

# ON THE CLASS OF FINITE GROUPS WITH PRONORMAL HALL SUBGROUPS

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In this talk, all groups are finite. We denote by  $\pi$  a set of primes.  $\pi'$  denotes the set of all primes which do not belong to  $\pi$ . For an integer  $n$ ,  $\pi(n)$  denotes the set of all prime divisors of  $n$ .  $\pi(G)$  denotes  $\pi(|G|)$ .

Recall that a group  $G$  with  $\pi(G) \subseteq \pi$  is called a  $\pi$ -group. A subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is called  $\pi$ -Hall subgroup if  $\pi(H) \subseteq \pi$  and  $\pi(|G : H|) \subseteq \pi'$ .

According to [1] we say that a group  $G$  satisfies  $\mathcal{E}_\pi$  if there exists a  $\pi$ -Hall subgroup in  $G$ . If a group  $G$  satisfying  $\mathcal{E}_\pi$  and every two  $\pi$ -Hall subgroups of  $G$  are conjugate in  $G$ , then we say that  $G$  satisfies  $\mathcal{C}_\pi$ . If a group  $G$  satisfying  $\mathcal{C}_\pi$  and every  $\pi$ -subgroup of  $G$  is included in some  $\pi$ -Hall subgroup of  $G$ , then we say that  $G$  satisfies  $\mathcal{D}_\pi$ . A group satisfying  $\mathcal{E}_\pi$  (resp.,  $\mathcal{C}_\pi$  and  $\mathcal{D}_\pi$ ) is called an  $\mathcal{E}_\pi$ -group (resp., a  $\mathcal{C}_\pi$ -group and  $\mathcal{D}_\pi$ -group). The symbols  $\mathcal{E}_\pi$ ,  $\mathcal{C}_\pi$ , and  $\mathcal{D}_\pi$  denote the classes of all  $\mathcal{E}_\pi$ -,  $\mathcal{C}_\pi$ -, and  $\mathcal{D}_\pi$ -groups, respectively.

Recall that, by definition of P.Hall, a subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is said to be *pronormal* if the subgroups  $H$  and  $H^g$  are conjugate in  $\langle H, H^g \rangle$  for every  $g \in G$ .

As a consequence of the Hall theorem, the Hall subgroups of a solvable groups are pronormal, whereas there are examples of non-pronormal Hall subgroups in non-solvable groups.

We say that a group  $G$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_\pi$  (is a  $\mathcal{P}_\pi$ -group, belongs to the class  $\mathcal{P}_\pi$ ) if  $G \in \mathcal{E}_\pi$  and every  $\pi$ -Hall subgroups in  $G$  is pronormal.

It was established in [2] that the Hall subgroups in every finite simple group are pronormal. Furthermore, in [3], it was proved that the  $\pi$ -Hall subgroups are pronormal in every  $\mathcal{C}_\pi$ -groups. Thus

$$\mathcal{C}_\pi \subseteq \mathcal{P}_\pi \subseteq \mathcal{E}_\pi$$

and every simple  $\mathcal{E}_\pi$ -group belongs to  $\mathcal{P}_\pi$ .

The following problem is well-known: for which  $\pi$  the inclusion  $\mathcal{C}_\pi \subseteq \mathcal{E}_\pi$  is strict? It was established in [4] that  $\mathcal{E}_\pi = \mathcal{C}_\pi$  if  $2 \notin \pi$  and there are many examples which show that  $\mathcal{E}_\pi \neq \mathcal{C}_\pi$  in general.

Also, the following problem is natural: to find the  $\pi$  for which the inclusions  $\mathcal{C}_\pi \subseteq \mathcal{P}_\pi$  and  $\mathcal{P}_\pi \subseteq \mathcal{E}_\pi$  are strict respectively. Firstly, we prove the following Proposition.

**Proposition 1.** *For every set  $\pi$  of primes the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\mathcal{C}_\pi = \mathcal{E}_\pi$ ;
- (2)  $\mathcal{C}_\pi = \mathcal{P}_\pi$ ;
- (3)  $\mathcal{P}_\pi = \mathcal{E}_\pi$ .

In the theory of classes of finite group and, in particular, in the theory of Hall's conditions  $\mathcal{E}_\pi$ ,  $\mathcal{C}_\pi$ , and  $\mathcal{D}_\pi$ , the the following operations play an important role (cf. [5]):

$$\begin{aligned} \text{s}\mathcal{X} &= \{G \mid G \text{ is isomorphic to a subgroup of } H \in \mathcal{X}\}; \\ \text{Q}\mathcal{X} &= \{G \mid G \text{ is epimorphic image of } H \in \mathcal{X}\}; \end{aligned}$$

TABLE 1. Is it true that  $C\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{X}$ ,  $\mathcal{X} \in \{\mathcal{E}_\pi, \mathcal{C}_\pi, \mathcal{P}_\pi\}$ ?

