

CERTAIN ASPECTS OF LINEAR GROUPS OVER FIELDS

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OUTLINE AND AIM OF THE PROJECT

The main aim of the project is to

- Study linear groups over fields, in the process we have also studied
 - Representations.
 - Homogeneous Components.
 - Schur's Lemma and Applications.
 - Soluble and Nilpotent Groups.
- Study Completely Reducible Linear Groups.
- Study System of Imprimitivity.
- Study examples of Linear Groups.
- Study Soluble Linear Groups.

MAIN RESULTS

- Maschke-Schur Theorem.
- Clifford's Theorem.
- Blichfelt's Theorem.
- Burnside's Theorem.
- Suprunenko's Theorem.
- Zassenhaus Theorem.

INTRODUCTION:

- Let F be a field and V a vector space over F of finite dimension n .
- F_n is the algebra of all $n \times n$ matrices over field F .
- $\text{End}_F(V)$ is the algebra of all F -endomorphisms of V .
- $\text{GL}(n,F)$ is the group of units of F_n .
- $\text{GL}(V,F)$ is the group of units of $\text{End}_F(V)$.

- Let $\mathfrak{B} = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ be a fixed basis of V over F , then $End_F(V) \cong F_n$, as algebras over F , via the isomorphism

$$[\]_{\mathfrak{B}}: End_F(V) \longrightarrow F_n, \text{ defined as,}$$

$$T \longrightarrow [T]_{\mathfrak{B}}.$$

- $GL(V, F) \cong GL(n, F)$.

Subgroups of $GL(V, F)$, $GL(n, F)$ are called Linear Groups

- Let R be a ring. A subgroup of $GL(n, R)$, the group of all $n \times n$ invertible matrices over the ring R , is called R-Linear Group. We shall study only the linear groups over fields.

Representations and Completely Reducible Modules

- Let G be a group. A representation ρ of G over a field F with representation space V is a group homomorphism $\rho : G \longrightarrow GL(V,F)$ where V is a vector space over field F .

- Every representation ρ of group G over field F determines a group action

$$\begin{aligned} \cdot : G \times V &\longrightarrow V \\ (g, v) &\longrightarrow g \cdot v = \rho(g)(v) \end{aligned}$$

- There is one to one correspondence between representations of group G over field F and the left FG -modules.

Let $X \subseteq \text{End}_F(V)$. Then $F\{X\}$ will denote the F -subalgebra generated by X .

- X is called irreducible if V as an $F\{X\}$ -module is irreducible.
- Let V be an FG -module and W be a subspace of V , W is called G -invariant subspace of V if $gw \in W$ for all g in G and w in W .
- A representation ρ is called irreducible if the only G -invariant subspaces of the associated left FG -module V are (0) and V , otherwise it is called reducible.

- A representation ρ is irreducible if and only if V is irreducible where V is the associated left FG -module determined by ρ .
- A subgroup G of $GL(V, F)$ is irreducible if V as FG -module is irreducible, where V is made FG -module via the action $T.v = T(v)$ of G on V .
- A module M over a ring R is called completely reducible if it is direct sum of irreducible R -modules and a representation ρ of group G over field F is called completely reducible if it arises from completely reducible FG -module via the module operation determined by ρ .

Proposition: If G is a subgroup of $GL(n, F)$ then there exists positive integers r, n_1, n_2, \dots, n_r for each $1 \leq i \leq r$, an irreducible representation ρ_i of G in $GL(n_i, F)$, and an element x of $GL(n, F)$ such that

$$n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_r = n \text{ and}$$

$$x^{-1}gx = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_1(g) & & * \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \ddots \\ & & & \rho_r(g) \end{pmatrix} \text{ for all } g \text{ in } G.$$

HOMOGENEOUS COMPONENTS

Let R be ring and let M be an R -module, let \mathfrak{S}_M be a complete family of all mutually non isomorphic irreducible submodules of M .

