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КОНЕЧНЫЕ ГРУППЫ С ЗАДАНЫМИ СИСТЕМАМИ КВАЗИПЕРЕСТАНОВОЧНЫХ ПОДГРУПП

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FINITE GROUPS WITH GIVEN SYSTEMS OF QUASIPERMUTABLE SUBGROUPS

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Пусть G – конечная группа. Подгруппа A группы G называется квазиперестановочной в G , если A либо покрывает, либо изолирует каждую максимальную пару (K, H) из G . Изучаются конечные группы с заданными системами квазиперестановочных подгрупп.

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Let G be a finite group. A subgroup A of G is said to be quasipermutable in G if A either covers or avoids every maximal pair (K, H) of G . We study the finite groups with given systems of quasipermutable subgroups.

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Introduction

Throughout this paper, all groups considered are finite. We write \mathcal{U} to denote the class of all supersoluble groups.

Let A be a subgroup of a group G , $K \leq H \leq G$. Then we say that A covers the pair (K, H) if $AH = AK$; A avoids (K, H) if $A \cap H = A \cap K$. A subgroup H of G is said to be quasinormal or permutable in G if $HE = EH$ for all subgroups E of G . The permutable subgroups have many interesting properties. In particular, if E is a permutable subgroup of G , then for every maximal pair of G , that is, a pair (K, H) , where K is a maximal subgroup of H , E either covers or avoids (K, H) . This observation leads us to the following generalizations of permutability.

Definition. Let A be a subgroup of a group G . We say that:

- (1) A is quasipermutable in G if A either covers or avoids every maximal pair (K, H) of G .
- (2) A is weakly quasipermutable in G if G has a subgroup T and a quasipermutable subgroup C such that $G = AT$ and $T \cap A \leq C \leq A$.

In this paper we continue the research of the paper [1] and study the finite groups with given systems of quasipermutable subgroups and weakly quasipermutable subgroups. Our main goal here is to prove the following result.

Theorem A. Let G be a group. The following statements are equivalent:

- (1) G is supersoluble.
- (2) Every subgroup of $F^*(G)$ is quasipermutable in G .
- (3) Every cyclic subgroup of $F^*(G)$ with prime order and order 4 is weakly quasipermutable in G .

In this theorem $F^*(G)$ denotes the generalized Fitting subgroup of G , that is, the product of all normal quasinilpotent subgroups of G ; see [2, Chapter X].

The proof of Theorem A consists of a large number steps and the following results are the main stages of it.

Theorem B. Let G be a group and p a prime dividing $|G|$ such that $(|G|, p-1) = 1$. Then G is p -nilpotent if and only if for Sylow p -subgroup P of G either all maximal subgroups of P or all cyclic subgroup of P with prime order and order 4 (if P is a non-abelian 2-group) are weakly quasipermutable in G .

A chief factor H/K of a group G is called \mathcal{U} -central provided $H/K \times (G/C_G(H/K)) \in \mathcal{U}$. The product of all normal subgroups of a group G whose G -chief factors are \mathcal{U} -central in G is called the \mathcal{U} -hypercentre of G and denoted by $Z_{\mathcal{U}}(G)$ [3].

Theorem C. Let E be a normal subgroup of a group G . Suppose that all cyclic subgroups of E of prime order and order 4 are weakly quasipermutable in G . Then $E \leq Z_u(G)$.

Note that Theorem C is independently interesting because it generalizes the main results of some papers (see, for example, [17]–[28]).

All unexplained notations and terminologies are standard. The reader is referred to [3]–[5] if necessary.

1 Preliminaries

We need the following properties of weakly quasipermutable subgroups.

Lemma 1.1 [1, Lemma 2.15]. Let H be a normal subgroup of a group G and K a weakly quasipermutable subgroup of G . Then:

(1) If $K \leq E \leq G$, then K is weakly quasipermutable in E .

(2) If $H \leq K$, then K/H is weakly quasipermutable in G/H .

(3) If $(|H|, |K|) = 1$, then HK/H is weakly quasipermutable in G/H .

Lemma 1.2 [1, Lemma 2.15]. Let \mathcal{F} be a saturated formation containing all nilpotent groups and G a group with soluble \mathcal{F} -residual $P = G^{\mathcal{F}}$. Suppose that every maximal subgroup of G not containing P belongs to \mathcal{F} . Then P is a p -group for some prime p . In addition, if every cyclic subgroup of P with prime order and order 4 (if $p = 2$ and P is non-abelian) is weakly quasipermutable in G , then $|P| = p$ is not the smallest prime dividing $|G|$.

Lemma 1.3 [1, Lemma 2.5]. Every quasipermutable subgroup of a group G is subnormal in G .

Lemma 1.4 [6, Lemma 2.9]. Let G be a group, p the smallest prime divisor of $|G|$ and P a Sylow p -subgroup of G . If every maximal subgroup of P has a p -nilpotent supplement in G , then G is p -nilpotent.

