

КОНЕЧНЫЕ ГРУППЫ С ОГРАНИЧЕНИЯМИ НА ДВЕ МАКСИМАЛЬНЫЕ ПОДГРУППЫ

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FINITE GROUPS WITH RESTRICTIONS ON TWO MAXIMAL SUBGROUPS

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Подгруппа A называется *полунормальной* в группе G , если существует подгруппа B такая, что $G = AB$ и AB_1 – собственная в G подгруппа для каждой собственной подгруппы B_1 из B . Если подгруппа A либо субнормальна в G , либо полунормальна в G , то A называется *полусубнормальной* в группе G . В настоящей работе доказана сверхразрешимость группы G при условии, что все силовские подгруппы из двух несопряженных максимальных подгрупп полусубнормальны в группе G . Установлена нильпотентность второго коммутанта $(G)'$ группы G при условии, что все максимальные подгруппы из двух несопряженных максимальных подгрупп полусубнормальны в группе G .

Ключевые слова: сверхразрешимая группа, полусубнормальная подгруппа, коммутант, силовская подгруппа, максимальная подгруппа.

A subgroup A of a group G is called *seminormal* in G , if there exists a subgroup B such that $G = AB$ and AB_1 is a proper subgroup of G for every proper subgroup B_1 of B . We introduce the new concept that unites subnormality and seminormality. A subgroup A of a group G is called *semisubnormal* in G , if either A is subnormal in G , or is seminormal in G . In this paper we proved the supersolubility of a group G under the condition that all Sylow subgroups of two non-conjugate maximal subgroups of G are semisubnormal in G . Also we obtained the nilpotency of the second derived subgroup $(G)'$ of a group G under the condition that all maximal subgroups of two non-conjugate maximal subgroups are semisubnormal in G .

Keywords: supersoluble groups, semisubnormal subgroup, derived subgroup, Sylow subgroup, maximal subgroup.

Introduction

Throughout this paper, all groups are finite and G always denotes a finite group.

A subgroup A of a group G is called *seminormal* in G , if there exists a subgroup B such that $G = AB$ and $AB_1 = B_1A \neq G$ for every proper subgroup B_1 of B .

Groups with some seminormal subgroups were investigated in works of many authors, see, for example, [1]–[10]. In particular, the supersolubility of a group with seminormal Sylow subgroups was obtained in [7], [9]. In [6] the supersolubility of a group with seminormal 2-maximal subgroups was proved. In [10] first two authors obtained the sufficient conditions for the supersolubility of G under the condition that all Sylow subgroups or all maximal subgroups of two non-conjugate maximal subgroups of G are seminormal in G .

We introduce the new concept that unites subnormality and seminormality.

Definition. A subgroup A of a group G is called *semisubnormal* in G , if either A is subnormal in G , or is seminormal in G .

Let M and H be non-conjugate maximal subgroups of G . In the present paper we proved the supersolubility of a group G under the condition that all Sylow subgroups of M and H are semisubnormal in G . We also obtained the nilpotency of the second

derived subgroup $(G)'$ of a group G under the condition that all maximal subgroups of M and H are semisubnormal in G .

1 Preliminary results

We use the standart terminology of [11], [12]. Recall that $A^G = \langle A^g \mid g \in G \rangle$ is the subgroup generated by all subgroups of G that are conjugate to A . Denote by $\pi(G)$ the set of all prime divisors of order of G and by $|G : A|$ the index of subgroup A in G . We use $N \triangleleft G$ to denote a normal subgroup N of G . For maximal subgroup M of G we will use the following notation: $M < \cdot G$. We write $O_p(G)$ to denote the greatest normal p -subgroups of G . The semidirect product of a normal subgroup A and a subgroup B is written as follows: $A \rtimes B$. A subgroup U is called subnormal in G , if there exist the subgroups U_0, U_1, \dots, U_s such that

$$U = U_0 \triangleleft U_1 \triangleleft \dots \triangleleft U_{s-1} \triangleleft U_s = G.$$

