \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$  be a free presentation of  $L$  and  $\frac{T}{R} \cong K$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \frac{K \cap [N,_c L]}{[K,_c L]} + \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(N, L) \\ \leq \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)} \left( \frac{N}{K}, \frac{L}{K} \right) + \dim (\otimes^{c+1} (K, \frac{L}{K})) \\ + \dim \left( \frac{[R,_c F] + \sum_{i=2}^{c+1} \gamma_{c+1}(T, F)_i}{[R,_c F]} \right). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Since  $K$  is a central subalgebra of  $L$ , we have  $[T, F] \leq R$ . Then by Lemma 2.1,

$$\otimes^{c+1} (K, \frac{L}{K}) \longrightarrow \frac{[T,_c F]}{[R,_c F] + \sum_{i=2}^{c+1} \gamma_{c+1}(T, F)_i},$$

is an epimorphism. On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \dim \frac{(R \cap [T, {}_c F])/[R, {}_c F]}{([R, {}_c F] + \sum_{i=2}^{c+1} \gamma_{c+1}(T, F)_i)/[R, {}_c F]} \\ &= \dim \frac{[T, {}_c F]}{[R, {}_c F] + \sum_{i=2}^{c+1} \gamma_{c+1}(T, F)_i}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\dim \frac{(R \cap [T, {}_c F])/[R, {}_c F]}{([R, {}_c F] + \sum_{i=2}^{c+1} \gamma_{c+1}(T, F)_i)/[R, {}_c F]} \leq \dim(\otimes^{c+1}(K, \frac{L}{K})),$$

and so,

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(K, L) &\leq \dim(\otimes^{c+1}(K, \frac{L}{K})) \\ &+ \dim \left( \frac{[R, {}_c F] + \sum_{i=2}^{c+1} \gamma_{c+1}(T, F)_i}{[R, {}_c F]} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the result holds by Corollary 2.4. □

In Theorems 3.2 and 3.3, we generalize [14, Corollary 2.7].

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $(N, L)$  be a pair of finite dimensional nilpotent Lie algebras of class  $t$ . Then*

(1) *If  $t \geq c + 1$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \dim[N, {}_{t-1} L] + \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(N, L) \\ & \leq \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)} \left( \frac{N}{[N, {}_{t-1} L]}, \frac{L}{[N, {}_{t-1} L]} \right) \\ & + \dim \left( \otimes^{c+1}([N, {}_{t-1} L], \frac{L}{Z_{t-1}(N, L)}) \right). \end{aligned}$$

(2) *If  $t < c + 1$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \dim[N, {}_c L] + \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(N, L) \\ & \leq \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)} \left( \frac{N}{[N, {}_{t-1} L]}, \frac{L}{[N, {}_{t-1} L]} \right) \\ & + \dim \left( \otimes^{c+1}([N, {}_{t-1} L], \frac{L}{Z_{t-1}(N, L)}) \right). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Let  $0 \rightarrow R \rightarrow F \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$  be a free presentation of  $L$ . Let  $N \cong \frac{S}{R}$  and  $Z_i(N, L) \cong \frac{T_i}{R}$ , for all  $0 \leq i \leq t$ . Consider the following chain

$$S = T_0 \supseteq \cdots \supseteq T_k \supseteq \cdots \supseteq T_{t-1} \supseteq T_t = R \supseteq [R, F] \supseteq \cdots \supseteq [R, {}_c F].$$

Since  $[T_k, F] \subseteq T_{k+1}$ , we have  $[T_i, [S,_{t-1} F]] \subseteq [R, _i F]$  by Lemma 2.2. This inclusion induces the following epimorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \otimes^{c+1} \left( \frac{[S,_{t-1} F] + R}{R}, \frac{F}{T_{t-1}} \right) &\longrightarrow \frac{[[S,_{t-1} F] + R, _c F]}{[R, _c F]} \\ (s + R) \otimes (x_1 + T_{t-1}) \otimes \cdots \otimes (x_c + T_{t-1}) &\longmapsto [s, x_1, \dots, x_c] + [R, _c F]. \end{aligned}$$

