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# Finite group with some $c^\#$ -normal and $S$ -quasinormally embedded subgroups

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**Abstract:** Let  $p$  be a prime that divides the order of a finite group  $G$ , and let  $P$  be a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ . Assume that  $d$  is the smallest number of generators of  $P$  and define  $\mathcal{M}_d(P) = \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_d\}$  as a collection of maximal subgroups of  $P$  such that  $\bigcap_{i=1}^d P_i = \Phi(P)$ , the Frattini subgroup of  $P$ . This article focuses on the exploration of the structure of a finite group  $G$  for which every element of  $\mathcal{M}_d(P)$  is either  $c^\#$ -normal or  $S$ -quasinormally embedded in  $G$ . Our results improve and generalize many known results.

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## 1 Introduction

All groups are assumed to be finite. Our notation and terminology are standard (see, e.g., Robinson [1]).

Following Gaschütz [2], a CAP-subgroup of a group  $G$  is termed as a subgroup  $K$  of  $G$ , provided that  $K$  either covers or avoids every chief factor  $A/B$  within  $G$ , namely, either  $KA = KB$  or  $K \cap A = K \cap B$ . As a generalization of CAP-subgroup, Wang and Wei [3] introduced the concept of  $c^\#$ -normal subgroup. A subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is said to be a  $c^\#$ -normal subgroup of  $G$ , provided that there exists a normal subgroup  $M$  of  $G$  satisfying the conditions  $G = HM$  and  $H \cap M$  being a CAP-subgroup of  $G$  [3, Definition 2.3]. They investigated the impact of  $c^\#$ -normality of certain subgroups of prime power order on the  $p$ -supersolvability and  $p$ -nilpotency of a group. They proved the following: let  $N$  be normal subgroup of a  $p$ -solvable group  $G$  with  $G/N$  being  $p$ -supersolvable. If every maximal subgroup of a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup  $P$  of  $G$  is  $c^\#$ -normal in  $G$ , then  $G$  itself is  $p$ -supersolvable [4]. Furthermore, they also considered the special case, and they obtained the following result: consider a normal subgroup  $N$  of a group  $G$  with  $G/N$  being  $p$ -nilpotent, and denote by  $M$  a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $N$ , where  $p$  is the smallest prime factor of dividing the order of  $G$ . Suppose that every maximal subgroup of  $M$  is a  $c^\#$ -normal subgroup of  $G$ , then  $G$  is  $p$ -nilpotent. It has been proved that the  $c^\#$ -normal subgroups provided better tools for us to study the structure of finite groups (e.g., [3–5]).

A subgroup  $L$  of a group  $G$  is termed  $S$ -quasinormal in  $G$  whenever it permutes with all Sylow subgroups of  $G$ . Since Kegel [6] introduced the concept of  $S$ -quasinormal subgroup, there has been much interest in investigating the topic on the  $S$ -quasinormality. In 1998, Ballester-Bolinches and Pedraza-Aguilera [7] introduced the concept of  $S$ -quasinormally embedded subgroups as a generalization of  $S$ -quasinormal subgroups. A subgroup  $L$  of a group  $G$  is termed  $S$ -quasinormally embedded in  $G$  if each Sylow subgroup of  $L$  is also a Sylow subgroup of an  $S$ -quasinormal subgroup of  $G$  [7, Definition]. It is proved in [7] that a group  $G$  is supersolvable if

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all of its Sylow subgroups' maximal subgroups are  $S$ -quasinormally embedded in  $G$ . Motivated by the result, Asaad and Heliel [8] showed that a group  $G$  is a  $p$ -nilpotent group if and only if each maximal subgroup of its Sylow  $p$ -subgroup is  $S$ -quasinormally embedded in  $G$ , where  $p$  is the smallest prime dividing  $|G|$ . These results have been generalized in several studies such as [7–13]. We note that  $S$ -quasinormally embedded subgroups and  $c^\#$ -normal subgroups are two different concepts.