If M is a completely reducible R -module, then $M = \bigoplus_{i \in I} S_i$, S_i is irreducible R -module for each $i \in I$.

For each $S \in \mathfrak{S}_M$, let $I_S = \{i \in I \mid S_i \cong S\}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} M_{I_S} &= \bigoplus_{i \in I_S} S_i \\ &= \bigoplus_{i \in I} \{S_i \mid S_i \cong S\} \end{aligned}$$

M_{I_S} is called **homogeneous component of type S** and it follows that M is direct sum of its homogeneous components, i.e.

$$M = \bigoplus_{S \in \mathfrak{S}_M} M_{I_S}.$$

Theorem: Let M be a completely reducible R -module and let N be an irreducible submodule of M_{I_S} , $S \in \mathfrak{S}_M$, the homogeneous component of type S , then $N \cong S$.

Theorem: Let M be a completely reducible R -module and if N is irreducible submodule of M then N is contained in some homogeneous component of M . In particular

$$M_{I_S} = \sum_{\substack{N \text{ irreducible} \\ N \cong S}} N.$$

Theorem: Let M be a completely reducible R -module and then every homogeneous component of M is invariant under all R -endomorphisms of M .

SCHUR'S LEMMA

Schur's Lemma: Let R be a ring and U and V be irreducible R -modules then any R -module homomorphism of U to V is either an isomorphism or the zero map. $End_R(V)$ is a division ring.

Corollary: Let F be a field and V be an irreducible FG -module then $End_{FG}(V)$ is a division algebra over F with F in its center.

Theorem: Let F be an algebraically closed field and G an irreducible subgroup of $GL(n,F)$, then

i) $C_{F_n}(G) = F \cdot 1_n$.

ii) $Z(G) = G \cap F^* \cdot 1_n$.

Corollary: Let F be an algebraically closed field, G be an abelian irreducible subgroup of $GL(n,F)$ then $n = 1$.

- If F is an algebraically closed field and if V is an irreducible FG -module of finite F -dimension then every element of $\text{End}_{FG}(V)$ determines a scalar linear transformation of V .
- If H is subgroup of a group G , then a **left transversal** of H to G (or a complete set of left coset representatives) is a subset T of G consisting of precisely one element from each distinct left coset of H in G .

Main theorem on completely reducible linear groups

Theorem: Let G be a group and H be a subgroup of finite index m in G , let F be a field of characteristic 0 or characteristic relatively prime to m and V an FG -module which is completely reducible as FH -module. Then V is completely reducible as FG -module.

Corollary: If G is a linear group over field F such that $\text{char } F = 0$ or $\text{char } F = p > 0$ and prime to m , H be a subgroup of G of finite index m in G and if H is completely reducible then G is completely reducible.

Theorem: (**Maschke-Schur**) Let G be a locally finite subgroup of $GL(n,F)$ and either $\text{char } F = 0$ or $\text{char } F = p > 0$ and G contains no element of order p , then G is a completely reducible linear group.

Corollary: If G is finite subgroup of $GL(n,F)$ and either $\text{char } F = 0$ or $\text{char } F = p > 0$ where p does not divide $o(G)$, then G is completely reducible.

System of imprimitivity and Linear Groups

System of Imprimitivity

Let G be a group and V an FG -module. If V contains r non trivial subspaces V_1, V_2, \dots, V_r such that $V = V_1 \oplus V_2 \oplus \dots \oplus V_r$ and for each i , $1 \leq i \leq r$ and each $g \in G$ there is $k=k(i,g)$, $1 \leq k \leq r$ such that $gV_i = V_k$, then $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_r\}$ is called **system of imprimitivity** of G in V .

If $\{V\}$ is the only system of imprimitivity of G in V then we say G acts **primitively** on V otherwise G acts imprimitively on V .