So, we have

$$(3.1) \quad \dim \left( \frac{[[S,_{t-1} F] + R, _c F]}{[R, _c F]} \right) \leq \dim \left( \otimes^{c+1} \left( \frac{[S,_{t-1} F] + R}{R}, \frac{F}{T_{t-1}} \right) \right).$$

On the other hand, considering  $K = [N,_{t-1} L]$  in Corollary 2.4, if  $t \geq c + 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \dim[N,_{t-1} L] + \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(N, L) &= \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)} \left( \frac{N}{[N,_{t-1} L]}, \frac{L}{[N,_{t-1} L]} \right) \\ &+ \dim \left( \frac{[[S,_{t-1} F], _c F]}{[R, _c F]} \right), \end{aligned}$$

and if  $t < c + 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \dim[N, _c L] + \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(N, L) &= \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)} \left( \frac{N}{[N,_{t-1} L]}, \frac{L}{[N,_{t-1} L]} \right) \\ &+ \dim \left( \frac{[[S,_{t-1} F] + R, _c F]}{[R, _c F]} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Now the theorem follows by (3.1). □

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $(N, L)$  be a pair of finite dimensional nilpotent Lie algebras of class at most  $t \geq 2$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \dim[N, _c L] + \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(N, L) &\leq \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)} \left( \frac{N}{[N, L]}, \frac{L}{[N, L]} \right) \\ &+ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{t-1} \dim \left( \otimes^{c+1} \left( [N, _i L], \frac{L}{[N, _i L]} \right) \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Let  $F, S$  and  $R$  be as in Theorem 3.2. Considering  $K = [N, L]$  in Corollary 2.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \dim[N, _c L] + \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(N, L) &= \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)} \left( \frac{N}{[N, L]}, \frac{L}{[N, L]} \right) \\ &+ \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)}([N, L], L) + \dim[N,_{c+1} L]. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} & \dim[N_{,c+1} L] + \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)}([N, L], L) \\ &= \dim \left( \frac{[S_{,c+1} F] + R}{R} \right) + \dim \left( \frac{(R \cap [S, F_{,c} F]) + [R_{,c} F]}{[R_{,c} F]} \right) \\ &= \dim \frac{[[S_{,t} F] + R_{,c} F]}{[R_{,c} F]} + \sum_{i=1}^{t-1} \dim \frac{[[S_{,i} F] + R_{,c} F]}{[[S_{,i+1} F] + R_{,c} F]}. \end{aligned}$$

By the assumption,  $[N_{,t} L] = \frac{[S_{,t} F] + R}{R} = 0$ , and hence we can write  $[[S_{,t} F] + R_{,c} F] = [R_{,c} F]$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \dim[N_{,c} L] + \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)}(N, L) &= \dim \mathcal{M}^{(c)} \left( \frac{N}{[N, L]}, \frac{L}{[N, L]} \right) \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{t-1} \dim \frac{[[S_{,i} F] + R_{,c} F]}{[[S_{,i+1} F] + R_{,c} F]}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand for all  $1 \leq i \leq t-1$ ,

$$\sum_{j=2}^{c+1} \gamma_{c+1}([S_{,i} F] + R, F)_j + [[S_{,i} F] + R_{,c+1} F] + [R_{,c} F] \subseteq [[S_{,i+1} F] + R_{,c} F].$$

Considering this relation, Lemma 2.1 implies that

$$\dim \frac{[[S_{,i} F] + R_{,c} F]}{[[S_{,i+1} F] + R_{,c} F]} \leq \dim \left( \otimes^{c+1}([N_{,i} L], \frac{L}{[N_{,i} L]}) \right),$$

and hence the proof is complete.  $\square$

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