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A. 研究概要

今年度は von Neumann 環 (以下、vN 環) の研究をした。任意の可分的 vN 環は可分的 vN 環である $B(\ell_2)$ の部分環に同型であるが、全ての有限型可分的 vN 環を含むような有限型可分的 vN 環M が存在するかどうかはこれまで未解決であった。境氏の教科書 (1971) にも挙げられているこの問題をさらに強い形 [7] で解いた。即ち、全ての可算離散群をユニタリ群U(M) に含むような有限型可分的 vN 環M は存在しない。

次に自由群あるいはもっと一般の語双曲群から くる vN 環の研究をした。Voiculescu 氏が自由確 率論を創始して以来自由群 vN 環の研究は自由確 率論者たちに牛耳られてきたが、私は位相幾何 的なアイディアによりこの独占支配を打破する 画期的な結果 [9] を得た。即ち、すべての双曲群 vN 環およびその部分環が「充実」であること、 特に非入射的な場合は「素」であることを示し た。 さらに UCLA の Popa 氏との共著 [10] でこ れらの因子環の積が一意に素因子分解されるこ とを示した。近年のエルゴード理論における軌 道同型の分類理論の発展には目覚しいものがあ り、その類似を vN 環で行うことは vN 環研究者 たちの夢であった。今回の Popa 氏との結果は相 当するエルゴード理論の最新の結果 (Gaboriau 2001, Monod-Shalom 2002) に追いつきさらに は追い抜くものである。

In the academic year 2002, Ozawa studied von Neumann algebras. He solved in [7] a problem from Sakai's book 1971 by showing that there is no separable universal type II_1 -factor. He then worked on von Neumann algebras arising from word hyperbolic groups. By geometric and topological ideas, he proved in [9] that all hyperbolic group von Neumann algebras, as well as their subalgebras, are solid, thus breaking the monopoly grip on free group factors by free probabilists over a decade. Collaborating with Prof. Popa at UCLA, he obtained in [10] several prime factorization results for products of hyperbolic group factors. Classification theory of measurable orbit equivalence in ergodic theory has made great progress in these years and it has been a dream of von Neumann algebraists to carry out analogies of such in von Neumann algebras. Although the strategies of proofs are completely different, the results in [10] even exceed their ergodic counterparts (at least partly).

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