Let \mathfrak{F} be a non-empty formation. If G is a group then $G^{\mathfrak{F}}$ denotes the \mathfrak{F} -residual of G , that is the intersection of all those normal subgroups N of G for which $G/N \in \mathfrak{F}$. We define $\mathfrak{F} \circ \mathfrak{H} = \{G \mid G^{\mathfrak{F}} \in \mathfrak{H}\}$ and call $\mathfrak{F} \circ \mathfrak{H}$ the formation product of \mathfrak{F} and \mathfrak{H} , see [13, IV, 1.7]. As usually, $\mathfrak{F}^2 = \mathfrak{F} \circ \mathfrak{F}$. A formation

\mathfrak{F} is said to be saturated if $G/\Phi(G) \in \mathfrak{F}$ implies that $G \in \mathfrak{F}$. In this paper \mathfrak{N} , \mathfrak{U} and \mathfrak{A} denote the formations of all nilpotent, all supersoluble and all abelian groups respectively. The other definitions and terminology about formations could be referred to [11], [13], [14].

Lemma 1.1. (1) *If H is a semisubnormal subgroup of G and $H \leq X \leq G$, then H is semisubnormal in X .*

(2) *If H is a semisubnormal subgroup of G and N is normal in G , then HN/N is semisubnormal in G/N .*

(3) *If H is a semisubnormal subgroup of G and Y is a non-empty set of elements from G , then*

$$H^Y = \langle H^y \mid y \in Y \rangle$$

is semisubnormal in G . In particular, H^g is semisubnormal in G for any $g \in G$.

Proof. If H is subnormal in G , then the statements (1)–(3) are true, see [11, Lemma 2.41, Theorem 2.43]. If H is seminormal, then this statements was proved in [8, Lemma 2]. Thus the statements (1)–(3) are true.

Lemma 1.2. (1) *Let p be the greatest in $\pi(G)$ and P be a Sylow p -subgroup of G . If P is semisubnormal in G , then P is normal in G .*

(2) *If any Sylow subgroup of G is semisubnormal in G , then G is supersoluble.*

(3) *Let H be a maximal subgroup of G . If H is semisubnormal in G , then the index of H in G is a prime.*

(4) *If every maximal subgroup of G is semisubnormal in G , then G is supersoluble.*

(5) *If the index of H in G is a prime, then H is semisubnormal in G .*

Proof. (1) It is clear that if P is subnormal in G , then P is normal in G . If P is seminormal in G and p is greatest in $\pi(G)$, then by [7, Lemma 4], P is normal in G .

(2) Suppose that G has at least one subnormal Sylow subgroup P . Then P is normal in G and therefore is seminormal in G . Hence any Sylow subgroup of G is seminormal in G . By [7, Corollary 6], G is supersoluble.

(3) If H is subnormal in G , then H is normal in G and by [11, Lemma 3.17 (6)], $|G:H|$ is prime. Let H be a seminormal subgroup in G and K be a subgroup of G such that $HK = G$ and HK_1 is a proper subgroup of G for every proper subgroup K_1 of K . Let prime r divides the index $|G:H|$ and R be a Sylow r -subgroup of K . Then $HR = G$ and $G = H\langle x \rangle$ for $x \in R \setminus H$. We choose an element x such that its order is the smallest. Then $H\langle x^r \rangle = \langle x^r \rangle H = H$ and $|G:H| = r$.

(4) Let M be a maximal subgroup of G . By (3), the index of M in G is a prime. By [12, VI.9.2 (2)], G is supersoluble.

(5) Let $|G:H| = r$ and R be a Sylow r -subgroup of G . Then R is not contained in H and there exists an element $x \in R \setminus H$. Let $|x| = r^a$ and $|\langle x \rangle \cap H| = r^{a_1}$. It is obvious that $a > a_1$, hence

$$|\langle x \rangle H| = \frac{|\langle x \rangle| |H|}{|\langle x \rangle \cap H|} = \frac{r^a |G|}{r^{a_1}} \geq |G|, \langle x \rangle H = G.$$

Now x^r belongs to H and H is seminormal in G , and therefore is semisubnormal in G .

Lemma 1.3. (1) *If A is a semisubnormal 2-nilpotent subgroup of G , then A^G is soluble.*

(2) *Let p be the smallest prime divisor of order of G . If A is semisubnormal in G and p does not divide the order of A , then p does not divide the order of A^G .*

Proof. (1) If A is subnormal in G , then by [11, Theorem 5.31], A^G is soluble. If A is seminormal in G , then A^G is soluble by [8, Lemma 10].