**Example 1.1.** Let  $G = A_5$  be the alternating group of degree 5, and let  $X$  be a Sylow subgroup of  $G$ . It is evident that  $X$  is an  $S$ -quasinormally embedded in  $G$ . We can see that  $G = XG$  and  $X \cap G = X$ . But  $X$  neither covers  $G/1$  nor avoids  $G/1$ . Thus,  $X$  is not a  $c^\#$ -normal subgroup of  $G$ .

Let  $G = S_4$  be the symmetric group of degree 4 and  $X = \langle (12) \rangle$ . Then,  $G = XA_4$  and so  $X \cap A_4 = 1$ , which implies that  $X$  is  $c^\#$ -normal in  $G$ . But  $X$  is not  $S$ -quasinormally embedded in  $G$ .

It is a natural question to ask how much information about the structure of a finite group we can obtain when a small quantity of  $c^\#$ -normal or  $S$ -quasinormally embedded maximal subgroups of Sylow subgroups. In order to use fewer  $c^\#$ -normal or  $S$ -quasinormally embedded subgroups to characterize the structure of a finite group  $G$ , we employ the following definition (refer to [14]).

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $P$  be a  $p$ -group with the smallest generator number  $d$ , and denote by  $\mathcal{M}_d(P)$  a collection of maximal subgroups  $\{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_d\}$  of  $P$ , which satisfies  $\bigcap_{i=1}^d P_i = \Phi(P)$ , the Frattini subgroup of  $P$ .

For a given  $P$ , it is evident that  $\mathcal{M}_d(P)$  is not uniquely determined. We know that  $P$  contains  $\frac{p^d-1}{p-1}$  maximal subgroups and

$$\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(p^d - 1)/(p - 1)}{d} = \infty,$$

so

$$\frac{p^d - 1}{p - 1} \gg |\mathcal{M}_d(P)| = d.$$

In this article, we use the  $c^\#$ -normality or  $S$ -quasinormally embedding of maximal subgroups of Sylow subgroup  $P$  in  $\mathcal{M}_d(P)$  to characterize the structure of a group  $G$ . We obtain results concerning the  $p$ -super-solvability,  $p$ -nilpotency, and supersolvability of  $G$  and generalize many known results.

## 2 Preliminaries

In this section, we show some lemmas, which are required in the proofs of our main results.

**Lemma 2.1.** [3, Lemma 2.5] *Let  $N$  be a normal subgroup of a group  $G$ , and let  $H$  be a  $c^\#$ -normal subgroup of  $G$ . Then,  $HN/N$  is a  $c^\#$ -normal subgroup of  $G/N$  if one of the following holds:*

- (a)  $N \leq H$ .
- (b)  $(|H|, |N|) = 1$ , where  $(-, -)$  denotes the greatest common divisor.

**Lemma 2.2.** [7, Lemma 1] *Suppose that  $U$  is an  $S$ -quasinormally embedded subgroup of a group  $G$ , and  $K$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ . Then,*

- (a) *For any subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  such that  $U \leq H \leq G$ ,  $U$  is  $S$ -quasinormally embedded in  $H$ .*
- (b) *The subgroup  $UK$  is  $S$ -quasinormally embedded in  $G$  and the quotient group  $UK/K$  is  $S$ -quasinormally embedded in  $G/K$ .*

The following lemmas are related to  $S$ -quasinormal subgroups.

**Lemma 2.3.** [15, Theorem 1] *Given that  $H$  is an  $S$ -quasinormal subgroup of a group  $G$ , the quotient group  $H/H_G$  is nilpotent.*

**Lemma 2.4.** [16, Proposition B] *For a nilpotent subgroup  $H$  a group  $G$ , the equivalence of the following two statements holds:*

- (a)  *$H$  is  $S$ -quasinormal within  $G$ .*
- (b) *The Sylow subgroups of  $H$  are  $S$ -quasinormal within  $G$ .*

**Lemma 2.5.** [8, Lemma 2.6] *Let  $G_p$  be a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of a group  $G$ , and let  $P$  be a maximal subgroup of  $G_p$ . The equivalence of the following two statements holds:*

