

# On Hall $p'$ -subgroups and $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormality in finite $p$ -soluble groups

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## 1. Introduction

All groups treated are finite.

In [2] a new embedding property for subgroups in every soluble group was introduced and studied. This concept is associated to a saturated formation  $\mathfrak{F}$  and it is called  $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dnormality (see Definition (2.3)). It is a natural extension of the classical normality, which is recuperated when  $\mathfrak{F} = \mathfrak{N}$ , the class of all nilpotent groups. More precisely, the  $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dnormal subgroups are defined in terms of Sylow  $p$ -subgroups, for the primes  $p$  in  $\text{char}(\mathfrak{F})$ , the characteristic of  $\mathfrak{F}$ . This allows to introduce the local concept of  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dnormality, for every  $p \in \text{char}(\mathfrak{F})$ . As in the case of normality, the  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dnormality is not a transitive property. In this note we continue with this study and we define  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal subgroups for every  $p \in \text{char}(\mathfrak{F})$  (see Definition (3.1) and Proposition (3.3)). They are characterized in terms of reduction of Hall  $p'$ -subgroups in  $p$ -soluble groups (Theorem (3.11)). Moreover, we see that  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormality, for every prime  $p \in \text{char}(\mathfrak{F})$ , constitutes a local version of the usual concept of  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormality in the soluble universe (see Corollary (3.14)). Thus we can derive an alternative proof of the characterization of the  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal subgroups in every soluble group, obtained by M. J. Prentice in [9], in terms of reduction of complement  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis, for a subgroup-closed saturated formation  $\mathfrak{F}$ , with arbitrary characteristic. (See Corollary (3.14)). Some more results about the behaviour of  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal subgroups are also obtained.

## 2. Preliminaires

The reader is assumed to be familiar with the theory of saturated formations of finite groups. The relevant definitions, notations and results can be found in [4].

For the sake of completeness we gather some concepts and results which are needed later.  $\mathfrak{S}$  denotes the class of all soluble groups. If  $\sigma \subseteq \mathbb{P}$ , the set of all prime numbers,  $\mathfrak{S}_\sigma$  denotes the class of all soluble  $\sigma$ -groups.  $\mathfrak{N}$  denotes the class of all nilpotent groups.

Henceforth  $\mathfrak{F}$  denotes a saturated formation and  $\pi = \text{char}(\mathfrak{F}) = \{p \in \mathbb{P} : Z_p \in \mathfrak{F}\}$  is the characteristic of  $\mathfrak{F}$ . The canonical local definition of  $\mathfrak{F}$  is denoted by  $F$ . We write  $\underline{f}$  to identify the smallest local definition of  $\mathfrak{F}$ .

If  $H$  is a subgroup of a group  $G$ ,  $\sigma(|G : H|)$  denotes the set of the prime numbers dividing  $|G : H|$ .  $\langle H^G \rangle$  denotes the normal closure of  $H$  in  $G$  and  $p$  denotes a prime number. If  $G_p \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$ , the set of the Sylow  $p$ -subgroups of  $G$ , we write  $G_p \searrow H$  to mean that  $G_p$  reduces in  $H$ , i.e.,  $G_p \cap H \in \text{Syl}_p(H)$ .

A subgroup  $H$  of a  $p$ -soluble group  $G$  is said to be  $p'$ -subnormal in  $G$  if every Hall  $p'$ -subgroup of  $G$  reduces in  $H$ , i.e.,  $G_{p'} \cap H$  is a Hall  $p'$ -subgroup of  $H$ . We write  $H$   $p'$ -sn  $G$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** Let  $H$  be a  $p'$ -subnormal subgroup of a  $p$ -soluble group  $G$ , let  $H \leq K \leq G$  and let  $N$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$ . Then:

- (1)  $HN/N$   $p'$ -sn  $G/N$ .

- (2)  $H$   $p'$ -sn  $K$ .
- (3)  $O_p(G) \leq N_G(O^p(H))$ .

