

Def: Let G be alg'ic group. By a character of G we mean alg'ic group homom'ism $G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$. Characters form a group denoted by $\mathcal{X}(G)$.

We've seen that for unipotent G , we have $\mathcal{X}(G) = \{e\}$, while for $G = (\mathbb{C}^\times)^n$, we have $\mathcal{X}(G) = \mathbb{Z}^n$. Exer: $\mathcal{X}(G_1 \times G_2) = \mathcal{X}(G_1) \times \mathcal{X}(G_2)$.

Lemma 3: Every alg'ic subgroup T_0 of a torus T is a direct product of a torus and finite comm'ive group. Moreover, $\mathcal{X}(T) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}(T_0)$.

Proof: There is a bij'n between subgroups $T_0 \subset T$ and $\Lambda \subset \mathcal{X}(T)$. $T_0 \rightsquigarrow \{\chi \mid \chi|_{T_0} = 1\} = \mathcal{X}(T/T_0)$. Lemma follows from class'n of sublattices of \mathbb{Z}^n . \square

3.1) Structure of conn'd solvable groups

Theorem: Let G be conn'd solvable group, and U its unipotent radical. Then there is a subtorus $T \subset G$ w. $G = TKU$. Moreover for any subgroup $A \subset G$ that's a product of a torus & finite comm'ive group $\exists u \in U$ s.t. $uAu^{-1} \subset T$.

Proof: Recall $G \hookrightarrow B_n$, hence $U = G \cap U_n$. Now the proof is by ind'n on $\dim U$. If \exists normal in G subgroup $U_0 \subset U$, then we can choose $T_1 \subset G/U_0$ w. required properties and let G_1 be the preimage of T_1 in G . Once we know our statements in G/U_0 & in G_1 , we are done. hence U is comm'ive

So suppose no such non-triv. U_0 exists. We claim that $\dim U = 1$ and G/U acts on $U (\cong \mathbb{C})$ by mult'g w. character. Recall the normal in B_n subgroups $U_{n,k}$. Pick minimal k s.t. $U \subset U_{n,k}$. Then $U \cap U_{n,k+1}$ is normal in G and is diff't from $U \Rightarrow U \cap U_{n,k+1} = \{e\}$. So $U \hookrightarrow U_{n,k} / U_{n,k+1} = \mathbb{C}^{k+1}$ and conj. action of $G/U \cap U$ is by alg'ic rep'n (b/c B_n acts on $U_{n,k} / U_{n,k+1}$ this way). The action is diagonal and every stable subspace is normal in G . So $\dim U = 1$.

Existence of T_1 . Let χ be the character of action of G/U on U .

Case 1: $\chi \neq 0$. Let $g \in G$ be Weil $\leftarrow (\diamond)$ generic, and let $T = \overline{\{g^n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}} \subset G$.

The image of T in G/U is dense \Rightarrow coincides w. G/U ; T is closure of comm'ive

\Rightarrow comm'ive $\Rightarrow T \neq G$. If $T \cap U \neq \{e\}$, then $T \supset U$. So $T \cap U = \{e\}$ & $G = TKU$.

(*) and $G/U \hookrightarrow T_1$. Since G/U is conn'd, by Lem 3, G/U is a torus.

(B) Outside of countable union of subvarieties

Case 2: $X=0$. If G isn't comm'ive we are done like in Case 1 (but in fact $X=0 \Rightarrow G$ is comm'ive). Finite order el'ts are dense many torus \rightarrow

$T := \{\text{fin. order el'ts of } G\}$ - subgroup; $T \cap \mathbb{C}^n$ diag'ly, so $T \cap U = \{e\}$

Now let us show $T \rightarrow G/U$ let \underline{h} be a fin. order el't in G/U . $T \rightarrow G/U$ will follow from \exists fin. order $s \in \underline{h}U$. Let $h \in \underline{h}U$

$h = h_s h_u$ be the mult'ive Jordan decomp in $G_n(\mathbb{C})$ (h_s is diag'le in $G_n(\mathbb{C})$, h_u unip, $h_s h_u = h_u h_s$). h_s is of finite order $\Rightarrow \exists n > 0$ $h_s^n = e$. In fact,

$U = \{\exp(tA) \mid t \in \mathbb{C}\}$, where $A \in \text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{C})$ is nilpotent. So $h_u^n = e \in U \Rightarrow h_u \in U \Rightarrow h_s = \underline{h}$, it lifts \underline{h} . The proof of existence of T is done.

Now let's show existence of $u \in U$ w. $uAu^{-1} \in T$. In case 2, $A \in T$ by the proof. In Case 1, we need to consider two cases:

Case 1.1 $A \notin \ker X$. Pick $g \in A \setminus \ker X$. To show $\exists u \mid ugu^{-1} \in T$ is an exercise. Let $Z = Z_G(ugu^{-1})$, the centralizer. Then $T \subset Z$, $Z \cap U = \{e\}$. Since $uAu^{-1} \in Z$, we are done.

Case 1.2 $A \in \ker X$. Then similarly, to case 2, we see $A \in T$. (exer.) \square

Rem: The same argument works for any alg subgroup of B_n , now we have $C = T \times U$, where T doesn't need to be conn'd.

Cor (of Thms 3,4) Any two max'l (w.r.t inclusion) tori in an alg. grp G are conjugate. (Thm 3 reduces to the case of solvable group & Thm 4 handles that case)