- (a)  *$P$  is normal within  $G$ .*
- (b)  *$P$  is  $S$ -quasinormal within  $G$ .*

**Lemma 2.6.** [6] and [16] *Let  $H$  be an  $S$ -quasinormal subgroup of a group  $G$ . Then,*

- (a) *If  $K$  is an  $S$ -quasinormal subgroup of  $G$ , then  $H \cap K$  is also an  $S$ -quasinormal subgroup of  $G$ .*
- (b) *If  $H$  is a  $p$ -subgroup, then  $O^p(G) \leq N_G(H)$ .*

**Lemma 2.7.** [17] *Given that  $P$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of a group  $G$  and  $N$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  with  $P \cap N \leq \Phi(P)$ , it follows that  $N$  is  $p$ -nilpotent.*

**Lemma 2.8.** [18, I, Satz 17.4] *Let  $N$  be a normal abelian subgroup of a group  $G$ . Assume that  $N \leq M \leq G$ , where  $|N|$  and the index of  $M$  in  $G$  are coprime. If  $N$  is complemented in  $M$ , then  $N$  is complemented in  $G$ .*

**Lemma 2.9.** [19, Lemma 2.6] *Assume that  $N$  is a non-trivial solvable normal subgroup of a group  $G$ . If every minimal normal subgroup of  $G$  that is contained in  $N$  is not contained in  $\Phi(G)$ , then the Fitting subgroup  $F(N)$  of  $N$  is given by the direct product of those minimal normal subgroups of  $G$  contained in  $N$ .*

**Lemma 2.10.** [1, Theorem 9.3.1] *Assume  $G$  is a  $\pi$ -separable group and  $O_{\pi'}(G) = 1$ , and it follows that  $C_G(O_{\pi}(G)) \leq O_{\pi}(G)$ .*

**Lemma 2.11.** [20, Lemma 2.8] *Suppose  $G$  is a group and  $p$  is a prime number that divides the order of  $|G|$  such that  $(|G|, p - 1) = 1$ :*

- (1) *If  $N$  is normal in  $G$  of order  $p$ , then  $N \leq Z(G)$ .*
- (2) *If  $G$  has cyclic Sylow  $p$ -subgroup, then  $G$  is  $p$ -nilpotent.*
- (3) *If  $M \leq G$  and  $|G : M| = p$ , then  $M \trianglelefteq G$ .*

### 3 Main results

In this section, we first study the  $p$ -supersolvability of a group  $G$  when all members of  $\mathcal{M}_d(P)$  assumed to be  $c^\#$ -normal or  $S$ -quasinormally embedded in  $G$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Assume  $G$  is a group that is  $p$ -solvable, and denote by  $P$  a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  for a prime  $p$  dividing the order of  $G$ . Then,  $G$  is  $p$ -supersolvable if and only if all members in some fixed  $\mathcal{M}_d(P)$  are either  $c^\#$ -normal or  $S$ -quasinormally embedded in  $G$ .*

**Proof.** We only need to prove the sufficiency by [4, Theorem 3.1]. Assume the theorem to be false, and consider  $G$  as a counterexample of minimal order. Let

$$\mathcal{M}_d(P) = \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_d\}.$$

By our hypothesis, each  $P_i$  of  $\mathcal{M}_d(P)$  is either  $c^\#$ -normal or  $S$ -quasinormally embedded in  $G$ , where  $i = 1, \dots, d$ . Without loss of generality, we assume that there exists an integer  $k$  with  $1 \leq k \leq d$  such that for every  $m$  with  $1 \leq m \leq k$ ,  $P_m$  is  $c^\#$ -normal in  $G$ , and for every  $n$  with  $k+1 \leq n \leq d$ ,  $P_n$  is  $S$ -quasinormally embedded in  $G$ . We split the proof into the following steps:

(1)  $O_{p'}(G) = 1$ .