*Proof.* The proofs of (1) and (2) are straightforward.

(3) We argue by induction on  $|G|$ . Notice that  $H$  is also  $p'$ -subnormal in  $HO_p(G)$ . If  $EO_p(G) < G$ , the inductive hypothesis ensures that

$$[O_p(G), O^p(H)] \leq [O_p(HO_p(G)), O^p(H)] \leq O^p(H)$$

and we are done. Otherwise,  $G = HO_p(G)$ . Since  $H$  is  $p'$ -subnormal in  $G$ , in this case we have that  $O^p(G) = O^p(H)$  and the conclusion is clear.

**Remark 2.2.** Given a saturated formation  $\mathfrak{F}$ , we recall that  $F(p) = \mathfrak{S}_p f(p)$ , for every  $p \in \pi$ , whenever  $f$  is an integrated local definition of  $\mathfrak{F} = LF(f)$  (see [4, IV. Proposition (3.8)(a)]). Then it is easily deduced that  $H^{F(p)}$   $p'$ -sn  $G$  if and only if  $H^{f(p)}$   $p'$ -sn  $G$ , for every subgroup  $H$  of a  $p$ -soluble group  $G$ .

A maximal subgroup  $M$  of a group  $G$  is said to be  $\mathfrak{F}$ -normal in  $G$  if  $G/Core_G(M) \in \mathfrak{F}$ ; otherwise, it is called  $\mathfrak{F}$ -abnormal. A subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is called  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$  if either  $H = G$  or there exists a chain  $H = H_n < H_{n-1} < \dots < H_0 = G$  such that  $H_{i+1}$  is an  $\mathfrak{F}$ -normal maximal subgroup of  $H_i$ , for every  $i = 0, \dots, n-1$  ([4, III. Definition (4.13); IV. Definition (5.12)]).

**2.1. Definition.** [2, Definition (3.1)] For a prime  $p \in \pi = char(\mathfrak{F})$ , a subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is said to be  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dnormal in  $G$ , if  $\sigma(|G : H|) \subseteq \pi$  and  $[H_G^p, H^{f(p)}] \leq H$ , where  $H_G^p = \langle G_p \in Syl_p(G) : G_p \not\leq H \rangle$ . In this case, we write  $H$   $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dn  $G$ .

A subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is said to be  $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dnormal in  $G$  if  $H$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dnormal in  $G$ , for every  $p \in \pi$ . We write  $H$   $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dn  $G$ .

In particular, the normal subgroups of a group are exactly the  $\mathfrak{N}$ -Dnormal subgroups. Obviously  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dnormality is not a transitive property. The dihedral group of order 8 is an easy example of this fact.

The following results are also true for arbitrary groups without changes in the proof.

**Proposition 2.3.** [2, Proposition (3.3)] Let  $p \in \pi = char(\mathfrak{F})$  and let  $H$  be a  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dnormal subgroup of a group  $G$ . Let  $H \leq K \leq G$  and let  $N \trianglelefteq G$ . Then:

- (1)  $HN/N$   $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dn  $G/N$ .
- (2)  $H$   $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dn  $K$ .
- (3) If  $L/N \leq G/N$  and  $L/N$   $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dn  $G/N$ , then  $L$   $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dn  $G$ .

**Remark 2.4.** If  $M$  is a maximal subgroup of a soluble group  $G$ , then  $M$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -normal in  $G$  if and only if  $M$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dnormal in  $G$ .

Notice that for arbitrary finite groups this result is not true. Take for instance, the saturated formation  $\mathfrak{F} = LF(F)$  given by  $F(p) = f(p) = \mathfrak{S}_{\{2,3,5\}}$ , for  $p \in \{2, 3, 5\}$ , and  $F(q) = \mathfrak{S}_q$ , for every  $q \in \mathbb{P} \setminus \{2, 3, 5\}$ . Then  $Alt(4)$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dnormal in  $Alt(5)$  but  $Alt(4)$  is a maximal subgroup of  $Alt(5)$  which is not  $\mathfrak{F}$ -normal in  $Alt(5)$ . ( $Alt(n)$  denotes the alternating group of degree  $n$ ).