- If G is a subgroup of $GL(n, F)$ and V is a vector space of dimension n over F , then G is called primitive or imprimitive according to whether G acts primitively or imprimitively on V , via the natural action of G on V .
- If G is completely reducible and primitive, then G is irreducible.
- Let G be a group and let V be an FG -module and let $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, \dots, V_r\}$ be a system of imprimitivity of G in V , then G acts **transitively** on $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_r\}$ if for each pair i and j there exists a g in G such that $gV_i = V_j$.

Theorem: Let G be a group and let V be an FG -module and let $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_r\}$ be a system of imprimitivity of G in V , then G has a normal subgroup of finite index dividing $n!$, where $\dim_F V = n$.

Theorem: If $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_r\}$ is a system of imprimitivity of G in V , where V is an irreducible FG -module. Then G acts transitively on $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_r\}$.

Theorem: Let $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_r\}$ be a system of imprimitivity of group G in V , if V is an irreducible FG -module, then each V_i is irreducible as FS_i -module, where $S_i = \{g \in G: gV_i = V_i\}$.

CLIFFORD's THEOREM AND LINEAR GROUPS

Theorem:(A.H.Clifford) Let G be a group and let H be a normal subgroup of G and V an irreducible FG -module of finite F -dimension, then

1. V is completely reducible into irreducible FH -modules of equal F -dimensions.
2. If W_1, W_2, \dots, W_r are homogenous components of V as FH -module then $\{W_1, W_2, \dots, W_r\}$ is system of imprimitivity of G in V .

Proof: Let U be an irreducible FH-submodule of V , which exists since

$\dim_F V$ is finite. Let $g \in G$, then gU is a subspace of V . Clearly

$$\phi : U \longrightarrow gU$$

$$u \longrightarrow \phi(u) = gu$$

is a one-one, onto, linear map. Hence $U \cong_F gU$ and $\dim_F U = \dim_F gU$

Let $h \in H$,

$g^{-1}hg \in H$, since H is normal in G .

U is an FH-module, so $g^{-1}hgU \subseteq U$, hence

$$hgU = gg^{-1}hgU$$

$\subseteq gU$, for all h in H , so gU is an FH-submodule of V .

We now show that gU is irreducible FH-submodule of V . Let U_1 be a proper non-zero FH-submodule of gU , as proved above $g^{-1}U_1$ is proper FH-submodule of $g^{-1}gU = U$ this contradicts that U is irreducible as FH-module so gU has no proper FH-submodules and hence gU is irreducible FH-submodule of V .

$W = \sum_{g \in G} gU$, is an FG-submodule of V and since U is irreducible $W \neq (0)$. V is irreducible FG-module, hence $W = V$, so $V = \sum_{g \in G} gU$, hence V is completely reducible into irreducible FH-modules of equal F-dimension.

Now, let $\{W_1, W_2, \dots, W_r\}$ be homogenous components of V as FH-module.

Let U_1, U_2 be irreducible FH-submodules of W_i , a homogenous component of V as FH-module, hence $U_1 \cong_{FH} U_2$. Let $\phi : U_1 \longrightarrow U_2$ be the FH isomorphism.

Let $g \in G$ then since U_1, U_2 are irreducible FH-submodules, as proved above gU_1 and gU_2 are irreducible FH-submodules,

$$\phi^g = g\phi g^{-1} : gU_1 \longrightarrow gU_2,$$

$$\phi^g (gu + gw) = g\phi g^{-1} (g(u + w))$$

$$= g\phi(u + w)$$

$$= g\phi(u) + g\phi(w)$$

$$= g\phi g^{-1} (gu) + g\phi g^{-1} (gw)$$

$$= \phi^g (gu) + \phi^g (gw) \text{ for all } gu \text{ in } gU_1 \text{ and all } gw \text{ in } U_1$$

also,

$$\phi^g (agu) = a \phi^g (gu) \text{ for all } a \text{ in } F.$$

$$\text{For } h \in H, \phi^g (hgu) = g\phi g^{-1} (hgu)$$

$$= g\phi(g^{-1}hgu)$$

$g^{-1}hg \in H$ since H normal in G and ϕ is an FH- isomorphism so,

$$g\phi(g^{-1}hgu) = gg^{-1}hg\phi(u)$$

$$= gg^{-1}hg\phi (u)$$

$$= hg\phi g^{-1} (gu)$$

$$= h\phi^g (gu)$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi^g (hgu) = h\phi^g (gu) \text{ for all } h \text{ in } H \text{ and } gu \text{ in } gU_1.$$

