

New progress on factorized groups and subgroup permutability

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Factorized groups

All groups considered will be finite

Factorized groups: A and B subgroups of a group G

$$G = AB$$

- How the structure of the factors A and B affects the structure of the whole group G ?
- How the structure of the group G affects the structure of A and B ?

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Definitions

- A **formation** is a class \mathcal{F} of groups with the following properties:
 - Every homomorphic image of an \mathcal{F} -group is an \mathcal{F} -group.
 - If G/M and $G/N \in \mathcal{F}$, then $G/(M \cap N) \in \mathcal{F}$
- \mathcal{F} a formation: the \mathcal{F} -**residual** $G^{\mathcal{F}}$ of G is the smallest normal subgroup of G such that $G/G^{\mathcal{F}} \in \mathcal{F}$
- The formation \mathcal{F} is said to be **saturated** if $G/\Phi(G) \in \mathcal{F}$, then $G \in \mathcal{F}$.

Starting point

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$$G = AB : A, B \in \mathcal{U}, A, B \trianglelefteq G + \boxed{\text{additional conditions}} \implies G \in \mathcal{U}$$

- (Baer, 57) $G' \in \mathcal{N}$
- (Friesen, 71) $(|G : A|, |G : B|) = 1$

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Total permutability

Definition

Let G be a group and let A and B be subgroups of G . It is said that A and B are **totally permutable** if every subgroup of A permutes with every subgroup of B .

Theorem

(Asaad, Shaalan, 89) *If $G = AB$ is the product of the totally permutable subgroups A and B , then*

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Total permutability and formations

(Maier,92; Carocca,96;Ballester-Bolinches, Pedraza-Aguilera, Pérez-Ramos, 96-98) Let \mathcal{F} be a formation such that $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$. Let the group $G = G_1 G_2 \cdots G_r$ be a product of pairwise totally permutable subgroups G_1, G_2, \dots, G_r , $r \geq 2$. Then:

Theorem

- If $G_i \in \mathcal{F} \forall i \in \{1, \dots, r\}$, then $G \in \mathcal{F}$.
- Assume in addition that \mathcal{F} is either saturated or $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{S}$. If $G \in \mathcal{F}$, then $G_i \in \mathcal{F}, \forall i \in \{1, \dots, r\}$.

Corollary

- If \mathcal{F} is either saturated or $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{S}$, then: $G^{\mathcal{F}} = G_1^{\mathcal{F}} G_2^{\mathcal{F}} \dots G_r^{\mathcal{F}}$.

Conditional permutability

Definitions

(Qian,Zhu,98) (Guo, Shum, Skiba, 05) Let G be a group and let A and B be subgroups of G .

- A and B are **conditionally permutable** in G (c-permutable), if $AB^g = B^gA$ for some $g \in G$.
- A and B are **totally c-permutable** if every subgroup of A is c-permutable in G with every subgroup of B .

Permutable \implies Conditionally Permutable
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Example

Let X and Y be two 2-Sylow subgroups of S_3 . Then X permutes with Y^g for some $g \in S_3$, but X does not permute with Y .

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Corollary

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Take $G = S_4 = AB$, $A = A_4$ and $B \cong C_2$ generated by a transposition. Then A and B are totally c-permutable in G .

Let $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{N}^2$, the saturated formation of metanilpotent groups. Notice $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{N}^2 \subseteq \mathcal{S}$. Then:

$$A, B \in \mathcal{F} \text{ but } G \notin \mathcal{F}.$$

In particular, $G^{\mathcal{F}} \neq A^{\mathcal{F}} B^{\mathcal{F}}$.

Conditional permutability

Remark

c-permutability fails to satisfy the property of persistence in intermediate subgroups.

Example

Let $G = S_4$ and let $Y \cong C_2$ generated by a transposition.

Let V be the normal subgroup of G of order 4 and X a subgroup of V of order 2, $X \neq Z(VY)$. Then

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Complete c-permutability

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(Guo, Shum, Skiba, 05) Let G be a group and let A and B be subgroups of G .

- A and B are **completely c-permutable** in G (**cc-permutable**), if $AB^g = B^gA$ for some $g \in \langle A, B \rangle$.
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- We need a better knowledge of structural properties of products of tcc-permutable groups.

Structural properties

Lemma

(AJ, AJ, PR, 11) *If $1 \neq G = AB$ is the product of tcc-permutable subgroups A and B , then there exists $1 \neq N \trianglelefteq G$ such that either $N \leq A$ or $N \leq B$.*

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Subnormal subgroups

Proposition

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Proposition

(Maier, 92) *If $G = AB$ is the product of totally permutable subgroups A and B , then $A \cap B \leq F(G)$, that is, $A \cap B$ is a subnormal nilpotent subgroup of G*

Example

The above property is not true for products of tcc-permutable subgroups.

- Let $G = S_3 = AB$ with the trivial factorization $A = S_3$ and B a 2-Sylow subgroup of G . This is a product of tcc-permutable subgroups, but: $A \cap B = B$ is not a subnormal subgroup of G .
- Let $G = S_3 = AB$ with the trivial factorization $A = B = S_3$. This is a product of tcc-permutable subgroups, but: $A \cap B = S_3 \notin \mathcal{N}$.

Nilpotent residuals

Theorem

(Beidleman, Heineken, 99) *Let $G = AB$ be a product of the totally permutable subgroups A and B . Then:*

$$[A^{\mathcal{N}}, B] = 1 \text{ and } [B^{\mathcal{N}}, A] = 1.$$

Example

Let $V = \langle a, b \rangle \cong C_5 \times C_5$ and $C_6 \cong C = \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle \leq \text{Aut}(V)$ given by:

$$a^\alpha = a^{-1}, b^\alpha = b^{-1}; a^\beta = b, b^\beta = a^{-1}b^{-1}$$

Let $G = [V]C$ be the corresponding semidirect product. Then $G = AB$ is the product of the tcc-permutable subgroups $A = \langle \alpha \rangle$ and $B = V\langle \beta \rangle$. Notice that $A \in \mathcal{U}$, but

$$B^{\mathcal{N}} = B^{\mathcal{U}} = V \text{ does not centralize } A.$$

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\mathcal{U} -hypercentre

Theorem

(Hauck, PR, MP, 03), (Gállego, Hauck, PR, 08) *Let $G = AB$ be a product of the totally permutable subgroups A and B . Then:*

$$[A, B] \leq Z_{\mathcal{U}}(G)$$

or, equivalently, $G/Z_{\mathcal{U}}(G) = AZ_{\mathcal{U}}(G)/Z_{\mathcal{U}}(G) \times BZ_{\mathcal{U}}(G)/Z_{\mathcal{U}}(G)$.

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$Z_{\mathcal{U}}(G) = 1$ and G is not a direct product of A and B .

Main theorem

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(AJ,AJ,MP,PR, 13)

Let the group $G = AB$ be the product of tcc-permutable subgroups A and B . Then:

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- For the proof we have used the CFSG.

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- 2 If G is a monolithic primitive group, then the unique minimal normal subgroup N is abelian.*

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Corollary

(AJ,AJ,MP,PR, 13) *Let the group $G = AB$ be the tcc-permutable product of the subgroups A and B . Then:*

- *If A is a normal subgroup of G , then B acts u -hypercentrally on A by conjugation. In particular, B^u centralizes A .*
- $[A^u, B^u] = 1$.

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Modifying the construction of the formation \mathcal{F} by setting $f(5) = (1, C_2, C_4, C_6)$:

- $G, A \in \mathcal{F}$, but $B \notin \mathcal{F}$, since $B/C_B(V) \cong C_3 \notin f(5)$.

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