Otherwise,  $O_{p'}(G) \neq 1$ . Since  $PO_{p'}(G)/O_{p'}(G)$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G/O_{p'}(G)$  and  $PO_{p'}(G)/O_{p'}(G) \cong P$ , we can see that  $PO_{p'}(G)/O_{p'}(G)$  has the same smallest generator number  $d$  as  $P$ . Set

$$\mathcal{M}_d(PO_{p'}(G)/O_{p'}(G)) = \{P_1O_{p'}(G)/O_{p'}(G), \dots, P_dO_{p'}(G)/O_{p'}(G)\}.$$

Then, each  $P_iO_{p'}(G)/O_{p'}(G)$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, d\}$  is either  $c^\#$ -normal or  $S$ -quasinormally embedded in  $G/O_{p'}(G)$  by Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2. Consequently,  $G/O_{p'}(G)$  fulfills the requirements stipulated in our theorem. Given the minimality of  $G$ , it is compelled that  $G/O_{p'}(G)$  be  $p$ -supersolvable, which in turn implies that  $G$  must be  $p$ -supersolvable, leading to a contradiction.

(2)  $\Phi(P)_G = 1$ , in particular,  $\Phi(O_p(G)) = 1$ .

Suppose that  $\Phi(P)_G \neq 1$ . Then, it is clear that

$$\{P_1/\Phi(P)_G, \dots, P_d/\Phi(P)_G\} = \mathcal{M}_d(P/\Phi(P)_G).$$

Also, each  $P_i/\Phi(P)_G$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, d\}$  is either  $c^\#$ -normal or  $S$ -quasinormally embedded in  $G/\Phi(P)_G$  by Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2. Thus, the hypothesis of our theorem is automatically satisfied for  $G/\Phi(P)_G$ . So  $G/\Phi(P)_G$  is  $p$ -supersolvable by the minimality of  $G$ . By [18, III, Satz 3.3], we have that  $\Phi(P)_G \leq \Phi(G)$  and so  $G$  is  $p$ -supersolvable, which contradicts the minimality of  $G$ .

(3) Any minimal normal subgroup of  $G$  that is contained within  $O_p(G)$  possesses an order of  $p$ .

By statement (1) and the  $p$ -solvability of  $G$ , it follows that  $O_p(G) > 1$ . Consider  $N$  to be a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$  that is contained within  $O_p(G)$ . By hypotheses, every  $P_m$  is  $c^\#$ -normal in  $G$ , and hence, there exists a normal subgroup  $K_m$  of  $G$  such that  $G = P_m K_m$  and  $P_m \cap K_m$  is a CAP-subgroup of  $G$  for all  $m \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ , i.e.,  $P_m \cap K_m$  covers or avoids  $N/1$ . Suppose that there exists some  $P_m$  such that  $P_m \cap K_m$  avoids  $N/1$ . Then,  $P_m \cap K_m \cap N = 1$ . By the minimal normality of  $N$ , we can see that either  $N \cap K_m = 1$  or  $N \cap K_m = N$ . If  $N \cap K_m = 1$ , then  $NK_m/K_m$  is a minimal normal subgroup of  $G/K_m$ . But  $G/K_m$  is a  $p$ -group as  $G = P_m K_m$ , which means that  $N \cong NK_m/K_m$  is of order  $p$ . If  $N \cap K_m = N$ , then  $N \cap P_m = 1$ . This derives that  $P = P_m \times N$ , and thus,  $|N| = p$ . Now we may assume that every  $P_m \cap K_m$  covers  $N/1$  for all  $m \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ . Then,  $N \leq P_m \cap K_m$  and so

$$N \leq \bigcap_{m=1}^k (P_m)_G,$$

where  $(P_m)_G$  is the core of  $P_m$  in  $G$ .

