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## О $\sigma_i$ -ДЛИНЕ КОНЕЧНОЙ $\sigma$ -РАЗРЕШИМОЙ ГРУППЫ

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## ON THE $\sigma_i$ -LENGTH OF A FINITE $\sigma$ -SOLUBLE GROUP

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Пусть  $\sigma = \{\sigma_i \mid i \in I\}$  некоторое разбиение множества всех простых чисел  $\mathbb{P}$  и  $G$  – конечная группа.  $G$  называется  $\sigma$ -разрешимой, если каждый главный фактор  $H/K$   $G$  – это  $\sigma_i$ -группа для некоторого  $i = i(H/K)$ . Мы доказываем следующую теорему.

**Теорема.** (i) Если  $G$  –  $\pi$ -отделимая группа,  $H$  – нильпотентная холлова  $\pi$ -подгруппа и  $E$  –  $\pi$ -дополнение группы  $G$  со свойством  $EX = XE$  для некоторой подгруппы  $X$  в  $H$  такой, что  $H' \leq X \leq \Phi(H)$ , тогда  $l_\pi(G) \leq 1$ .

(ii) Если  $G$  –  $\sigma$ -разрешимая группа и  $\{H_1, \dots, H_t\}$  – виландтов  $\sigma$ -базис группы  $G$  такой, что  $H_i$  перестановочна с  $H_j$  для всех  $i, j$ , тогда  $l_{\sigma_i}(G) \leq 1$  для всех  $i$ .

(iii) Если  $G$  –  $\sigma$ -разрешимая группа и  $\{H_1, \dots, H_t\}$  – виландтов  $\sigma$ -базис группы  $G$  такой, что  $H_i$  перестановочна с  $\Phi(H_j)$  для всех  $i, j$ , тогда  $l_{\sigma_i}(G) \leq 1$  для всех  $i$ .

(iv) Если  $l_\pi(G) \leq 1$ , то  $QX = XQ$  для каждой характеристической подгруппы  $X$  группы  $H$  и любой силовской подгруппы  $Q$  в  $G$  такая, что  $HQ = QH$ .

(v) Если  $G$  –  $\sigma$ -разрешимая группа с  $l_{\sigma_i}(G) \leq 1$  для всех  $i$  и  $\{H_1, \dots, H_t\}$  является  $\sigma$ -базисом  $G$ , тогда каждая характеристическая подгруппа группы  $H_i$  перестановочна с каждой характеристической подгруппой группы  $H_j$ .

**Ключевые слова:** конечная группа,  $\sigma$ -разрешимая группа,  $\pi$ -разделимая группа,  $\pi$ -длина холловой подгруппы.

Let  $\sigma = \{\sigma_i \mid i \in I\}$  be some partition of the set of all primes  $\mathbb{P}$  and  $G$  a finite group.  $G$  is said to be  $\sigma$ -soluble if every chief factor  $H/K$  of  $G$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -group for some  $i = i(H/K)$ . We prove the following

**Theorem.** (i) If  $G$  is  $\pi$ -separable,  $H$  is a nilpotent Hall  $\pi$ -subgroup and  $E$  a  $\pi$ -complement of  $G$  such that  $EX = XE$  for some subgroup  $X$  of  $H$  such that  $H' \leq X \leq \Phi(H)$ , then  $l_\pi(G) \leq 1$ .

(ii) If  $G$  is  $\sigma$ -soluble and  $\{H_1, \dots, H_t\}$  is a Wielandt  $\sigma$ -basis of  $G$  such that  $H_i$  permutes with  $H_j$  for all  $i, j$ , then  $l_{\sigma_i}(G) \leq 1$  for all  $i$ .

(iii) If  $G$  is  $\sigma$ -soluble and  $\{H_1, \dots, H_t\}$  is a Wielandt  $\sigma$ -basis of  $G$  such that of  $H_i$  permutes with  $\Phi(H_j)$  for all  $i, j$ , then  $l_{\sigma_i}(G) \leq 1$  for all  $i$ .

(iv) If  $l_\pi(G) \leq 1$ , then  $QX = XQ$  each characteristic subgroup  $X$  of  $H$  and any Sylow subgroup  $Q$  of  $G$  such that  $HQ = QH$ .