C	$\mathcal{E}_\pi$	$\mathcal{C}_\pi$	$\mathcal{P}_\pi$
S	no	no	no
Q	yes	yes	yes
$S_n$	yes	no	no
$R_0$	yes	yes	yes
$N_0$	no	yes	no
D	yes	yes	yes
E	no	yes	no
E <sub>Z</sub>	yes	yes	yes
E <sub>Φ</sub>	yes	yes	yes

$S_n\mathcal{X} = \{G \mid G \text{ is isomorphic to a subnormal subgroup of } H \in \mathcal{X}\};$

$R_0\mathcal{X} = \{G \mid \exists N_i \trianglelefteq G \ (i = 1, \dots, m) \text{ with } G/N_i \in \mathcal{X} \text{ and } \bigcap_{i=1}^m N_i = 1\};$

$N_0\mathcal{X} = \{G \mid \exists N_i \trianglelefteq G \ (i = 1, \dots, m) \text{ with } N_i \in \mathcal{X} \text{ and } G = \langle N_1, \dots, N_m \rangle\};$

$D\mathcal{X} = \{G \mid G \simeq H_1 \times \dots \times H_m \text{ for some } H_i \in \mathcal{X} \ (i = 1, \dots, m)\};$

$E\mathcal{X} = \{G \mid G \text{ possesses a series } 1 = G_0 \trianglelefteq G_1 \trianglelefteq \dots \trianglelefteq G_m = G \text{ with } G_i/G_{i-1} \in \mathcal{X} \ (i = 1, \dots, m)\};$

$E_Z\mathcal{X} = \{G \mid \exists N \trianglelefteq G \text{ with } N \leq Z_\infty(G) \text{ and } G/N \in \mathcal{X}\};$

$E_\Phi\mathcal{X} = \{G \mid \exists N \trianglelefteq G \text{ with } N \leq \Phi(G) \text{ and } G/N \in \mathcal{X}\};$

$P\mathcal{X} = \{G \mid \forall H < \cdot G \ G/H_G \in \mathcal{X}\}.$

Here  $H \trianglelefteq G$  means that  $H$  is a subnormal subgroup of  $G$ , and  $H < \cdot G$  means that  $H$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G$ . For  $H \leq G$ , we denote by  $H_G$  the normal subgroup  $H_G = \bigcap_{g \in G} H^g$ . Furthermore,  $Z_\infty(G)$  and  $\Phi(G)$  denote the hypercenter and the Frattini subgroup of a group  $G$  respectively.

For classes  $\mathcal{E}_\pi$ ,  $\mathcal{C}_\pi$ , and  $\mathcal{P}_\pi$ , the problems of closeness under operations defined above was in the focus of attention of many well-known mathematician during the half of century. These problems play a key role in the theory of these classes (for details, cf. the surveys [6, 7]).

We investigate the problem that whether or not the class  $\mathcal{P}_\pi$  is closed under  $s$ ,  $Q$ ,  $S_n$ ,  $R_0$ ,  $N_0$ ,  $D$ ,  $E$ ,  $E_Z$ ,  $E_\Phi$  and  $P$ . The results together with the analog for the classes  $\mathcal{E}_\pi$  and  $\mathcal{C}_\pi$  are collected (with the exception of  $P$ ) in the table 1.

More precisely, we have the following

**Theorem 1.** *The following statements hold:*

- (A)  $C\mathcal{P}_\pi = \mathcal{P}_\pi$  for every set  $\pi$  of primes and  $C \in \{Q, R_0, D, E_Z, E_\Phi\}$ .
- (B) If  $C \in \{S, S_n, N_0, E\}$ , then  $C\mathcal{P}_\pi \neq \mathcal{P}_\pi$  for a set  $\pi$  of primes.
- (C) If  $C \in \{S_n, E\}$  and  $C\mathcal{P}_\pi = \mathcal{P}_\pi$  for a set  $\pi$  of primes then  $C\mathcal{E}_\pi = \mathcal{E}_\pi$  and  $C\mathcal{C}_\pi = \mathcal{C}_\pi$ .

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $C \in \{S, Q, S_n, R_0, N_0, D, E, E_Z, E_\Phi\}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $C\mathcal{P}_\pi = \mathcal{P}_\pi$  for every set  $\pi$  of primes;
- (2)  $C\mathcal{E}_\pi = \mathcal{E}_\pi$  and  $C\mathcal{C}_\pi = \mathcal{C}_\pi$  for every set  $\pi$  of primes.

Recall that a *formation* is a  $\langle Q, R_0 \rangle$ -closed class  $\mathcal{X}$  of finite groups. If, in addition,  $\mathcal{X}$  is  $E_\Phi$ -closed then the formation  $\mathcal{X}$  is said to be *saturated*. A  $\langle Q, P \rangle$ -closed class is called *Schunk class*. Actually, every saturated formation is a Schunk class.

**Corollary 2.** *For a set  $\pi$  of primes,  $\mathcal{P}_\pi$  is a saturated formation.*

**Corollary 2.** *For a set  $\pi$  of primes,  $P\mathcal{P}_\pi = \mathcal{P}_\pi$ . In particular,  $\mathcal{P}_\pi$  is a Schunk class.*

One can give examples of sets  $\pi$  such that, for every  $C \in \{S, S_n, N_0, E\}$  at least one of the classes  $\mathcal{E}_\pi$  and  $\mathcal{C}_\pi$  is not closed under  $C$  (for instance, one can put  $\pi = \{2, 3\}$ ). It follows from Theorem 1, that for this  $\pi$  and every such closure operation  $C$  the class  $\mathcal{P}_\pi$  is not  $C$ -closed. In particular,  $\mathcal{P}_\pi$  is not a Fitting class (recall, that if  $\langle S_n, N_0 \rangle \mathcal{X} = \mathcal{X}$  then  $\mathcal{X}$  is called a *Fitting class*).

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