

On the π -decomposable norm of a finite group

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Let G be a finite group and $\pi \subseteq P$. Then G is called: π -decomposable if $G = O_\pi(G) \times O_{\pi'}(G)$; meta- π -decomposable if G is an extension of a π -decomposable group by a π -decomposable group. We use N_π to denote the class of all finite π -decomposable groups. Let $N_\pi(G)$ be the intersection of the normalizers of the π -decomposable residuals of all subgroups of G , that is, $N_\pi(G) = \bigcap_{H \leq G} N_G(H^{N_\pi})$. We say that $N_\pi(G)$ is the π -decomposable norm of G . We study the basic properties of the π -decomposable norm of G . In particular, we prove that G is meta- π -decomposable if and only if $G/N_\pi(G)$ is meta- π -decomposable.

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Пусть G является конечной группой и $\pi \subseteq P$. Тогда группа G называется: π -разложимой, если $G = O_\pi(G) \times O_{\pi'}(G)$; мета- π -разложимой если G является расширением π -разложимой группы по π -разложимой группе. Мы используем N_π для обозначения класса всех конечных π -разложимых групп. Пусть $N_\pi(G)$ пересечение нормализаторов π -разложимых радикалов подгрупп группы G : $N_\pi(G) = \bigcap_{H \leq G} N_G(H^{N_\pi})$. Мы говорим, что $N_\pi(G)$ является π -разложимой нормой группы G . Мы изучаем базисные свойства π -разложимой норма группы G . В частности, мы доказали, что G является мета- π -разложимой тогда и только тогда, когда $G/N_\pi(G)$ является мета- π -разложимой группой.

Ключевые слова: конечная группа, π -разложимая группа, π -разрешимая группа, π -разложимый радикал группы, π -разложимая норма группы.

1. Introduction. Throughout this paper, all groups are finite and G always denotes a finite group. Moreover, P is the set of all primes, $\pi \subseteq P$ and $\pi' = P \setminus \pi$.

The group G is said to be: π -decomposable (respectively p -decomposable) if $G = O_\pi(G) \times O_{\pi'}(G)$ (respectively $G = O_p(G) \times O_{p'}(G)$); meta- π -decomposable if G is an extension of a π -decomposable group by a π -decomposable group. We use N_π to denote the class of all π -decomposable groups; $N_{\{p\}}$ is the class of all p -decomposable groups.

Various classes of π -decomposable and meta- π -decomposable groups have been studied in many papers and, in particular, in the recent papers [1]–[6]. In this paper, we consider some new properties and applications of such groups.

If $1 \in \mathbf{F}$ is the class of groups, then $G^{\mathbf{F}}$ is the \mathbf{F} -residual of G , that is, the intersection of all normal subgroups N of G with $G/N \in \mathbf{F}$. In particular, $G^{\mathbf{N}}$ is the nilpotent residual of G ; G^{N_π} is the π -decomposable residual of G .

Recall that the norm $N(G)$ of G is the intersection of the normalizers of all subgroups of G . This concept was introduced by R. Baer [7] (see also [8]) and the norm and the generalized norm of a group has been studied by many authors. In particular, in the recent paper [9] the following analogues of the subgroup $N(G)$ were introduced: (i) $S(G) = \bigcap_{H \leq G} N_G(H^{\mathbf{N}})$; (ii) let $1 = S_0(G) \leq S_1(G) \leq \dots \leq S_n(G) \leq \dots$, where $S_{i+1}(G)/S_i(G) = S(G/S_i(G))$ for all $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Then $S_\infty(G) = S_n(G)$, where let n is the smallest n such that $S_n(G) = S_{n+1}(G)$.

The basic properties and some applications of the subgroups $S(G)$ and $S_\infty(G)$ were considered in [9]. In this paper we consider the following generalizations of the subgroups $S(G)$ and $S_\infty(G)$.

Definition 1.1. Let $N_{\pi(G)}$ be the intersection of the normalizers of the π -decomposable residuals of all subgroups of G , that is, $N_\pi(G) = \bigcap_{H \leq G} N_G(H^{N_\pi})$. We say that $N_\pi(G)$ is the π -decomposable norm of G . If $\pi = \{p\}$, we write $N_p(G)$ instead of $N_{\{p\}}(G)$ and say that $N_p(G)$ is the p -decomposable norm of G .

Definition 1.2. Let

$$1 = N_\pi^0(G) \leq N_\pi^1(G) \leq N_\pi^2(G) \leq \dots \leq N_\pi^n(G) \leq \dots,$$

where

$$N_\pi^{i+1}(G) / N_\pi^i(G) = N_\pi(G / N_\pi^i(G)),$$

for all $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. And let n be the smallest n such that $N_\pi^n = N_\pi^{n+1}$. Then we write $N_\pi^\infty(G) = N_\pi^n(G)$ and say that $N_\pi^\infty(G)$ is the π -decomposable hypernorm of G .