**Proposition 2.5.** [2, Proposition (3.5)] Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a soluble group  $G$ . Then  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$  if and only if there exists a chain  $H = H_1 \leq H_2 \leq \dots \leq H_n = G$  such that  $H_i$   $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dn  $H_{i+1}$ , for every  $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ .

**2.2. Definition.** (See [11, Definitions (3.1), (3.7)]) Let  $G$  be a soluble group. Let  $\Sigma = \{G_{p'} : p \in \mathbb{P}\}$  a complement basis of  $G$ , i.e.,  $G_{p'}$  is a Hall  $p'$ -subgroup of  $G$ , for every prime  $p$ . (Obviously, if  $p$  does not divide  $|G|$ ,  $G_{p'} = G$ ).

The complement  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis associated to  $\Sigma$  is the set

$$\Sigma_{\mathfrak{F}} = \{G_{p'} \cap G^{f(p)}, G_{q'} : p \in \pi, q \in \mathbb{P} \setminus \pi\},$$

where  $f$  is an integrated local definition of  $\mathfrak{F}$ .

(By [11, Satz (3.2)],  $\Sigma_{\mathfrak{F}}$  does not depend on the choice of an integrated  $f$ ).

Assume moreover that  $f(p)$  is subgroup-closed for every  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ . Let  $U$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . We say that the complement  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis of  $G$  reduces in  $U$ , if

$$\Sigma_{\mathfrak{F}} \cap U = \{G_{p'} \cap U^{f(p)}, G_{q'} \cap U : p \in \pi, q \in \mathbb{P} \setminus \pi\}$$

is a complement  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis of  $U$ .

M. J. Prentice proves in [9] that a subgroup  $U$  of a soluble group  $G$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$  if and only if every complement  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis of  $G$  reduces in  $U$ , when  $\mathfrak{N} \subseteq \mathfrak{F}$ .

### 3. $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -Subnormality

**3.1. Definition.** Let  $p \in \text{char}(\mathfrak{F})$  and let  $G$  be a group. A subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is said to be  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$  if either  $H = G$  or there exists a chain  $H = H_0 < H_1 < \dots < H_n = G$  such that  $H_i$  is a  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dnormal maximal subgroup of  $H_{i+1}$ , for every  $i = 0, \dots, n-1$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** Let  $p \in \text{char}(\mathfrak{F})$  and let  $G$  be a group. Let  $H \leq K \leq G$  and let  $N \trianglelefteq G$ . Then:

- (1) If  $H$   $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -sn $K$  and  $K$   $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -sn $G$ , then  $H$   $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -sn $G$ .
- (2) If  $H$   $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -sn $G$ , then  $HN/N$   $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -sn $G/N$ .
- (3) If  $N \leq H$  and  $H/N$   $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -sn $G/N$ , then  $H$   $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -sn $G$ .

*Proof.* (1) It is obvious from the definition of  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal subgroups.

(2) We argue by induction on  $|G|$ . Obviously we can assume  $HN \neq G$ . Since  $H$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$ , there exists  $X$  a  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dnormal maximal subgroup of  $G$  containing  $H$ . If  $N \leq X$ , then  $HN/N$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -sn in  $X/N$  by the inductive hypothesis and clearly  $HN/N$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -sn in  $G/N$ . Otherwise,  $G = XN$  and consequently  $G/N \cong X/(X \cap N)$ . By the inductive hypothesis we have that  $H(X \cap N)/(X \cap N)$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $X/X \cap N$ , but  $H(X \cap N)/(X \cap N) \cong HN/N$  which concludes the proof.

(3) It is clear from Proposition (2.4(3)).

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $p \in \text{char}(\mathfrak{F})$  and let  $G$  be a  $p$ -soluble group. For a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $H$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$ .
- (ii) There exists a chain  $H = L_0 \leq L_1 \leq \dots \leq L_t = G$  such  $H_i$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dnormal in  $H_{i+1}$ , for every  $i = 0, \dots, t-1$ .