(2) If A is a subnormal p' -subgroup of G , then by [11], A^G is a p' -subgroup. If A is a seminormal p' -subgroup of G , then A^G is a p' -subgroup by [8, Lemma 11].

Lemma 1.4 [15, Lemma 6]. *Let G be a soluble group. Assume that $G \notin \mathfrak{U}$, but $G/K \in \mathfrak{U}$ for every non-trivial normal subgroup K of G . Then:*

(1) *G contains a unique minimal normal subgroup N , $N = F(G) = O_p(G) = C_G(N)$ for some $p \in \pi(G)$;*

(2) $Z(G) = O_{p'}(G) = \Phi(G) = 1$;

(3) *G is primitive; $G = N \rtimes M$, where M is maximal in G with trivial core;*

(4) *N is an elementary abelian subgroup of order p^n , $n > 1$;*

(5) *if V is a subgroup G and $G = VN$, then $V = M^x$ for some $x \in G$.*

Lemma 1.5. *Let \mathfrak{F} be a formation. Then $\mathfrak{N} \circ \mathfrak{F}$ is a saturated formation.*

Proof. According to [14], the product $\mathfrak{N} \circ \mathfrak{F}$ is a local formation. Since saturated formation and local formation are equivalent concepts, $\mathfrak{N} \circ \mathfrak{F}$ is a saturated formation.

Lemma 1.6. *Let \mathfrak{F} be a saturated formation and G be a group. Assume that $G \notin \mathfrak{F}$, but $G/N \in \mathfrak{F}$ for all non-trivial normal subgroups N of G . Then G is a primitive group.*

Proof. Since \mathfrak{F} is a saturated formation, it follows that $\Phi(G) = 1$ and G contains a unique minimal normal subgroup N . For some maximal subgroup M of G , we have $G = NM$, because $\Phi(G) = 1$. It is obvious that the core $M_G = 1$. Hence G is a primitive group.

Lemma 1.7 [11, Theorem 4.40–4.42]. *Let G be a soluble primitive group and M is a primitivator of G . Then the following statements hold:*

- (1) $\Phi(G) = 1$;
- (2) $F(G) = C_G(F(G)) = O_p(G)$ and $F(G)$ is an elementary abelian subgroup of order p^n for some prime p and some positive integer n ;
- (3) G contains a unique minimal normal subgroup N and moreover, $N = F(G)$;
- (4) $G = F(G) \rtimes M$ and $O_p(M) = 1$.

Lemma 1.8 [18]. *Let G be a minimal non-supersoluble group. Then the following holds:*

- (1) G is soluble;
- (2) G contains a unique normal Sylow subgroup P and $P = G^u$;
- (3) $P/\Phi(P)$ is a minimal normal subgroup of $G/\Phi(P)$ such that $|P/\Phi(P)| > p$.

2 Supersolubility of a group with semisubnormal Sylow subgroups of two maximal subgroups

Lemma 2.1. *Let M be a maximal subgroup of G . If all Sylow subgroups of M is semisubnormal in G , then $|G : M|$ is a prime, M and G/M_G is supersoluble. In particular, G is soluble.*

Proof. First we prove that G is soluble. We use induction on the order of G . Let R be an arbitrary Sylow subgroup of M . By Lemma 1.1, R is semisubnormal in M . Because it is true for any Sylow subgroup of M , it follows that M is supersoluble by Lemma 1.2 (2). In particular, M is 2-nilpotent. Hence every subgroup of M is also 2-nilpotent. By Lemma 1.3 (1), R^G is soluble. If $MR^G = G$, then G soluble, since $G/R^G = MR^G/R^G \cong M/M \cap R^G$ is supersoluble. Let $R^G \leq M$. Hence G/R^G has a maximal subgroup M/R^G . Let S/R^G be a Sylow t -subgroup of M/R^G and T be a Sylow t -subgroup of S . By [11, Theorem 1.65], TR^G/R^G is a Sylow t -subgroup of S/R^G . Then $S = TR^G$ and T is a Sylow t -subgroup of M . By hypothesis, T is semisubnormal in G and by Lemma 1.1, $TR^G/R^G = S/R^G$ is semisubnormal in G/R^G . Then by induction, G/R^G is soluble, consequently G is soluble. So the solubility of G is proved.