Obviously, $N_\pi(G)$ and $N_\pi^\infty(G)$ are characteristic subgroups of G .

Before continuing, consider the following example.

Example 1.3. (i) Let $G = \text{Pr}(Q \text{r} R)$, where $Q \text{r} R$ is a non-abelian group of order 6 and P is a simple $F_5(Q \text{r} R)$ -module which is faithful for $Q \text{r} R$. Let $\sigma = \{\{2, 5\}, \{2, 5\}'\}$. Then G every proper non- π -decomposable subgroup H of G is either of the form $V \text{r} Q^x$, where $V \leq P$, or of the form $(Q \text{r} R)^y$ for some $x, y \in G$. In the former case we have $H^{N_\pi} = V$ and $N_G(V) = PQ^x = PQ$. In the second case we have $((Q \text{r} R)^y)^{N_\pi} = Q^y$ and $N_G(Q^y) = (Q \text{r} R)^y$. Moreover,

$$\bigcap_{y \in G} (Q \text{r} R)^y = (Q \text{r} R)_G \leq C_G(P) = P$$

and so $N_\pi(G) = 1 = N_\pi^\infty(G)$.

(ii) Let G and σ are the same as in (i). Let $A = G \times C_2$. Let $B = (Q \text{r} R)C_2$, where C_2 is a group of order 2. Then $B^{N_\pi} = Q$, $C_2 \leq N_\pi(A)$ and $N_A(Q) = B < A$. Hence $1 < N_\pi(A) = C_2 = N_\pi^\infty(G) < G$.

Our main goal here is to prove the following results.

Theorem 1.4. For any group G , the subgroup $N_\pi^\infty(G)$ is σ -separable.

Theorem 1.5. The group G is meta- π -decomposable if and only if $G / N_\pi(G)$ is meta- π -decomposable.

Theorem 1.6. Suppose that G is p -soluble and all elements of G of order p are in $N_p(G)$.

If $p > 2$, then $l_p(G) \leq 1$.

2. Proofs of the results. First we prove the following facts about the subgroups $N_\pi(G)$ and $N_\pi^\infty(G)$.

Lemma 2.1. If E is a subgroup of G , then $N_\pi(G) \cap E \leq N_\pi(E)$.

Proof. First observe that

$$N_\pi(G) = \bigcap_{H \leq G} N_G(H^{N_\pi}) \leq \bigcap_{H \leq E} N_G(H^{N_\pi}),$$

so

$$E \cap N_\pi(G) = E \cap \bigcap_{H \leq G} N_G(H^{N_\pi}) = \bigcap_{H \leq E} N_G(H^{N_\pi}) = N_\pi(E).$$

The lemma is proved.

Lemma 2.2. If N is a normal subgroup of G , then $N_\pi(G)N / N \leq N_\pi(G / N)$.

Proof. For any subgroup H / N of G / N we have $(H / N)^{N_\pi} = H^{N_\pi}N / N$. Then for every $x \in N_\pi(G)$ we have $x \in N_G(H^{N_\pi})$, so $x \in N_G(H^{N_\pi}N)$ and hence xN normalizes $(H / N)^{N_\pi}$. Thus $N_\pi(G)N / N \leq N_\pi(G / N)$. The lemma is proved.

Lemma 2.3. *If N is a normal subgroup of G and $N \leq N_\pi^\infty(G)$, then $N_\pi^\infty(G/N) = N_\pi^\infty(G)/N$.*

Proof. Since $N \leq N_\pi^\infty(G)$, for some i we have $N \leq N_\pi^i(G)$. Let $N^i/N = N_\pi^i(G/N)$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots$, and let $N^\infty/N = N_\pi^\infty(G/N)$. First we claim that $N^1 \leq N_\pi^{i+1}(G)$. Let $H/N_\pi^i(G)$ be any subgroup of $G/N_\pi^i(G)$ and $x \in N^1$. Then xN normalizes $(H/N)N_\pi = H^{N_\pi}N/N$, that is, $(H^{N_\pi})^x N/N = H^{N_\pi}N/N$ and so $(H^{N_\pi})^x N = H^{N_\pi}N$, which implies that $(H^{N_\pi})^x N_\pi^i(G) = H^{N_\pi}N_\pi^i(G)$ since $N \leq N_\pi^i(G)$. But then $(H^{N_\pi})^x N_\pi^i(G)/N_\pi^i(G) = H^{N_\pi}N_\pi^i(G)/N_\pi^i(G)$ and so $xN_\pi^i(G)$ normalizes $(H/N_\pi^i(G))^{N_\pi}$. Hence $xN_\pi^i(G) \in N_\pi^{i+1}(G)/N_\pi^i(G) = N_\pi(G/N_\pi^i(G))$. Thus $N^1 \leq N_\pi^{i+1}(G)$. Moreover, if $N^n \leq N_\pi^{i+n}(G)$, then similarly we can show that $N^{n+1} \leq N_\pi^{i+n+1}(G)$, so $N^\infty \leq N_\pi^\infty(G)$.