(v) If  $G$  is  $\sigma$ -soluble with  $l_{\sigma_i}(G) \leq 1$  for all  $i$  and  $\{H_1, \dots, H_t\}$  is a  $\sigma$ -basis of  $G$ , then each characteristic subgroup of  $H_i$  permutes with each characteristic subgroup of  $H_j$ .

**Keywords:** finite group,  $\sigma$ -soluble group,  $\pi$ -separable group,  $\pi$ -length, Hall subgroup.

### 1 The concepts and results

Throughout this paper, all groups are finite and  $G$  always denotes a finite group. Moreover,  $\mathbb{P}$  is the set of all primes,  $\pi = \{p_1, \dots, p_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{P}$  and  $\pi' = \mathbb{P} \setminus \pi$ . If  $n$  is an integer, the symbol  $\pi(n)$  denotes the set of all primes dividing  $n$ ; as usual,  $\pi(G) = \pi(|G|)$ , the set of all primes dividing the order of  $G$ .

In what follows,  $\sigma$  is some partition of  $\mathbb{P}$ , that is,  $\sigma = \{\sigma_i \mid i \in I\}$ , where  $\mathbb{P} = \bigcup_{i \in I} \sigma_i$  and  $\sigma_i \cap \sigma_j = \emptyset$  for all  $i \neq j$ .

A group  $G$  is said to be  $\sigma$ -soluble [1]–[3] if every chief factor  $H/K$  of  $G$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -group for some  $i = i(H/K)$ . In particular,  $G$  is said to be

$\pi$ -separable if every chief factor of  $G$  is either a  $\pi$ -group or a  $\pi'$ -group.

A set  $\mathcal{H}$  of subgroups of  $G$  is said to be a complete Hall  $\sigma$ -set of  $G$  [1]–[3] if every member  $\neq 1$  of  $\mathcal{H}$  is a Hall  $\sigma_i$ -subgroup of  $G$  for some  $\sigma_i \in \sigma$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  contains exactly one Hall  $\sigma_i$ -subgroup of  $G$  for every  $i \in I$  such that  $\sigma_i \cap \pi(G) \neq \emptyset$ .

Note that if  $G$  is  $\sigma$ -soluble, then  $G$  has a  $\sigma$ -basis [1], that is, a complete Hall  $\sigma$ -set  $\{H_1, \dots, H_t\}$  such that  $H_i H_j = H_j H_i$  for all  $i, j$ . Finally, recall that a Wielandt  $\sigma$ -basis of  $G$  is a  $\sigma$ -basis  $\mathcal{H}$  of  $G$  such that every member of  $\mathcal{H}$  is nilpotent.

Every  $\pi$ -separable group  $G$  has a series

$$1 = P_0(G) \leq M_0(G) < P_1(G) < M_1(G) < \dots < P_t(G) \leq M_t(G) = G$$

such that

$$M_i(G) / P_i(G) = O_\pi(G / P_i(G)) \quad (i = 0, 1, \dots, t)$$

and  $P_{i+1}(G) / M_i(G) = O_\pi(G / M_i(G)) \quad (i = 1, \dots, t)$ .

The number  $t$  is called the  $\pi$ -length of  $G$  and denoted by  $l_\pi(G)$  [4, p. 249].

In this note we prove the following

**Theorem.** (i) *If  $G$  is  $\pi$ -separable,  $H$  is a nilpotent Hall  $\pi$ -subgroup and  $E$  a  $\pi$ -complement of  $G$  such that  $EX = XE$  for some subgroup  $X$  of  $H$  such that  $H' \leq X \leq \Phi(H)$ , then  $l_\pi(G) \leq 1$ .*

(ii) *If  $G$  is  $\sigma$ -soluble and  $\{H_1, \dots, H_t\}$  is a Wielandt  $\sigma$ -basis of  $G$  such that  $H_i$  permutes with  $H_j$  for all  $i, j$ , then  $l_{\sigma_i}(G) \leq 1$  for all  $i$ .*

(iii) *If  $G$  is  $\sigma$ -soluble and  $\{H_1, \dots, H_t\}$  is a Wielandt  $\sigma$ -basis of  $G$  such that of  $H_i$  permutes with  $\Phi(H_j)$  for all  $i, j$ , then  $l_{\sigma_i}(G) \leq 1$  for all  $i$ .*