Lemma 1.5 [7]. Let A be a subnormal π -subgroup of a group G . Then $A \leq O_\pi(G)$.

Let P be a p -group. If P is not a non-abelian 2-group we use $\Omega(P)$ to denote the subgroup $\Omega_1(P)$. Otherwise, $\Omega(P) = \Omega_2(P)$.

Lemma 1.6 [8]. Let P be a p -group of class at most 2. Suppose that $\exp(P/Z(P))$ divides p .

(1) If $p > 2$, then $\exp(\Omega(P)) = p$.

(2) If P is a non-abelian 2-group, then $\exp(\Omega(P)) = 4$.

Lemma 1.7 (See [9, II] or [3, IV, Chapter 6]). Let P be a normal p -subgroup of a group G . If $\Omega \leq Z_u(G)$, then $P \leq Z_u(G)$.

Lemma 1.8 [2, Chapter X]. Let G be a group. If $F^*(G)$ is soluble, then $F^*(G) = F(G)$.

Lemma 1.9 [10, Theorem C]. Let E be a subgroup of a group G . If every G -chief factor below $F^*(G)$ is cyclic, then every G -chief factor below E is cyclic.

2 Proof of Theorems B, C and A

Proof of Theorem B. We only need to prove the “if part”. Suppose that this is false and let G be a counterexample with minimal order.

(1) $O_p(G) = 1$.

Suppose that $O_p(G) \neq 1$. By Lemma 1.1 (3), the hypothesis holds for $G/O_p(G)$. Therefore $G/O_p(G)$ is p -nilpotent by the choice of G , a contradiction. Hence $O_p(G) = 1$.

(2) Every maximal subgroup of P is weakly quasipermutable in G .

Suppose that this is false. Then by hypothesis every cyclic subgroup of P with prime order and order 4 (if P is a non-abelian 2-group) is weakly quasipermutable in G . Since G is not p -nilpotent, it has a p -closed Schmidt subgroup [11, IV, Theorem 5.4] $H = H_p \rtimes H_q$, where $H_p \leq P$. By Lemma 1.1 (1), every cyclic subgroup of H_p with prime order and order 4 (if H_p is a non-abelian 2-group) is weakly quasipermutable in H . Then by Lemma 1.2, $|H_p| = p$. Hence $H/C_H(H_p) \cong L \leq \text{Aut}(H_p)$ and $\text{Aut}(H_p)$ is a cyclic subgroup with order $p-1$. This contradiction shows that every maximal subgroup of P is weakly quasipermutable in G .

(3) $O_p(G) = 1$.

Suppose that $O_p(G) \neq 1$. Let N be a minimal normal subgroup of G contained in $O_p(G)$. Then $N \leq P$ and by Lemma 1.1 (2) the hypothesis holds for G/N . Therefore G/N is p -nilpotent by the choice of G . Since the class of all p -nilpotent groups is a saturated formation, N is the only minimal normal subgroup of G contained in P , $N \not\leq \Phi(G)$ and $N \not\leq Z(G)$. Moreover, G is p -soluble. Since $(|G|, p-1) = 1$, $|N| > p$. But $O_p(G) = 1$ by (1). Hence N is the only minimal normal subgroup of G . Let M be a maximal subgroup of G such that $N \not\leq M$. Then $G = N \rtimes M$ and $N = O_p(G)$. Indeed,

$$O_p(G) = O_p(G) \cap NM = N(O_p(G) \cap M).$$

Since $O_p(G) \leq F(G) \leq C_G(N)$ by [9], $O_p(G) \cap M$ is normal in G , so $O_p(G) \cap M = 1$. Hence $N = O_p(G)$.

Since $G = N \rtimes M$, $AM = G$ for every maximal subgroup A of P containing N . Moreover, $M = G/N$ is a p -nilpotent supplement of A in G . Therefore by Lemma 1.4, some maximal subgroup V of P neither contains N nor has a p -nilpotent supplement in G . Then by (2), V is weakly quasipermutable in G . Let C and T be subgroups of G such that $VT = G$, C is quasipermutable in G and $T \cap V \leq C \leq V$. By Lemma 1.3, C is subnormal in G . Hence by Lemma 1.5, $C \leq N$. If $C = 1$, then $T \cap V = 1$, so $|T_p| = |P \cap T| = p$. Hence T is p -nilpotent by [12, Theorem 10.1.9], a contradiction. Therefore $C \neq 1$. Since C is quasipermutable in G , $CM = G$, so $C = N$, a contradiction. Thus $O_p(G) = 1$.

Final contradiction. Let V be a maximal subgroup of P . By (2), V is weakly quasipermutable in G . Let C and T be subgroups of G such that $VT = G$, C is quasipermutable in G and $T \cap V \leq C \leq V$. By Lemma 1.3, C is subnormal in G . Hence by Lemma 1.5, $C \leq O_p(G) = 1$. Then $T \cap V = 1$, so $|T_p| = |P \cap T| = p$ and T is p -nilpotent. Therefore by Lemma 1.4, G is p -nilpotent. This contradiction completes the proof of Theorem B.