Hence ϕ^g is an FH-isomorphism so $gU_1 \cong_{FH} gU_2$ and both irreducible FH-modules, so $\exists j = j(g,i)$

$$\text{s.t. } gU_1, gU_2 \subseteq W_j$$

$$\text{so, } gU_1 + gU_2 \subseteq W_j$$

so, $gW_i \subseteq W_j$, U_1, U_2 any irreducible FH-submodules of W_i rest

follows from Theorem for homogenous component W_i .

$\{W_1, W_2, \dots, W_r\}$ are homogenous components of V as FH-module, so

$$\begin{aligned} V &= W_1 \oplus W_2 \oplus \dots \oplus W_r \\ &= gW_1 \oplus gW_2 \oplus \dots \oplus gW_r \end{aligned}$$

If $gW_i \subsetneq W_j$ then since V has finite F -dimension,

$$\begin{aligned} \dim_F V &= \dim_F(gW_1) + \dim_F(gW_2) + \dots + \dim_F(gW_r) \\ &< \dim_F W_1 + \dim_F W_2 + \dots + \dim_F W_r \\ &= \dim_F V, \text{ is not possible, hence } gW_i = W_j. \end{aligned}$$

For each g in G and $1 \leq i \leq r$ there is $j=j(i,g)$ such that $gW_i = W_j$, hence $\{W_1, W_2, \dots, W_r\}$ a system of imprimitivity of G in V .

The proof is complete.

- A subnormal series of a group G is a finite sequence of subgroups $(1) = G_0 \trianglelefteq G_1 \trianglelefteq \dots \trianglelefteq G_n = G$. A subgroup H of G is called subnormal if it is a term of a subnormal series of group G .

Corollary: Let H be a subnormal subgroup of a completely reducible linear group, then H is completely reducible.

Proof: Let G be a completely reducible linear group over field F and H be a subnormal subgroup of G , so there is a subnormal series $(1) = \trianglelefteq H = H_1 \trianglelefteq \dots \trianglelefteq H_{k-1} \trianglelefteq H_k = G$. Let V be a vector space over F of dimension n where $G \leq GL(n, F)$, making V a FG -module via the natural action of G on V , then V is completely reducible as an FG -module. Hence,
 $V = V_1 \oplus V_2 \oplus \dots \oplus V_r$, each V_i is irreducible FG -module.

$H_{k-1} \trianglelefteq G$, by Clifford's Theorem, each V_i is completely reducible as

FH_{k-1} -module.

Hence V is completely reducible as FH_{k-1} -module and hence continuing like this V is completely reducible as

$(FH_1=)FH$ -module. So H is a completely reducible linear group.

Theorem(Blichfeldt) If F is algebraically closed field and G an irreducible subgroup of $GL(n,F)$, if A is abelian normal subgroup of G , then there is a system of imprimitivity $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_r\}$ of group G in V , such that $C_G(A) = \bigcap_{i=1}^r N_G(V_i)$, where $N_G(V_i) = \{g \in G : gV_i = V_i\}$, further if G is primitive as well, then every abelian normal subgroup of G lies in center of F_n .

Theorem(Burnside) Let A be an irreducible F -subalgebra of F_n .
If $C_{F_n}(A) = F1_n$, then $A = F_n$.

Corollary(Burnside) If F is algebraically closed and G is an irreducible subgroup of $GL(n,F)$ then G contains n^2 linearly independent elements.