We use induction on the order of G and prove that G/M_G is supersoluble. If $M_G \neq 1$, then M/M_G is a maximal subgroup of G/M_G . As in the previous indent it is easy to verify that the quotient G/M_G with maximal subgroup M/M_G satisfy all conditions of the lemma. By induction, $(G/M_G)/(M/M_G)_{G/M_G}$ is supersoluble. Since $(M/M_G)_{G/M_G} = 1$, it follows that G/M_G is supersoluble and $|G/M_G : M/M_G| = |G : M|$ is a prime.

Therefore we consider that $M_G = 1$. Now G is primitive and $G = N \rtimes M$, where N is a r -subgroup. Since M is supersoluble, it follows that $M = P \rtimes T$, where $P = M_p$ is a Sylow p -subgroup for the greatest $p \in \pi(M)$. Let $p = r$. Then $O_p(M) \neq 1$, a contradiction. Hence $p \neq r$ and P is a Sylow p -subgroup of G . Suppose that P is subnormal in G . Then $P \triangleleft G$, a contradiction. Consequently P is semisubnormal in G . Now G has a subgroup U such that $G = PU$. It is clear that $N \leq U$. Let x be an element of prime order that lies in N . Then $P \langle x \rangle \leq G$. If $p > r$, then $P \triangleleft P \langle x \rangle$. Thus $P \triangleleft \langle M, x \rangle = G$, a contradiction. If $p < r$, then N is a Sylow r -subgroup of G , since p is the greatest in $\pi(M)$. Now all Sylow subgroups of G is semisubnormal in G . By Lemma 1.2 (2), G is supersoluble. Hence $|G : M|$ is a prime. The lemma is proved. \square

Remark 2.1. Soluble groups containing a supersoluble subgroup of prime index were studied in [16], [17].

Theorem 2.1. *Suppose that G has two non-conjugate maximal subgroups H and K . If all Sylow subgroups of H and of K are semisubnormal in G , then G is supersoluble.*

Proof. We use induction on the order of G . By Lemma 2.1, G is soluble, H and K are supersoluble. Besides, quotients G/H_G and G/K_G are supersoluble. In particular, indices of subgroups H and K in G are primes. By Lemma 1.2 (5), subgroups H and K are semisubnormal in G .

Let N be an arbitrary non-trivial normal subgroup in G . If N is not contained in $H \cap K$, then N is either not contained in H , or N not contained in K . If N is not contained in H , then $HN = G$ and

$$G/N = HN/N \cong H/H \cap N$$

is supersoluble. Similarly, if N is not contained in K , then $KN = G$ and G/N is supersoluble. Let $N \leq H \cap K$. Then $G/N = (H/N)(K/N)$. Let \bar{R} be a Sylow r -subgroup of H/N . Then H has a Sylow r -subgroup R such that $\bar{R} = RN/N$. By hypothesis, R is semisubnormal in G . By Lemma 1.1 (2), $\bar{R} = RN/N$ is semisubnormal in G/N . Similarly, every Sylow subgroup of K/N is semisubnormal in G/N . By induction, G/N is supersoluble.

So, in any case G/N is supersoluble. By Lemma 1.6, G is primitive and statements (1)–(5) of the Lemma 1.4 are true. In particular, $|N| = p^n > p$. If $N \not\leq H$, then $G = N \rtimes H$. Since H is semisubnormal in G , then by Lemma 1.2 (5), $|N| = |G : H|$ is a prime, a contradiction. Similarly, in the case when $N \not\leq K$. Hence we consider that $N \leq H \cap K$. Because H and K are supersoluble and $N = C_G(N)$,

we have p is the greatest in $\pi(H)$ and in $\pi(K)$, hence p is the greatest in $\pi(G)$. Since $O_p(G/N) = 1$ and G/N is supersoluble, p does not divide the order of G/N and N is a Sylow p -subgroup of G .

