

## Extensions of Groups

Def If  $A, G$  groups an extension of  $A$  by  $G$  is a group  $E$  s.t. SES  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow E \rightarrow G \rightarrow 1$  (of groups).

We'll assume  $A$  Abelian, use additive notation  
mult. notation for  $G$   
additive (non-Abelian) notation for  $E$ .

Observation: in above situation,  $G$  acts on  $A$  making  $A$  a  $G$ -module:  $\lambda: G \rightarrow E$  set-theoretic section  $\rightarrow$   
Given  $a \in A, g \in G$ , choose  $\lambda g \in E$  a preimage.

$$g \cdot a \equiv \lambda g + a - \lambda g \in \ker(E \rightarrow G) = A$$

Check: doesn't depend on  $\lambda$ , since if  $\lambda'$  another lift

$$\lambda g - \lambda' g \in A$$

$$\lambda' g + a - \lambda' g$$

$$(\lambda g - \lambda' g) + (\lambda' g + a - \lambda' g) - (\lambda g - \lambda' g)$$

$$\lambda g - \lambda' g + \lambda' g + a - \lambda' g + \lambda' g - \lambda g$$

$$\lambda g + a - \lambda g \quad \square.$$

From this point of view, can we rephrase question a bit:  
 Given  $G$  & an  $G$ -module  $A$ , what are possible  
 exts.  $E$ , compatible w/ given  $G$ -mod structure.

Def:  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow E \rightarrow G \rightarrow 1$  split if  
 can find a section (gp hom)  $G \hookrightarrow E$   
 and in this case, have a semidirect product  
 structure  $A \rtimes G \cong E$

To classify  $E$ 's: strategy is classify "attempted sections"  
 given any lifting  $\lambda: G \rightarrow E$  ( $\star$  s.t.  $\lambda(1) = 0$ )

$$\lambda x + \lambda y - \lambda(xy) = [x, y] \in A$$

$$\downarrow \text{into } G$$

$$x y (xy)^{-1}$$

Defns a function  $[\cdot, \cdot]: G \times G \rightarrow A$   
 "factor set"

Def A factor set from  $G$  to  $A$  is a map  
 $G \times G \rightarrow A$  s.t.

★ 1)  $[x, 1] = 0 = [1, x]$  (normalized)

2)  $x[y, z] - [xy, z] + [x, yz] - [x, y]z = 0$

Can check:  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  defined by  $\lambda$  is a factor set.

$$\lambda x + (\lambda y + \lambda z) = (\lambda x + \lambda y) + \lambda z$$

$$\lambda x + ([y, z] + \lambda(yz))$$

$$\lambda x + [y, z] - \lambda x + \lambda x + \lambda(yz)$$

$$x \cdot [y, z] + [x, yz] + \lambda(xyz)$$

Construction: given any factor set  $G \times G \xrightarrow{[\cdot, \cdot]} A$   
 define extension  $E_{[\cdot, \cdot]}$  via.

$A \times G$

$$(a, g) + (a', g') = (a + g \cdot a', [g, g'] + gg')$$

$$a + \lambda g + a' + \lambda g'$$

$$= a + g \cdot a' + \lambda g + \lambda g'$$

$$= a + g \cdot a' + [g, g'] + \lambda (gg')$$

Remark: Factor sets form a group, called

$$Z^2(G, A)$$

Question: when do two factor sets give same ext.?

Given lifts  $\lambda, \lambda' : G \rightarrow E$

Consider  $\underbrace{\lambda' - \lambda}_{\langle \rangle} : G \rightarrow A \hookrightarrow E$

$$[\cdot, \cdot]_{\lambda} \quad [\cdot, \cdot]_{\lambda'}$$

Claim is:  $[g, h]_{\lambda'} - [g, h]_{\lambda} = g \langle h \rangle - \langle gh \rangle + \langle g \rangle$

$$\lambda' g + \lambda' h = [g, h]_{\lambda'} + \lambda'(gh) \quad \dots$$

$$\langle g \rangle + \lambda g + \langle h \rangle + \lambda h \quad [g, h]_{\lambda'} + \langle gh \rangle + \lambda(gh)$$

$$\langle g \rangle + g \cdot \langle h \rangle + \lambda g + \lambda h$$

$$\langle g \rangle + g \cdot \langle h \rangle + [g, h]_{\lambda} + \lambda(gh)$$

$$[g, h]_{\lambda'} + \langle gh \rangle = \langle g \rangle + g \langle h \rangle + [g, h]_{\lambda}$$

$$[g, h]_{\lambda'} - [g, h]_{\lambda} = g \langle h \rangle - \langle gh \rangle + \langle g \rangle$$

Prop  $[ \cdot, \cdot ], [ \cdot, \cdot ]' \in Z^2(G, A)$  give same ext  
 iff  $\exists \langle \cdot \rangle : G \rightarrow A$  s.t. arbitrary function.

$$[g, h]' - [g, h] = g \langle h \rangle - \langle gh \rangle + \langle g \rangle$$

all  $g, h$

Def: if  $\langle \cdot \rangle: G \rightarrow A$  arbitrary,  
 set  $\partial \langle \cdot \rangle: G \times G \rightarrow A$  defined by  

$$\partial \langle g, h \rangle = g \langle h \rangle - \langle gh \rangle + \langle g \rangle$$

Claim:  $\partial \langle \cdot \rangle \in Z^2(G, A)$

Pf: consider  $E = A \rtimes G$  choose  $\lambda: G \rightarrow E$   
 $\lambda(g) = (\langle g \rangle, g)$   
 $[\cdot, \cdot]_\lambda = \partial \langle \cdot \rangle$

Def  $B^2(G, A) = \{ \partial \langle \cdot \rangle \mid \langle \cdot \rangle: G \rightarrow A \}$

Theorem there is a bijection

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{exts } 0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow E \rightarrow G \rightarrow 1 \\ \hline \text{isom} \end{array} \right\} \xleftrightarrow{\quad} \frac{Z^2(G, A)}{B^2(G, A)}$$

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 $H^2(G, A)$

Rem:  $(0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow E \rightarrow G \rightarrow 1) \xrightarrow{\sim} (0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow E' \rightarrow G \rightarrow 1)$   
 is a isom  $E \xrightarrow{\sim} E'$  s.t. diag. commutes.

Suppose  $e: 0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow E \rightarrow G \rightarrow 1$  is an ext. a split.  
 and  $\varphi \in \text{Aut}(e)$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & A & \rightarrow & E & \rightarrow & G \rightarrow 1 \\ & & \downarrow 1 & & \downarrow \varphi & & \downarrow 1 \\ G & \rightarrow & A & \rightarrow & E^{\varphi} & \rightarrow & G \rightarrow 1 \end{array}$$

$$g \mapsto \langle g \rangle + g \quad \langle \rangle: G \rightarrow A$$

$$gh \mapsto \langle gh \rangle + gh$$

$$\langle g \rangle + g + \langle h \rangle + h$$

$$\langle g \rangle + g \langle h \rangle + \underbrace{g+h}_{gh \text{ split.}}$$

$$\langle gh \rangle = \langle g \rangle + g \langle h \rangle$$

Def: Crossed hom  $G \xrightarrow{\langle \rangle} A$  is a function s.t.

Set of crossed homs is gp under + in A

$$\text{notation } Z^1(G, A)$$

One ex of aut of  $E$  is an inv one.

Turns out that  $\text{inner Aut}(E) \cap \text{Aut}(e)$

corresp to  $\langle \rangle: G \rightarrow A$

$2a: g \mapsto ga - a$  same as  $a \in A$