Proof of Theorem C. Suppose that theorem is false and consider a counterexample (G, E) for which $|G||E|$ is minimal. Let P be a Sylow p -subgroup of E , where p is the smallest prime dividing $|E|$.

(1) *If X is a Hall subgroup of E , the hypothesis is still true for (X, X) . If, in addition, X is normal in G , then the hypothesis also holds for (G, X) and $(G/X, E/X)$.*

This follows directly from Lemma 1.1.

(2) *If X is a non-identity normal Hall subgroup of E , then $X = E$.*

Since X is a characteristic subgroup of E , it is normal in G . Hence by (1) the hypothesis is still true for $(G/X, E/X)$ and (G, X) . If $X \neq E$, then $E/X \leq Z_u(G/X)$ and $X \leq Z_u(G)$ by the choice of (G, E) . Hence $E \leq Z_u(G)$, a contradiction. Thus $X = E$.

(3) $E = P$.

By Theorem B, E is p -nilpotent. If H is a Hall p' -subgroup of E , then H is normal in E . Suppose that $E \neq P$. Then $H \neq E$, which contradicts (2). Thus $E = P$.

(4) P is not cyclic.

This follows from (3) and [13, 7, Theorem 6.1].

(5) G has a normal subgroup $R \leq P$ such that P/R is a non-cyclic chief factor of G , $R \leq Z_u(G)$

and $V \leq R$ for any normal subgroup $V \neq P$ of G contained in P .

Let P/R be a chief factor of G . Then by Lemma 1.1 the hypothesis holds for (G, R) . Hence $R \leq Z_u(G)$, so P/R is non-cyclic by the choice of (G, E) . Let $V \neq P$ be any normal subgroup of G contained in P . Then $V \leq Z_u(G)$ by the choice of (G, E) and Lemma 1.1. If $V \not\leq R$, then by [14, Lemma 2.3], $P = VR \leq Z_u(G)$, a contradiction. Hence $V \leq R$.

(6) $\Omega(P) = P$.

Suppose that $\Omega(P) < P$. Then by (5), $\Omega(P) \leq Z_u(G)$. Hence by Lemma 1.7, $P \leq Z_u(G)$, a contradiction. Thus $\Omega(P) = P$.

The final contradiction. Let H/R be any minimal subgroup of $P/R \cap Z(G_p/R)$, where G_p is a Sylow p -subgroup of G . Let $x \in H \setminus R$ and $L = \langle x \rangle$. Then $|L| = p$ or $|L| = 4$ by (6) and Lemma 1.6. Hence by hypothesis L is weakly quasipermutable in G . Let C and T be subgroups of G such that $LT = G$, C is quasipermutable in G and $T \cap L \leq C \leq L$. If $T \neq G$, then G has a maximal normal subgroup M such that $G = LM$. Hence $P = L(P \cap M)$, so $p = |G/M| = |P/P \cap M|$. Therefore $P/P \cap M$ is cyclic and $P \cap M \leq R \leq Z_u(G)$. Hence $P \leq Z_u(G)$, a contradiction. Thus $T = G$ and L is quasipermutable in G . Let W be a maximal subgroup of G such that $G = P \rtimes W$. Since L is quasipermutable in G , L either covers or avoids (W, G) . If L covers (W, G) , then $LW = G = PW$, so $L = P$, a contradiction. Hence L avoids (W, G) . Thus $L \leq W$. This contradiction completes the proof of Theorem C.

Proof of Theorem A. First we show that (1) implies (2). Let A be any subgroup of $F^*(G)$ and (K, H) a maximal pair of G . Since G is supersoluble, $F^*(G) = F(G)$ by Lemma 1.8, so $A \cap H \leq F(G) \cap H \leq F(H)$. Hence by induction we may assume that $H = G$. If $A \subseteq K$, then $A = A \cap K = A \cap G$, that is, A avoids $(K, G) = (K, H)$. Suppose that $A \not\subseteq K$ and $K_G \neq 1$. Since $AK_G/K_G \leq F(G)K_G/K_G \leq F(G/K_G)$, by induction, $(K_G A/K_G)(K/K_G) = G/K_G$. Hence $AK = G$, that is, A covers (K, G) . Hence we can assume that $K_G = 1$. In this case G is primitive. Therefore $F(G)$ is a minimal normal subgroup of G and so $|F(G)| = p$ is prime. Hence either $A = 1$ or $A = F(G)$. Therefore A covers or avoids $(K, G) = (K, H)$. Thus, (2) is a consequence of (1).

(2) \Rightarrow (3) It is evident.

Finally, we shall prove the implication (3) \Rightarrow

(1). By Theorem C, $F^*(G) \leq Z_u(G)$. Hence G is supersoluble by Lemma 1.9.

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