Let $N_1 \leq N$, $|N_1| = p$ and R be a Sylow r -subgroup of M . Since $M = G_{p'} = H_{p'}K_{p'}$, it follows that $R = H_rK_r$ for some Sylow r -subgroups H_r and K_r of H and of K respectively. By hypothesis, subgroups H_r and K_r are semisubnormal in G . If H_r is subnormal in G , then by [14, Corollary 7.7.2 (1)], $H_r \leq O_r(G) \leq O_{p'}(G) = 1$. Similarly, if K_r is subnormal in G , then $K_r \leq O_{p'}(G) = 1$. Consequently H_r and K_r are semisubnormal in G . Hence there exists a subgroup U such that $G = H_rU$ and H_r is permutable with any subgroup of U . Since $N \leq U$, we have H_r is permutable with N_1 . Similarly, K_r is permutable with N_1 . Hence R is permutable with N_1 . It is true for any $r \in \pi(M)$. Therefore M is permutable with N_1 . Now MN_1 is a subgroup of G and N_1 is normal in MN_1 . Since N is abelian, N_1 is normal in $NM = G$, a contradiction with $|N| > p$. The theorem is proved. \square

Example 2.1. The group $G = PSL(2,5)$ has maximal subgroups $H = Z_3 \rtimes Z_2$ and $K = Z_5 \rtimes Z_2$. Maximal subgroups of Sylow subgroups of H and K are trivial, hence are semisubnormal in G , but G is not soluble. Therefore the semisubnormality of maximal subgroups of Sylow subgroups of H and K under the conditions of Theorem 2.1 is not sufficient condition for the solubility of G .

Corollary 2.1.1 [10, Theorem E]. *Suppose that G has two non-conjugate maximal subgroups H and K . If all Sylow subgroups of H and of K are semisubnormal in G , then G is supersoluble.*

3 On a group with semisubnormal maximal subgroups of two maximal subgroups

Lemma 3.1. *Let M be a maximal subgroup of G . If all maximal subgroups of M are semisubnormal in G , then G is soluble.*

Proof. We use induction on the order of G . Let K be a maximal subgroup of M . By hypothesis, K is semisubnormal in G and by Lemma 1.1 (1), K is semisubnormal in M . By Lemma 1.2 (4), M is supersoluble and consequently is 2-nilpotent. Then K is also 2-nilpotent and by Lemma 1.3, K^G is soluble. Since M is a maximal subgroup of G , then either $MK^G = G$, or $K^G \leq M$. If $MK^G = G$, then G is soluble. Let $K^G \leq M$. Then M/K^G is a maximal subgroup of G/K^G . Let \bar{S} be a maximal subgroup of M/K^G . Then M has a maximal subgroup S such that $K^G \leq S$ and $\bar{S} = S/K^G$. By hypothesis, S is

semisubnormal in G . By Lemma 1.1, SK^G/K^G is semisubnormal in G/K^G . Since $K^G \leq S$, we have $S = SK^G$ and S/K^G is semisubnormal in G/K^G . By induction, G/K^G is soluble. Then G is soluble. The lemma is proved. \square

Example 3.1. In the condition of the Lemma 3.1, the index $|G : M|$ may not be a prime. For example, the group $G = A_4 = A \rtimes B$. The subgroup B has the order 3. Besides, B is maximal in G and all maximal subgroups of B are semisubnormal in G , but $|G : B| = 4$ is not a prime.

Example 3.2. The alternating group $G = A_4$ of degree 4 has two non-conjugate maximal subgroups $A = Z_3$ and $B = Z_2 \times Z_2$. It is clear that all maximal subgroups of A and of B are semisubnormal in G . But G is non-supersoluble.

Theorem 3.1. *Let H and K are non-conjugate maximal subgroups of G . If all maximal subgroups of H and of K are semisubnormal in G , then the second derived subgroup $(G')'$ is nilpotent.*

Proof. Note that the nilpotency of the second derived subgroup $(G')'$ is equivalent to $G \in \mathfrak{N} \circ \mathfrak{A}^2$.

Assume that the claim is false and let G be a minimal counterexample. By Lemma 3.1, G is soluble. By Lemma 1.1 (1), every maximal subgroup of H is semisubnormal in H and by Lemma 1.2 (4), H is supersoluble. Similarly, K is supersoluble.