By our assumption, for each  $n \in \{k+1, \dots, d\}$ ,  $P_n$  is  $S$ -quasinormally embedded in  $G$ , and consequently, there exists an  $S$ -quasinormal subgroup  $M_n$  of  $G$  for which  $P_n$  serves as a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup. Therefore, we may apply Lemmas 2.3 and 2.4 to see that  $M_n/(M_n)_G$  is nilpotent and all Sylow subgroups of  $M_n/(M_n)_G$  are  $S$ -quasinormal in  $G/(M_n)_G$ . In particular,  $P_n(M_n)_G/(M_n)_G$  is  $S$ -quasinormal in  $G/(M_n)_G$ . It follows from Lemma 2.5 that  $P_n(M_n)_G/(M_n)_G$  is normal in  $G/(M_n)_G$ . We obtain that  $P_n \leq (M_n)_G$  and so  $P \cap (M_n)_G = P_n$ .

Let

$$T = \left( \bigcap_{m=1}^k (P_m)_G \right) \cap \left( \bigcap_{n=k+1}^d (M_n)_G \right),$$

then  $T \trianglelefteq G$ . By the minimal normality of  $N$ , we have that  $N \cap (M_n)_G = N$  or  $1$ . If  $N \cap (M_n)_G = N$  for all  $n \in \{k+1, \dots, d\}$ , then  $N \leq (M_n)_G$ , and consequently,  $N \leq T$ . We obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} T \cap P &= \left( \bigcap_{m=1}^k (P_m)_G \right) \cap \left( \bigcap_{n=k+1}^d (M_n)_G \right) \cap P = \left( \bigcap_{m=1}^k (P_m)_G \right) \cap \left( \bigcap_{n=k+1}^d (M_n)_G \cap P \right) \\ &= \left( \bigcap_{m=1}^k (P_m)_G \right) \cap \left( \bigcap_{n=k+1}^d P_n \right) \leq \bigcap_{i=1}^d P_i = \Phi(P). \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 2.7, we deduce that  $T$  is  $p$ -nilpotent, and hence, by statement (1),  $T$  is a  $p$ -group. Statement (2) implies that  $T = N = 1$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore, there exists some  $M_i$  such that  $N \cap (M_i)_G = 1$ , where  $i \in \{k+1, \dots, d\}$ . Therefore,  $|N| = p$ .

(4) No counterexample exists.

Consider  $N$  as a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$  such that  $N \leq O_p(G)$ . Then, statement (3) and Lemma 2.8 are combined to give that  $N$  is complemented in  $G$ . We obtain that  $N \cap \Phi(G) = 1$  and so  $O_p(G) \cap \Phi(G) = 1$ . We apply Lemma 2.9 to give that

$$O_p(G) = N_1 \times N_2 \times \dots \times N_s,$$

where each  $N_i$  (for  $i = 1, \dots, s$ ) is a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$  of order  $p$ . Since

$$G/C_G(N_i) \cong \text{Aut}(N_i)$$

and  $\text{Aut}(N_i)$  is a cyclic group of order  $p-1$ , we conclude that

$$G/C_G(O_p(G)) = G/\bigcap_{i=1}^r C_G(N_i)$$

is  $p$ -supersolvable. Given that  $G$  is  $p$ -solvable and  $O_{p'}(G) = 1$ , it follows that

$$C_G(O_p(G)) \leq O_p(G)$$

by Lemma 2.10. It follows that  $G/O_p(G)$  is  $p$ -supersolvable. Now, every chief factor of  $G$  contained in  $O_p(G)$  is of order  $p$ ; and hence, every  $p$ -chief factor of  $G$  is cyclic. It follows that  $G$  is  $p$ -supersolvable, which is a final contradiction.  $\square$

As immediate consequences of Theorem 3.1, we have the following.

**Corollary 3.2.** [4, Theorem 3.1] *Consider  $G$  as a  $p$ -solvable group, and denote by  $P$  a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ , where  $p$  is a prime number that divides the order of  $G$ . Then,  $G$  is  $p$ -supersolvable if and only if all members in some fixed  $\mathcal{M}_d(P)$  are  $c^\#$ -normal in  $G$ .*

**Corollary 3.3.** *Consider  $G$  as a  $p$ -solvable group, and denote by  $P$  a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ , where  $p$  is a prime number that divides the order of  $G$ . Then,  $G$  is  $p$ -supersolvable if and only if all members in some fixed  $\mathcal{M}_d(P)$  are  $S$ -quasinormally embedded in  $G$ .*

**Remark 3.4.** The assumption of “ $G$  is  $p$ -solvable” in Theorem 3.1 is indispensable. Indeed,  $G = A_5$  is a counterexample for  $p = 5$ .