Soluble and Nilpotent Groups

Soluble Groups

Let, $\delta^{(0)}(G) = G$

$$\delta^{(1)}(G) = [\delta^{(0)}(G) , \delta^{(0)}(G)]$$

$= [G , G] = G'$, the commutator subgroup of G.

⋮

$$\delta^{(n+1)}(G) = [\delta^{(n)}(G) , \delta^{(n)}(G)]$$

$$G = \delta^{(0)}(G) \supseteq \delta^{(1)}(G) \supseteq \delta^{(2)}(G) \dots \supseteq \delta^{(n)}(G) \supseteq$$

$\delta^{(n+1)}(G) \dots$ is the derived series of G.

A group G is called **soluble** if $\delta^{(n)}(G) = (1)$, for some n. If $\delta^{(n)}(G) = (1)$ and $\delta^{(n-1)}(G) \neq (1)$, then G is called soluble group of length n.

Nilpotent Groups

Let, $\gamma_1(G) = G$

$$\gamma_2(G) = [\gamma_1(G) , G]$$

⋮

$$\gamma_{n+1}(G) = [\gamma_n(G) , G]$$

$$G = \gamma_1(G) \supseteq \gamma_2(G) \supseteq \gamma_3(G) \dots \supseteq \gamma_n(G) \supseteq \gamma_{n+1}(G) \dots$$

is the Lower Central series of G.

Let $Z_0(G) = (1)$

$$\frac{Z_{n+1}(G)}{Z_n(G)} = Z\left(\frac{G}{Z_n(G)}\right)$$

$$(1) = Z_0(G) \subseteq Z_1(G) \subseteq Z_2(G) \dots \subseteq Z_n(G) \subseteq$$

$Z_{n+1}(G) \dots$ is the Upper Central series of G.

A group G is called **nilpotent** if $\gamma_c(G) = (1)$, for some c. If $\gamma_{c+1}(G) = (1)$ and $\gamma_c(G) \neq (1)$, then G is called nilpotent group of class c.

Theorem: A group G is soluble if and only if it has a finite subnormal series with abelian factors, i.e., there exists $(1) = G_0 \trianglelefteq G_1 \dots \trianglelefteq G_n = G$ in which factor groups $\frac{G_{i+1}}{G_i}$ are abelian.

Theorem: If G is a soluble group and $(1) \neq N \trianglelefteq G$, then N contains a abelian normal subgroup of G .

Theorem: If G is a finite soluble group, then every minimal normal subgroup of G is elementary abelian.
Further If V is a minimal normal subgroup of a finite soluble group G , then G acts on V as a group of linear transformations.

EXAMPLES OF LINEAR GROUPS

GENERAL AND SPECIAL LINEAR GROUPS

Let F be a field and V a vector space over F of dimension n .

General linear group is the group, $GL(n,F) \cong GL(V, F)$.

Special linear group

$$SL(n,F) = \{ A \in GL(n,F) \mid \det A = 1 \}$$

$$SL(V,F) = \{ T \in GL(V,F) \mid \det T = 1 \}, \quad SL(n,F) \cong SL(V,F).$$

Theorem: If F is a finite field having q elements, then $GL(V,F), SL(V,F)$ are finite groups and

$$|GL(V, F)| = |GL(n, F)| = (q^n - 1)(q^n - q) \dots (q^n - q^{n-1})$$

$$|SL(V, F)| = |SL(n, F)| = \frac{(q^n - 1)(q^n - q) \dots (q^n - q^{n-1})}{q - 1}$$

Theorem:

- i) $GL(n,F)$ is semidirect product of $SL(n,F)$ by F^* .
- ii) $SL(n,F)$ is generated by elementary transvections.

TRIANGULAR, UNITRIANGULAR AND DIAGONAL GROUPS .