In particular,  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dnormal subgroups are  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal.

*Proof.* It is obvious that (i) implies (ii).

For the converse, we suppose that  $H$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dn $G$  and we prove that  $H$  satisfies (i). Then the result is clear.

We argue by induction on  $|G|$ . Taking Proposition (2.4) and Proposition (3.2) into account we can assume that  $G = HN$ , for every normal minimal subgroup  $N$  of  $G$ .

If  $H \neq G$ , then there exists a maximal subgroup  $M$  of  $G$  containing  $H$ .

Let  $N$  be a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$ .

If  $N$  is a  $p'$ -subgroup, then  $M$   $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dn $G$ . In this case the result follows again by induction.

If  $N$  is a  $p$ -group, then  $H$  is maximal in  $G$ , which implies that  $H$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$ .

**Remark 3.3.** *The hypothesis about the  $p$ -solubility of the group can not be dispensed with in the above proposition. Take for instance the saturated formation  $\mathfrak{F} = LF(F)$  with canonical local definition  $F$  given by  $F(3) = F(5) = \mathfrak{S}_{\{3,5\}}$  and  $F(q) = \mathfrak{S}_q$ , for every prime  $q \neq 3, 5$ . Take  $G = \text{Alt}(5)$  and  $H$  a subgroup of  $G$  of order 3. Then  $H \in F(5) = f(5)$  and so  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dnormal in  $G$ . But it is not difficult to prove that no maximal subgroup of  $G$  containing  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dnormal in  $G$ .*

**Lemma 3.4.** *Let  $p \in \text{char}(\mathfrak{F}) = \pi$  and let  $H$  be a maximal subgroup of a group  $G$  such that  $\sigma(G : H) \subseteq \pi$ . The following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $H$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dnormal in  $G$ .
- (ii) If  $p \in \sigma(|G : H|)$ , then  $\langle (H^{f(p)})^G \rangle \leq H$ .

*Proof.* It is easy to deduce that (ii) implies (i).

For the converse, we argue by induction on the order of  $G$ . Assume that  $p \in \sigma(|G : H|)$ . Let  $N$  be a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$ . If  $N \leq H$ , then the result follows by Proposition (2.4) and the inductive hypothesis. Then we can assume that  $G = HN$ . Take  $G_p$  a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  which reduces in  $H$ . Then  $G_p = (G_p \cap H)(G_p \cap N)$ . Since  $G = \langle H, G_p \rangle$ , we have that  $G = \langle H, G_p \cap N \rangle$ . In particular,  $[H, G_p \cap N] \trianglelefteq G$ . If  $[H, G_p \cap N] = 1$ , then  $G = H(G_p \cap N)$  and obviously  $\langle (H^{f(p)})^G \rangle \leq H$ , because  $H$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dnormal in  $G$ . Otherwise, the case  $1 \neq [H, G_p \cap N] \leq N$  implies that  $[H, G_p \cap N] = N$ . But for every  $h \in H$  and  $n \in G_p \cap N$ , we have that  $[n, h] = n^{-1}n^h \in (G_p \cap N)(G_p \cap N) \leq H_G^p$ . Consequently,  $N \leq H_G^p$ . Since  $H$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dnormal in  $G$ , it is clear that  $\langle (H^{f(p)})^G \rangle \leq H$ .

**Remark 3.5.** *In the hypothesis of the above lemma, if  $\mathfrak{F}$  is such that  $f(p) = (1)$  (for instance, if  $\mathfrak{F} = \mathfrak{N}$ ), then  $H$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dnormal in  $G$  if and only if  $H$  satisfies the following property:*

If  $p \in \sigma(|G : H|)$ , then  $H \leq G$ .