Revising the method used in the proof of Theorem 3.1, we can obtain some results. In the following theorem, we replace the condition “ $G$  is  $p$ -solvable” in Theorem 3.1 by “ $(|G|, p-1) = 1$ .”

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $G$  be a group,  $p$  be a prime divisor of  $|G|$  with  $(|G|, p-1) = 1$ , and  $P$  be a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ . Then,  $G$  is a  $p$ -nilpotent group if and only if all members in some fixed  $\mathcal{M}_d(P)$  are either  $c^\#$ -normal or  $S$ -quasinormally embedded in  $G$ .*

**Proof.** Applying [4, Theorem 3.2], it is only the sufficiency of the condition that is in doubt. Assume the result is incorrect and consider  $G$  as a counterexample possessing the smallest possible order. Let

$$\mathcal{M}_d(P) = \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_d\}.$$

With the same arguments as in the proof of Theorem 3.1, we can obtain the statements (1)–(4).

(1)  $O_{p'}(G) = 1$ .

(2)  $\Phi(P)_G = 1$ , in particular,  $\Phi(O_p(G)) = 1$ .

- (3) Let  $N$  be a  $p$ -group. If  $N$  is a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$ , then  $|N| = p$ .  
 (4) Any minimal normal subgroup of  $G$  is a subgroup of  $O_p(G)$ .

Let  $N$  be a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$ . Then, statement (1) means that  $p \mid |N|$ . Let  $P_i \in \mathcal{M}_d(P)$ . By hypotheses,  $P_i$  is either  $c^\#$ -normal or  $S$ -quasinormally embedded in  $G$ . Given that  $P_i$  is  $c^\#$ -normal in  $G$ , a normal subgroup  $K$  of  $G$  exists, satisfying  $G = P_i K$  and  $P_i \cap K$  being a CAP-subgroup of  $G$ , i.e.,  $P_i \cap K$  covers or avoids  $N/1$ . If  $P_i \cap K$  covers  $N/1$ , then  $N \leq P_i$  and so  $N \leq O_p(G)$ . If  $P_i \cap K$  avoids  $N/1$ , then  $P_i \cap K \cap N = 1$ . By the minimal normality of  $N$ , we can see that either  $N \cap K = 1$  or  $N \cap K = N$ . If  $N \cap K = 1$ , then  $NK/K$  is a minimal normal subgroup of  $G/K$ . It follows that  $N$  has order  $p$  and so  $N \leq O_p(G)$ . If  $N \cap K = N$ , then  $N \cap P_i = 1$ . Consequently,  $|P_i N|_p = |P_i| |N|_p$  and so  $|N|_p = p$ . Lemma 2.11 and  $(|G|, p - 1) = 1$  are combined to give that  $N$  is  $p$ -nilpotent. Thus,  $N$  is a  $p$ -group by statement (1). Hence,  $N \leq O_p(G)$ .

Now, we may assume that all members of  $\mathcal{M}_d(P)$  are  $S$ -quasinormally embedded in  $G$  and  $N_p = N \cap P \not\leq \Phi(P)$  by Lemma 2.7. Without loss of generality, we assume that  $N_p \not\leq P_1 \in \mathcal{M}_d(P)$ . Hence, there exists an  $S$ -quasinormal subgroup  $H$  of  $G$ , for which  $P_1$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup. Therefore,  $P_1 H_G / H_G$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $H / H_G$ . By Lemmas 2.3 and 2.4,  $H / H_G$  is nilpotent and  $P_1 H_G / H_G$  is an  $S$ -quasinormal subgroup of  $H / H_G$ . Since  $P_1 H_G / H_G$  is a maximal subgroup of a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G / H_G$ , we see that  $P_1 H_G / H_G$  is normal in  $G / H_G$  by Lemma 2.5. Hence,  $P_1 H_G$  is normal in  $G$ , which implies that  $P_1 \leq H_G$ . By the minimal normality of  $N$ , we obtain that  $N \cap H_G = N$  or  $1$ . If  $N \cap H_G = N$ , then  $N_p \leq P \cap H_G = P_1$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $N \cap H_G = 1$  and so  $N \cap P_1 = 1$ . Consequently,  $|N|_p = p$ . It means that  $N$  is  $p$ -nilpotent, and we apply statement (1) to give that  $N \leq O_p(G)$ .