(iv) *If  $l_\pi(G) \leq 1$ , then  $QX = XQ$  each characteristic subgroup  $X$  of  $H$  and any Sylow subgroup  $Q$  of  $G$  such that  $HQ = QH$ .*

(v) *If  $G$  is  $\sigma$ -soluble with  $l_{\sigma_i}(G) \leq 1$  for all  $i$  and  $\{H_1, \dots, H_t\}$  is a  $\sigma$ -basis of  $G$ , then each characteristic subgroup of  $H_i$  permutes with each characteristic subgroup of  $H_j$ .*

**Corollary 1.1.** *Suppose that  $G$  is  $p$ -soluble, and let  $P$  be a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup and  $E$  a  $p$ -complement of  $G$ . If  $E\Phi(P) = \Phi(P)E$ , then  $l_p(G) \leq 1$ .*

**Corollary 1.2.** *Suppose that  $G$  is  $p$ -soluble, and let  $P$  be a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup. Then  $l_p(G) \leq 1$  if and only if  $QP' = P'Q$  for each Sylow subgroup  $Q$  of  $G$  such that  $PQ = QP$ .*

**Corollary 1.3.** *Let  $G$  be soluble, and let  $P$  be a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup. Then  $l_p(G) \leq 1$  if and only if  $QP' = P'Q$  for each Sylow subgroup  $Q$  of  $G$  such that  $PQ = QP$ .*

**Corollary 1.4** (Huppert [5, VI, Satz 6.11]). *Suppose that  $G$  is soluble, and let  $P_1, \dots, P_t$  be a Sylow basis of  $G$ . Then the following hold:*

(i) *If  $P_i'P_j = P_jP_i'$  for all  $i, j$ , then  $l_p(G) \leq 1$  for all  $p$ ;*

(ii) *If  $l_p(G) \leq 1$  for all  $p$ , then every characteristic subgroup of  $P_i$  permutes with each characteristic subgroup of  $P_j$ .*

## 2 Proof of the result

Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  be non-empty formations. Then the Gaschütz product  $\mathfrak{M} \circ \mathfrak{N}$  of these formations is the class of all groups  $G$  such that  $G^\sigma \in \mathfrak{M}$ . It is well-known that such an operation on the set of all non-empty formations is associative (W. Gaschütz). The symbol  $\mathfrak{M}^t$  denotes the product of  $t$  copies of  $\mathfrak{M}$ .

We shall need the following well-known theorem of Gaschütz and Shemetkov [6, Corollary 7.13].

**Lemma 2.1.** *The product of any two non-empty saturated formations is also a saturated formation.*

**Lemma 2.2.** *The class  $\mathcal{F}$  of all  $\pi$ -separable groups  $G$  with  $l_\pi(G) \leq t$  is a saturated formation.*

*Proof.* It is not difficult to show that for any non-empty set  $\omega \subseteq \mathbb{P}$  the class  $\mathfrak{G}_\omega$  of all  $\omega$ -groups is a saturated formation and that  $\mathfrak{F} = (\mathfrak{G}_\pi \circ \mathfrak{G}_\pi)^t \circ \mathfrak{G}_\pi$ . Hence  $\mathfrak{F}$  is a saturated formation by Lemma 2.1.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem.* (i) Suppose that this is false. Then  $H \neq 1$ .

(1) *For every minimal normal subgroup  $R$  of  $G$  we have  $l_\pi(G/R) \leq 1$ .*

Assume that this is false. Since  $G$  is  $\pi$ -separable,  $R$  is either a  $p'$ -group or a  $p$ -group. In the former case we have  $H \simeq HR/R$ , so

$$(HR/R)' = H'R/R$$

and  $\Phi(H)R/R = \Phi(HR/R)$ . Hence

$$(HR/R)' \leq XR/R \leq \Phi(HR/R),$$

where  $HR/R$  is a Hall  $\pi$ -subgroup of  $G/R$ . In the second case we have  $R \leq H$ , so

$$H'R/R = (H/R)' \leq$$

$$\leq XR/R \leq \Phi(H)R/R = \Phi(H/R).$$

Finally,  $ER/R$  is a  $\pi$ -complement of  $G/R$  and also we have

$$\begin{aligned} (ER/R)(XH/R) &= EXH/R = \\ &= XEH/R = (XR/R)(ER/R). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the hypothesis holds for  $G/R$  and so we have (1) by the choice of  $G$ .