**Lemma 3.6.** *Let  $p \in \text{char}(\mathfrak{F})$ . If  $H$  is a  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dnormal maximal subgroup of a  $p$ -soluble group  $G$ , then  $H^{F(p)}$  is  $p'$ -subnormal in  $G$ .*

*Proof.* If  $p \mid |G : H|$ , then  $\langle (H^{f(p)})^G \rangle \leq H$ , by Lemma (3.5). Consequently,  $H^{f(p)}$  is subnormal in  $G$ . In particular,  $H^{f(p)}$ , and also  $H^{F(p)}$ , are  $p'$ -subnormal subgroups of  $G$ . If  $|G : H|$  is a  $p'$ -number, then  $H$ , and also  $H^{F(p)}$ , are  $p'$ -subnormal subgroups of  $G$ .

**Proposition 3.7.** *Let  $p \in \text{char}(\mathfrak{F})$  and suppose that  $\mathfrak{F}$  is such that  $F(p)$  is subgroup-closed. Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a  $p$ -soluble group  $G$ . If  $H$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$ , then  $H^{F(p)}$  is  $p'$ -subnormal in  $G$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $H < G$  and let  $H = H_0 < H_1 < \dots < H_n = G$  a chain of subgroups in which each  $H_i$  is a  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dnormal maximal subgroup of  $H_{i+1}$ , for  $i = 0, \dots, n-1$ . We argue by induction of  $n$ , the length of the chain. If  $n = 1$ , the result holds by the previous lemma. If  $n > 1$ , since  $H$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $H_{n-1}$ , the inductive hypothesis ensures that  $H^{F(p)}$  is  $p'$ -subnormal in  $H_{n-1}$ . Moreover,  $(H_{n-1})^{F(p)}$  is  $p'$ -subnormal in  $G$ , by the previous lemma. But  $H^{F(p)} \leq (H_{n-1})^{F(p)}$ , because  $F(p)$  is subgroup-closed. Consequently,  $H^{F(p)}$  is  $p'$ -subnormal in  $G$ .

**Remark 3.8.** The hypothesis on  $F(p)$  being subgroup-closed is necessary to obtain Proposition (3.8). Take for instance the saturated formation  $\mathfrak{F} = LF(f)$  locally defined by the formation function  $f$  given by:  $f(p) = (1)$ , for every prime  $p \neq 2, 3$ , and  $f(2) = f(3) = (G : G$  is a soluble group whose Carter subgroups are 2-groups). Notice that  $F(2)$  is not subgroup closed.

Let  $G = \text{Sym}(4)$  be the symmetric group of degree 4 and take  $H = \langle (1, 2, 3) \rangle \leq G$ . Notice that the subgroup  $K = \langle (1, 2, 3), (2, 3) \rangle$  belongs to  $f(2)$ , which implies that  $K$  is  $2'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dnormal in  $G$ . Consequently, the chain  $H < K < G$  ensures that  $H$  is  $2'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$ . But  $H = H^{F(2)}$  is not  $2'$ -subnormal in  $G$ .

**Proposition 3.9.** Let  $p \in \text{char}(\mathfrak{F}) = \pi$ . Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a  $p$ -soluble group  $G$ . If  $H^{F(p)}$  is  $p'$ -subnormal in  $G$  and  $|G : H|$  is a  $\pi$ -number, then  $H$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$ .

*Proof.* Arguing by induction on  $|G|$ , and taking Proposition (2.1) and Proposition (3.2) into account, we can assume that  $G = NH$ , for every minimal normal subgroup  $N$  of  $G$ .

If one of these subgroups,  $N$  say, is a  $p'$ -group, then it is easy to deduce that  $H$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$ .

If  $N$  is a  $p$ -group, then  $H$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G$  with  $\text{Core}_G(H) = 1$  and  $G$  is a primitive group of type 1.

Since  $H^{F(p)}$  is  $p'$ -subnormal in  $G$ , it follows from Proposition (2.1)(3) that  $[O_p(G), H^{F(p)}] \leq H^{F(p)}$ . This implies that  $H^{F(p)} \trianglelefteq G$  and consequently  $H \in F(p)$ . Moreover,  $H \in f(p)$ , because  $O_p(H) = 1$ . Therefore  $H$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$ .