(5) The final contradiction.

By statements (2) and (4), we obtain that  $O_p(G) \neq 1$  and  $O_p(G)$  is elementary abelian. Applying Lemmas 2.8 and 2.9, we can see that

$$O_p(G) = N_1 \times N_2 \times \dots \times N_r,$$

where  $N_i$  is a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$  with  $|N_i| = p$ . Furthermore,  $O_p(G)$  has a complement  $K$  in  $G$ , i.e.,

$$G = O_p(G) \rtimes K.$$

Let

$$T = \bigcap_{i=1}^r C_G(N_i).$$

Since  $N_i \leq Z(P)$ , we have  $P \leq T$ . If  $T \cap K \neq 1$ , then there exists a minimal normal subgroup  $L$  of  $G$  such that  $L \leq T \cap K$  and  $L \not\leq O_p(G)$ , which contradicts with statement (4). Hence,  $T \cap K = 1$ . Moreover, we obtain that  $P = O_p(G)$ . Set

$$P_i = N_1 \times N_2 \times \dots \times N_{i-1} \times N_{i+1} \times \dots \times N_r.$$

Then,  $P_i$  is normal in  $G$  and  $|G/P_i|_p = p$ . By Lemma 2.11,  $G/P_i$  is  $p$ -nilpotent. Furthermore,

$$G / \bigcap_{i=1}^r P_i$$

is  $p$ -nilpotent, but  $\bigcap_{i=1}^r P_i = 1$ . It follows that  $G$  is  $p$ -nilpotent, which is a final contradiction.  $\square$

Therefore, from Theorem 3.5, we obtain

**Corollary 3.6.** [4, Theorem 3.2] and [5, Theorem 3.1] *Let  $p$  be a prime divisor of the order of a group  $G$  with  $(|G|, p - 1) = 1$ , and let  $P$  be a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ . Then,  $G$  is a  $p$ -nilpotent group if and only if all members in some fixed  $\mathcal{M}_d(P)$  are  $c^\#$ -normal in  $G$ .*

**Corollary 3.7.** [10, Theorem 3.1] *Let  $p$  be a prime divisor of the order of a group  $G$  with  $(|G|, p - 1) = 1$ , and let  $P$  be a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ . Then,  $G$  is a  $p$ -nilpotent group if and only if all members in some fixed  $\mathcal{M}_d(P)$  are  $S$ -quasinormally embedded in  $G$ .*

Combining Theorems 3.1 and 3.5, we obtain the following result.



**Theorem 3.8.** Consider an arbitrary prime divisor  $p$  of the order of a group, and denote by  $P$  a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ . A group  $G$  is supersolvable if and only if all members in some fixed  $\mathcal{M}_d(P)$  are either  $c^\#$ -normal or  $S$ -quasinormally embedded in  $G$ .

**Proof.** Only the sufficiency needs to be shown. Let  $p$  be the smallest prime of the order of  $G$ . Then, from Theorem 3.5  $G$  is  $p$ -nilpotent. It follows that  $G$  is solvable. We apply Theorem 3.1 to see that for arbitrary prime divisor of  $|G|$ ,  $G$  is  $p$ -supersolvable, and thus,  $G$  is supersolvable.  $\square$

In view of Theorem 3.8, we have the following.

**Corollary 3.9.** [4, Theorem 3.5] A group  $G$  is supersolvable if and only if all members in some fixed  $\mathcal{M}_d(P)$  are  $c^\#$ -normal in  $G$ , for every Sylow subgroup  $P$  of  $G$ .