Let F be a field, then

1. *Triangular subgroup* of $GL(n,F)$ denoted by $Tr(n,F)$ is the group of all upper triangular matrices in $GL(n,F)$.
2. *Unitriangular subgroup* of $GL(n,F)$ denoted by $U(n,F)$ is the group of all upper triangular matrices with diagonal entries as 1.
3. *Diagonal subgroup* of $GL(n,F)$ denoted by $D(n,F)$ is the group of all diagonal matrices in $GL(n,F)$.

Theorem: The commutator subgroup of $\text{Tr}(n, F)$ is $U(n, F)$ unless, when characteristic of field F is two.

Theorem: The unitriangular group, $U(n, F)$, $n > 1$ is nilpotent of class $n-1$. It follows that there exists nilpotent groups of arbitrary class.

Theorem: $U(n,F)$ and $Tr(n,F)$ are soluble groups.

Theorem: If $\text{char } F = 0$ then $U(n,F)$ is torsion free, and if $\text{char } F = p > 0$ then $U(n,F)$ has finite exponent.

Theorem: Let F be a field and G be a finite group of order n , then G can be imbedded in $GL(n,F)$.

Soluble Linear Groups

Lemma: Let H and L be subgroups of $GL(n, F)$ such that $[H, L] \subseteq F^*1_n$. Then $K = C_H(L)$ is normal in H , $|H : K| \leq n^2$ and the elements of any transversal of K to H are linearly independent over F .

Theorem: Let F be algebraically closed and A an irreducible subgroup of $GL(n, F)$ which is nilpotent of class 2. Then $|A : Z(A)| = n^2$.

Theorem: (Suprunenko) Let F be an algebraically closed field, n be an integer greater than one, G a soluble, primitive irreducible subgroup of $GL(n, F)$ and H a normal subgroup of G . Then G contains normal subgroups

(1) $\underline{\subseteq} Z \subseteq A \subseteq H \subseteq G$, such that

i) $Z = H \cap Z(G)$.

ii) $\frac{A}{Z}$ is abelian and $|\frac{A}{Z}| = r^2$, for some integer r dividing n .

iii) $|\frac{H}{A}| \leq r^2$!.

Proof: F is algebraically closed and G is primitive irreducible subgroup of $GL(n,F)$, also $Z(G)$ is abelian normal subgroup of $GL(n,F)$, hence by Blichfeldt's Theorem $Z(G)$ lies in center of F_n . If K is any other abelian normal subgroup of G then $K \subseteq F^*1_n$ and hence $K \subseteq Z(G)$.

Let $Z = H \cap Z(G)$, then since H and $Z(G)$ are normal in G , so Z is normal in G . Let A be subgroup of G containing Z , maximal subject to restrictions,

$A \subseteq H$, $A \trianglelefteq G$, $\frac{A}{Z}$ is abelian, its existence is guaranteed by Zorn's Lemma.

We shall prove, this Theorem in three parts.

1. $C_H(A) = Z$.

$$z \in Z = H \cap Z(G)$$

$$\Rightarrow z \in Z(G) \text{ and } z \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow za = az, \text{ for all } a \text{ in } A.$$

$$\Rightarrow z \in C_H(A)$$

$$\Rightarrow Z \subseteq C_H(A). \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

Claim : $C_H(A) \trianglelefteq G$

Let $g \in G, x \in C_H(A)$

$$\Rightarrow x \in H \text{ and } xa = ax \text{ for all } a \text{ in } A.$$

$g^{-1}xg \in H$, since $H \trianglelefteq G$.

Also, $(g^{-1}xg)a = g^{-1}xga$

$= g^{-1}xgag^{-1}g$

$= g^{-1}xa_1g$, where $a_1 = gag^{-1} \in A$, $A \trianglelefteq G$.

$= g^{-1}a_1xg$, since $x \in C_H(A)$

$= g^{-1}gag^{-1}xg$

$= a(g^{-1}xg)$

$\Rightarrow g^{-1}xg \in C_H(A)$, for all g in G and x in $C_H(A)$.