As a consequence of Proposition (3.8) and Proposition (3.10), we can state the following result:

**Theorem 3.10.** Let  $p \in \text{char}(\mathfrak{F}) = \pi$  and suppose that  $\mathfrak{F}$  is such that  $F(p)$  is subgroup-closed. Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a  $p$ -soluble group  $G$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $H$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$ .
- (ii)  $H^{F(p)}$  is  $p'$ -subnormal in  $G$  and  $\sigma(|G : H|) \subseteq \pi$ .

As a consequence of this result, it follows that the  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{N}$ -subnormal subgroups are exactly the  $p'$ -subnormal subgroups. Thus Satz (4.6) of [1], appears now as a particular case. Notice that the  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{N}$ -subnormal subgroups coincide with the  $p$ -subnormal subgroups such as defined in [1, Definition (4.4)] for soluble groups.

**Corollary 3.11.** Let  $p \in \text{char}(\mathfrak{F})$  and suppose that  $\mathfrak{F}$  is such that  $F(p)$  is subgroup-closed. Let  $G$  be a  $p$ -soluble group. If  $H \leq K \leq G$  and  $H$   $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -sn  $G$ , then  $H$   $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -sn  $K$ .

*Proof.* It follows easily from Theorem (3.11) and Proposition (2.1).

**Remark 3.12.** (1) The example in Remark (3.9) also proves that the above corollary does not hold without the hypothesis on  $F(p)$ . Notice that in this example  $H$  is not  $2'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $\text{Alt}(4)$ .

(2) From Remark (2.2) it follows that  $F(p)$  can be replaced by  $f(p)$ , for any integrated formation  $f$  of  $\mathfrak{F}$ , in Lemma (3.7), Proposition (3.8), Proposition (3.10) and Theorem (3.11).

**Corollary 3.13.** Assume that  $\mathfrak{F}$  is a subgroup-closed and let  $H$  be a subgroup of a soluble group  $G$ . The following are equivalent:

- (i)  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$ .
- (ii)  $H$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$ , for every  $p \in \text{char}(\mathfrak{F})$ .
- (iii) Every complement  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis of  $G$  reduces in  $H$  and  $\sigma(|G : H|) \subseteq \text{char}(\mathfrak{F})$ .

*Proof.* If (i) is assumed, then (ii) is easily deduced taking into account that an  $\mathfrak{F}$ -normal maximal subgroup of a group is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -Dnormal in the group, for every  $p \in \text{char}(\mathfrak{F})$ .

The equivalence between (ii) and (iii) follows by Theorem (3.11).

Assumed that (ii) holds. We are proving (i) by induction on  $|G|$ . Let  $N$  be a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$ . We can deduce from Proposition (3.2) and the inductive hypothesis that  $HN$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$ .

If  $HN < G$ , again the inductive hypothesis and Corollary (3.12) provides that  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $HN$  and so  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$ .

If  $G = HN$ , then  $H$  is maximal in  $G$ . Consequently  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$ .

**Remark 3.14.** (1) The above result provide an alternative proof and a slight improvement of the characterization of  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormality proposed by Prentice in [9].

(2) From Corollary (3.12) and Corollary (3.14) it is easily deduced the following result:

If  $G$  is a soluble group and  $H \leq K \leq G$  such that  $H \mathfrak{F}\text{-sn}G$ , then  $H \mathfrak{F}\text{-sn}K$ . (In fact, this result was proved by Förster in [5] for finite groups).

(3) The equivalence between (i) and (ii) in Corollary (3.14) is not true for finite groups. In the example of Remark (2.5),  $\text{Alt}(4)$  satisfies (ii) in  $\text{Alt}(5)$  but it is not  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $\text{Alt}(5)$ .