**Corollary 3.10.** [10, Theorem 3.2] A group  $G$  is supersolvable if and only if for each Sylow subgroup  $P$  of  $G$ , all members in some fixed  $\mathcal{M}_d(P)$  are  $S$ -quasinormally embedded in  $G$ .

It is recalled that a formation  $\mathfrak{F}$  is defined as a class of groups that is closed under the operations of taking homomorphic images and subdirect products. A formation  $\mathfrak{F}$  is termed saturated if  $G \in \mathfrak{F}$  holds whenever  $G/\Phi(G) \in \mathfrak{F}$  is satisfied. Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be the class of all groups that are supersolvable. It is evident that  $\mathcal{U}$  constitutes a saturated formation. We also discover that aforementioned results cannot be extended to saturated formation, specifically:

Define  $\mathfrak{F}$  as a saturated formation encompassing  $\mathcal{U}$ . Consider  $K$  as a normal subgroup of a group  $G$  with the property that  $G/K \in \mathfrak{F}$ . Assume that for every prime  $p$  dividing the order of  $K$ ,  $P \in \text{Syl}_p(K)$ , and all members in some fixed  $\mathcal{M}_d(P)$  are either  $c^\#$ -normal or  $S$ -quasinormally embedded in  $G$ . But  $G \notin \mathfrak{F}$ .

**Example 3.11.** The formation function, denoted by  $f(p)$ , is defined as follows:

$$f(p) = \{\text{the class of } p'\text{-groups for any prime } p\}.$$

Furthermore, let  $\mathfrak{F}$  be the locally defined formation based on the set  $\{f(p)\}$ . Suppose that  $K/L$  is a  $p$ -chief factor of a supersolvable group  $X$ , then  $X/C_X(K/L)$  is a cyclic group of order dividing  $p-1$  and so  $X/C_X(K/L) \in f(p)$ . It follows that  $X \in \mathfrak{F}$ , and hence,  $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathfrak{F}$ . The inclusion of  $A_4 \in \mathfrak{F}$  is evident.

Let  $P = \langle a, b, c \rangle$  be an elementary abelian group of order  $3^3$ , and let  $u, v \in \text{Aut}(P)$  such that

$$u = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ c & a & b \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad v = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & c^{-1} & a^{-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then,  $u^3 = v^3 = (uv)^2 = 1$ , which means that  $A = \langle u, v \rangle \cong A_4$ . Set  $G = P \rtimes A$ , the semidirect product of  $P$  and  $A$ . We can see that  $P$  is an irreducible and faithful  $A_4$ -module over  $GF(p)$ , implying that  $P$  is a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$  with  $C_A(P) = 1$ . Given that  $A_4 \in \mathfrak{F}$  and  $G/P \cong A \cong A_4$ , we conclude that  $G/P \in \mathfrak{F}$ . Define  $M = PS$ , with  $S$  is a Sylow 2-subgroup of  $G$ . Note that  $O^3(G) \leq M \trianglelefteq G$ . Since  $S$  is an elementary abelian group of order 4, we derive that any minimal normal subgroup of  $M$  contained in  $P$  has order 3. Invoking Maschke's theorem [1, Theorem 8.1.2], we deduce that  $P$  is a completely reducible  $S$ -module. Consequently,  $P$  admits a decomposition as  $P = \langle a_1 \rangle \times \langle a_2 \rangle \times \langle a_3 \rangle$ , with  $\langle a_i \rangle$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) being  $S$ -invariant. Let  $P_i = \langle a_j | j \neq i \rangle$ . Then,

$$\mathcal{M}_d(P) = \{P_1, P_2, P_3\},$$

and each  $P_i$  in  $\mathcal{M}_d(P)$  is  $S$ -quasinormally embedded within  $G$ . Furthermore,  $P$  is identified as a 3-chief factor of  $G$  and  $G/C_G(P) \cong A_4$ , which is not a  $3'$ -group. Thus,  $G \notin \mathfrak{F}$ .

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