Let N be an arbitrary non-trivial normal subgroup in G . Then either $HN = G$, or $HN = H$. If $HN = G$, then

$$G/N = HN/N \cong H/H \cap N \in \mathfrak{N} \circ \mathfrak{A} \subseteq \mathfrak{N} \circ \mathfrak{A}^2.$$

If $HN = H$, then $N \leq H$. Similarly either $KN = G$ and $G/N \in \mathfrak{N} \circ \mathfrak{A}^2$, or $N \leq K$. Let $N \leq H \cap K$. Then G/N has non-conjugate maximal subgroups H/N and K/N . If \bar{S} is a maximal subgroup of H/N , then H has a maximal subgroup S such that $\bar{S} = S/N$. By hypothesis, S is semisubnormal in G and by Lemma 1.1 (2), $\bar{S} = S/N$ is semisubnormal in G/N . Similarly, if \bar{T} is a maximal subgroup of K/N , then it is semisubnormal in G/N . Therefore for G/N with non-conjugate maximal subgroups H/N and K/N the conditions of the theorem are satisfied. By induction, $G/N \in \mathfrak{N} \circ \mathfrak{A}^2$.

By Lemmas 1.5 and 1.6, G is primitive. Then for G we have Lemma 1.7. Hence $\Phi(G) = 1$ и G contains a unique minimal normal subgroup N such that $N = C_G(N)$.

Suppose that at least one of the subgroups H or K is normal in G . For example, let H be normal in G . Then $|G : H| = q$ and by [16, Theorem 1], $G = N \rtimes T$, where T has abelian subgroup of index q . Since $T \in \mathfrak{A}^2$, it follows that $G \in \mathfrak{N} \circ \mathfrak{A}^2$, a contradiction.

Therefore in the future we assume that the subgroups H and K are non-normal. By [16, Theorem 2], $G = N \rtimes T$, where

$$T / C_T(N) \cong \bar{T} = \langle y \rangle \rtimes \langle t \rangle \langle z \rangle$$

and $\langle z \rangle = Z(\bar{T})$. Since $N = C_G(N)$, we have $C_T(N) = 1$ and $T = \langle y \rangle \times \langle z \rangle \langle t \rangle$, because $\langle z \rangle = Z(T)$. Thus $T \in \mathfrak{A}^2$ and $G \in \mathfrak{N} \circ \mathfrak{A}^2$, a contradiction. The theorem is proved. \square

Corollary 3.1.1. *If all 2-maximal subgroups of G are semisubnormal in G , then the derived subgroup G' is nilpotent.*

Proof. Note that the nilpotency of the derived subgroup G' is equivalent to $G \in \mathfrak{N} \circ \mathfrak{A}$.

Assume that the claim is false and let G be a minimal counterexample. It is easy to show that G/N satisfies the hypothesis of the corollary, where N is an arbitrary non-trivial normal subgroup of G . By induction, $G/N \in \mathfrak{N} \circ \mathfrak{A}$. Hence by Lemmas 1.5 and 1.6, G is primitive.

Let M be an arbitrary maximal subgroup of G . Then by Lemmas 1.1 (1) and 1.2 (4), M is supersoluble. Hence either G is supersoluble, or G is a minimal non-supersoluble group.

If G is supersoluble, then $G \in \mathfrak{N} \circ \mathfrak{A}$ by [11, Theorem 4.52], a contradiction.

Let G be a minimal non-supersoluble group. By Lemmas 1.7 and 1.8, G is soluble, P is a unique minimal normal subgroup of G , $|P| > p$ and P is a Sylow p -subgroup of G such that $G = P \rtimes M$, where M is a maximal subgroup of G . Besides, M is a Hall p' -subgroup of G . Let P_1 be a subgroup of prime order p of P .

If M is abelian, then $G \in \mathfrak{N} \circ \mathfrak{A}$, a contradiction. Therefore we assume that M is non-abelian. Hence M has maximal subgroups M_1 and M_2 such that $M = \langle M_1, M_2 \rangle$. If at least one of the subgroups M_1 or M_2 is subnormal in G , then $O_{p'}(G) \neq 1$, a contradiction. Thus M_1 and M_2 are seminormal in G . Hence there are the subgroups V_1 and V_2 such that

$$M_1 V_1 = M_2 V_2 = G, M_1 P_1 = P_1 M_1, M_2 P_1 = P_1 M_2,$$

because $P \leq V_1 \cap V_2$. Then $M_1 \leq N_G(P_1)$ and $M_2 \leq N_G(P_1)$. Therefore $P_1 \triangleleft G = P \langle M_1, M_2 \rangle$, a contradiction. The corollary is proved. \square

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