**Theorem 3.15.** Let  $p \in \text{char}(\mathfrak{F})$  and suppose that  $\mathfrak{F}$  is such that  $F(p)$  is subgroup-closed. Assume that one the following conditions holds:

(a)  $G = AB$  is a  $p$ -soluble group with  $A$  and  $B$  subgroups of  $G$ . Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $A \cap B$  such that  $H$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $A$  and  $H$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $B$ .

(b)  $G$  is a  $p$ -soluble group and for every prime  $q$  dividing  $|G|$ , there exists a Sylow  $q$ -subgroup  $G_q$  of  $G$  such that the subgroup  $H$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $\langle H, G_q \rangle$ .

Then  $H$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$ .

*Proof.* (a) Assume that the result is not true and let  $G$  be a counterexample of minimal order. Consider the pairs  $(X, Y)$  of subgroups of  $G$  such that  $G = XY$ , for which there exists a subgroup  $Z$  satisfying  $Z p'\text{-}\mathfrak{F}\text{-sn}X$ ,  $Z p'\text{-}\mathfrak{F}\text{-sn}Y$  but  $Z$  is not  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$ . Among all these pairs we choose a pair  $(A, B)$  with  $|A| + |B|$  maximum. Let  $H$  be a subgroup such that  $H p'\text{-}\mathfrak{F}\text{-sn}A$ ,  $H p'\text{-}\mathfrak{F}\text{-sn}B$  but  $H$  is not  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}\text{-sn}G$ .

We claim that  $A$  and  $B$  are maximal subgroups of  $G$ . We assume that  $A$  is properly contained in a maximal subgroup  $M$  of  $G$ . Then  $M = A(M \cap B)$ . By Corollary (3.12) and the choice of  $G$ , we conclude that  $H$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $M$ . But  $G = MB$ . Therefore, the choice of the pair  $(A, B)$  implies that  $H$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$ , which is a contradiction.

Let  $N$  be a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$ . Assume that  $N \leq A$ . By Proposition (3.2) and the choice of  $G$ , we have that  $HN$   $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -sn $G$ . Since  $HN \leq A$ , then  $H$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $HN$  and consequently  $H$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$ , a contradiction.

Consequently, we can assume that  $Core_G(A) = Core_G(B) = 1$ . In particular,  $G = AN$ .

If  $N$  is a  $p'$ -group, then  $A$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$ . Then  $H$  is  $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$ , a contradiction.

Assume that  $N$  is a  $p$ -group. In this case,  $G$  is a primitive group of type 1. Since  $G$  is  $p$ -soluble, it follows that  $A$  and  $B$  are conjugated in  $G$ , but this contradicts that  $G = AB$  and proves (a).

(b) We argue by induction on  $|G|$ . Let  $N$  be a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$ . Taking into account Proposition (3.2) and the inductive hypothesis, we can obtain that  $HN$   $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -sn $G$ . If  $N$  is a  $p$ -group, then  $HN \leq \langle H, G_p \rangle$ . By the hypothesis and Corollary (3.12), it follows that  $H$   $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -sn $HN$  and then  $H$   $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -sn $G$ . If  $N$  is a  $p'$ -group, then  $H$   $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -sn $HN$  and again  $H$   $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -sn $G$ .

**Remark 3.16.** (a) For a subgroup-closed saturated formation  $\mathfrak{F}$  and a soluble group, it is easily deduced from Corollary (3.14) that Theorem (3.16) is also true if the word " $p'$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal" is replaced by " $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal".

For subnormal subgroups in finite groups, these results were considered by Wielandt (see [2, 7.7.1]) and by Casolo in [3], respectively.

(b) Theorem (3.15) also provides information about  $p'$ -subnormal subgroups by taking  $\mathfrak{F} = \mathfrak{N}$ .

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**Резюме.** Рассматриваются только конечные группы. Исследуется обобщение нормальности, связанное с насыщенной формацией. Изучаемые обобщенно нормальные подгруппы характеризуются в терминах редукции холловых  $p'$ -подгрупп в  $p$ -разрешимых группах. Устанавливается связь с  $\mathfrak{F}$ -субнормальностью.

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