(2)  *$R$  is the unique minimal normal subgroup of  $G$  and  $R \not\leq \Phi(G)$ . Hence  $C_G(R) \leq R \leq O_\pi(G) \leq H$ .*

The first assertion of (2) follows from Claim (1) and Lemma 2.2. Moreover, if  $R$  is a  $\pi'$ -group, then

$$l_\pi(G) = l_\pi(G/R) \leq 1.$$

Hence  $R$  is a  $\pi$ -group. Therefore, since  $C_G(R)$  is normal in  $G$ , we have (2).

$$(3) R \cap X \text{ is normal in } G. \text{ Since } R \cap XE \leq O_\pi(XE)$$

by Claim (1),  $R \cap XE = R \cap X$  is normal in  $XE$ . Hence  $E \leq N_G(R \cap X)$ . On the other hand, since  $H' \leq X \leq H$  by hypothesis,  $X$  is normal in  $HP$ , so  $R \cap X$  is normal in  $H$ . Therefore  $R \cap X$  is normal in  $G = HE$ .

*Final contradiction for (i).* The minimality of  $R$  implies that either  $R \cap X = 1$  or  $R \cap X = R$ . In the former case we have  $X \leq C_G(R)$  since  $X$  is normal in  $H$  and so  $X = 1$ . But then  $H$  is abelian since by hypothesis we have  $H' \leq X$ . Therefore, since  $C_G(R) \leq R \leq H$  by Claim (2),  $R = H$  is normal in  $G$ . But then  $l_\pi(G) \leq 1$ , which contradicts the choice of  $G$ . Therefore we have  $R \leq X \leq \Phi(H)$  and so  $R \leq \Phi(G)$ , contrary Claim (2). This final contradiction completes the proof of Part (i).

(ii) Since  $\{H_1, \dots, H_t\}$  is a Wielandt  $\sigma$ -basis of  $G$ , then  $H_i$  is nilpotent and

$$E = H_1 \cdots H_{i-1} H_{i+1} \cdots H_t$$

is a  $\sigma_i$ -complement of  $G$ . Moreover,

$$E\Phi(H_i) = \Phi(H_i)E$$

since  $\Phi(H_i)H_j = H_j\Phi(H_i)$  for all  $j$  by hypothesis. Therefore  $l_{\sigma_i}(G) \leq 1$  for all  $i$ .

(iii) See the proof of (ii).

(iv) Suppose that this is false. Then  $H \neq 1$  and  $Q$  is a  $q$ -group for some prime  $q \notin \pi$ . Suppose that  $HQ < G$ . Then  $l_\pi(HQ) \leq 1$  by Lemma 2.2, so  $QX = XQ$  by the choice of  $G$ . Hence  $G = HQ$ .

Suppose that  $O_\pi(G) \neq 1$  and let  $R$  be a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$  contained in  $O_\pi(G)$ . Then  $R \leq Q$  and  $l_\pi(G/R) = l_\pi(G) \leq 1$ . Therefore the choice of  $G$  implies that

$$QX/R = (Q/R)(XR/R) = (X/R)(Q/R) = XQ/R$$

and so  $QX = XQ$ , which contradicts the choice of  $G$ . Therefore  $O_\pi(G) = 1$  and hence  $H$  is normal in  $G$  since  $l_\pi(G) \leq 1$  by hypothesis. But then  $X$  is normal in  $G$  since it is characteristic in  $H$ . Hence  $QX = XQ$ . This contradiction completes the proof of Part (ii).

(v) Lemma 2.2 implies that

$$l_\pi(H_i H_j) \leq l_\pi(G) \leq 1,$$

so in the case when  $H_i H_j < G$ , the choice of  $G$  implies that  $V_i V_j = V_j V_i$ . Therefore  $H_i H_j = G$ . Hence, by Part (iii),  $V_i H_j = H_j V_i$  and  $V_j H_i = H_i V_j$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} V_i H_j \cap V_j H_i &= V_i (H_j \cap V_j H_i) = \\ &= V_i (H_j \cap H_i) V_j = V_i V_j = V_j V_i. \end{aligned}$$

The theorem is proved.

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