$\Rightarrow C_H(A) \trianglelefteq G.$

Also, $A \trianglelefteq G$

so, $A \cap C_H(A) \trianglelefteq G.$

We note that $A \cap C_H(A)$ is abelian as well.

So $A \cap C_H(A)$ is abelian normal subgroup of G and hence as discussed before, $A \cap C_H(A) \subseteq Z(G)$

Hence, $A \cap C_H(A) \subseteq Z(G) \cap H = Z$

Also by (1), $Z \subseteq C_H(A)$, hence $Z \subseteq C_H(A) \cap A$, since Z is contained in A .

From above two arguments, it follows that $Z = C_H(A) \cap A.$

.....(2)

G is soluble, so its subgroup $C_H(A)$ is soluble and also $\frac{G}{Z}$ is soluble.

By (1), $Z \subseteq C_H(A)$.

Since $C_H(A) \trianglelefteq G$, $\frac{C_H(A)}{Z} \trianglelefteq \frac{G}{Z}$

We show that Z can not be properly contained in $C_H(A)$.

If $Z \subsetneq C_H(A)$, then $\frac{C_H(A)}{Z} \neq Z$

Hence by Theorem 4.7, $\frac{C_H(A)}{Z}$ contains a nontrivial abelian normal subgroup of $\frac{G}{Z}$, say $\frac{K}{Z}$.

so, $Z \subsetneq K \subseteq C_H(A)$ and $\frac{K}{Z}$ is abelian.....(3)

Claim: $\frac{KA}{Z}$ is abelian normal subgroup of $\frac{G}{Z}$

Let $Zka \in \frac{KA}{Z}$, $k \in K$, $a \in A$, then for any g in G

$$ZgZkaZg^{-1} = Zgkag^{-1}$$

$$= Zgkg^{-1}gag^{-1}$$

$= Zk_1a_1$, $k_1 = gkg^{-1} \in K$, $a_1 = gag^{-1} \in A$ since K and A are normal in G .

So, $ZgZkaZg^{-1} \in \frac{KA}{Z}$

Hence, $\frac{KA}{Z}$ is normal subgroup of $\frac{G}{Z}$.

Let $h, k \in K$, $a, x \in A$, then

$$ZkaZh_x = Zkaha_x$$

$$= Zkhax, \text{ since } h \in K \subseteq C_H(A)$$

$$= ZkZhZaZx$$

$$= ZhZkZxZa, \text{ since } \frac{A}{Z}, \frac{K}{Z} \text{ are abelian.}$$

$$= Zhkxa$$

$$= Zhxka, \text{ since } k \in K \subseteq C_H(A)$$

$$= ZhxZka$$

Hence $\frac{KA}{Z}$ is abelian.

$K \subseteq C_H(A)$, so $KA \subseteq C_H(A) \subseteq H$, also $KA \trianglelefteq G$
so, $A \subseteq KA \subseteq H$, and $\frac{KA}{Z}$ is abelian normal subgroup of $\frac{G}{Z}$

By maximality of A , $KA \subseteq A$, hence $K \subseteq A$, Also $K \subseteq C_H(A)$.

So, $Z \subsetneq K \subseteq C_H(A) \cap A = Z$, a contradiction.

Hence $C_H(A) = Z$.

$$2. |A : Z| = r^2$$

We first show that A is nilpotent of class 2.

$Z(A) \subseteq C_H(A) = Z$ by 1.

Also, if $z \in Z = Z(G) \cap H \subseteq Z(G)$ and $a \in A$

$$\Rightarrow za = az$$

$$\Rightarrow z \in Z(A)$$

$$\Rightarrow Z \subseteq Z(A)$$

$$\text{Hence, } Z(A) = Z$$

We now consider the upper central series of A .

$$Z_1(A) = Z(A)$$

$$\frac{Z_2(A)}{Z_1(A)} = Z\left(\frac{A}{Z_1(A)}\right) = Z\left(\frac{A}{Z}\right)$$

$$\frac{A}{Z} \text{ is abelian, so } Z\left(\frac{A}{Z}\right) = \frac{A}{Z}$$

$$\text{Hence } Z_2(A) = A.$$

$Z(A) \neq A$, otherwise if $A = Z(A) = Z$, $\frac{A}{Z}$ is trivial and $|A : Z| = 1$, so we can assume that $Z(A) \neq A$.

Hence, $(1) = Z_0(A) \subseteq Z_1(A) \subseteq Z_2(A) = A$ and A is nilpotent of class 2.

Let V be FG-module of F -dimension n , via the natural action of G on V . Then by Clifford's Theorem, A is completely reducible. So V as FA -module is completely reducible. If V_1, V_2, \dots, V_m are homogenous components of V as FA -module, each of dimension r , $V = V_1 \oplus V_1 \oplus \dots \oplus V_m$, $n=mr$. Each V_i is irreducible FA -module of dimension r . So by Corollary 4.16 $|A : Z(A)| = r^2$.

$$3. C_H\left(\frac{A}{Z}\right) = A.$$

Let $c \in C_H\left(\frac{A}{Z}\right)$,

$cZaZ = aZcZ$, for all a in A , also, Z normal in G so $aZ = Za$.

$\Rightarrow [a,c] \subseteq Z = Z(A)$, for all a in A(6)

Let $\phi_c : \frac{A}{Z} \longrightarrow Z$

$Za \longrightarrow [a,c]$

let $x,y \in A$

$$y^{-1}x^{-1}c^{-1}x = y^{-1}x^{-1}c^{-1}x c c^{-1}$$

$$= y^{-1}[x,c]c^{-1}$$

$$= [x,c]y^{-1}c^{-1}, \text{ follows from (6).}$$

$$\Rightarrow y^{-1}x^{-1}c^{-1}x = [x,c]y^{-1}c^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow y^{-1}x^{-1}c^{-1}xyc = [x, c]y^{-1}c^{-1}yc$$

$$\Rightarrow [xy, c] = [x, c][y, c], \text{ for all } x, y \text{ in } A$$

So, $\phi_c(Zxy) = \phi_c(Zx) \phi_c(Zy)$, for all Zx, Zy in $\frac{A}{Z}$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_c \in \text{Hom}(\frac{A}{Z}, Z)$$

Define, $\psi : C_H(\frac{A}{Z}) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(\frac{A}{Z}, Z)$

$$c \longrightarrow \phi_c$$

Then ψ is a homomorphism and $x \in \text{Ker } \psi \Leftrightarrow \phi_x$ is identity map,
i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{id} : \frac{A}{Z} &\longrightarrow Z \\ Za &\longrightarrow 1 \end{aligned}$$

$\Leftrightarrow [a, x] = 1$, for all a in A .

$\Leftrightarrow \text{Ker } \psi = Z$.

Hence $\frac{C_H(\frac{A}{Z})}{Z} \cong \text{Im}\psi$, $\frac{A}{Z}$ finite abelian and $Z \subseteq F^*1_n$

so $|\frac{C_H(\frac{A}{Z})}{Z}| \leq |\text{Hom}(\frac{A}{Z}, Z)| \leq |\frac{A}{Z}|$

Also, $A \subseteq C_H(\frac{A}{Z})$

So, $C_H(\frac{A}{Z}) = A$.

It follows that $\frac{H}{A}$ is isomorphic to a subgroup of $\text{Aut}(\frac{A}{Z})$.

Hence $|\frac{H}{A}| \leq r^{2!}$, since $\frac{A}{Z}$ finite, and using 2.

This completes the proof.

Corollary:(Zassenhaus) Let F be algebraically closed field and G be a soluble primitive irreducible subgroup of $GL(n,F)$. Then center of G consists of scalar matrices and has finite index in G .

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