Conversely, $N_\pi^1(G) \leq N^1$ by Lemma 2.2. And if for some n we have $N_\pi^n(G) \leq N^n$, then for every $x \in N_\pi^{n+1}(G)$ and for every subgroup $H/N_\pi^n(G)$ of $G/N_\pi^n(G)$ we as above get that $(H^{N_\pi})^x N_\pi^n(G) = H^{N_\pi}N_\pi^n(G)$ and so $(H^{N_\pi})^x N^n = H^{N_\pi}N^n$ and hence $x \in N^{n+1}$. Thus $N_\pi^{n+1}(G) \leq N^{n+1}$ and so $N_\pi^\infty(G) \leq N^\infty$. Hence $N_\pi^\infty(G) = N^\infty$. The lemma is proved.

Proof of Theorem 1.4. It is enough to show that $N_\pi(G)$ is π -separable. Let $X = N_\pi(G)$. Then the group X has the following property: the π -decomposable residual of every subgroup of X is normal in X . We show that every group with such a property is π -separable. Assume that this is false and let X be a counterexample of minimal order. Let M be a maximal subgroup of X and let $N = M^{N_\pi}$ be the π -decomposable residual of M . Then N is normal in G . If $N \neq 1$, then X/N and N are π -separable since the hypothesis evidently holds for X/N and N and so in this case X is π -separable by the choice of X . Therefore every maximal subgroup M of X is π -decomposable and so G is minimal non- π -decomposable group. Then G is a Schmidt group by the Belonogov result [10] and so soluble. This contradiction completes the proof of the result.

Proof of Theorem 1.5. It is enough to show that if $G/N_\pi(G)$ is meta- π -decomposable, then also G is meta- π -decomposable. Assume that this is false and let G be a counterexample of minimal order. Then $N_\pi(G) \neq 1$.

Let R be a minimal normal subgroup of G . Then $RN_\pi(G)/R \leq N_\pi(G/R)$ by Lemma 2.2. Moreover,

$$G/RN_{\pi_X}(G); (G/N_\pi(G)/(RN_\pi(G)/N_\pi(G))) \in \mathbf{N}_\pi$$

since the class of all meta- π -decomposable groups is a homomorph. Therefore the hypothesis holds for G/R , so the choice of G implies that G/R is meta- π -decomposable. Hence

$$(G/R)^{N_\pi} = G^{N_\pi}R/R; G^{N_\pi}/(G^{N_\pi} \cap R),$$

is π -decomposable. Therefore $R \leq G^{N_\pi}$ and G^{N_π}/R is π -decomposable. If G has a minimal normal subgroup $N \neq R$, then G^{N_π}/L is also π -decomposable and so $G^{N_\pi}; G^{N_\pi}/(R \cap L)$ is π -decomposable and so G is meta- π -decomposable, contrary to the choice of G . Therefore R is the unique minimal normal subgroup of G , so $R \leq N_\pi(G)$ since $N_\pi(G) \neq 1$. It is clear also that $R \not\leq \Phi(G)$ and so for some maximal subgroup M of G we have $G = RM$ and $M_G = 1$. Moreover, $M^{N_\pi} \neq 1$ since G is not meta- π -decomposable and R is π -decomposable in view of Theorem 1.4 and the inclusion $R \leq N_\pi(G)$. Now observe that $R \leq N_G(M^{N_\pi})$ and so M^{N_π} is normal in G . Hence $M_G \neq 1$. This contradiction completes the proof of the result.

Proof of Theorem 1.6. Assume that this theorem is false and let G be a counterexample of minimal order.

(1) For every proper subgroup E of G we have $l_p(E) \leq 1$.

Let x be an element of E of order p . Then $x \in N_p(G) \cap E \leq N_p(E)$ by Lemma 2.1. Therefore the hypothesis holds for E , so $l_p(E) \leq 1$ by the choice of G .

(2) $O^{p'}(G) = G$, so for some normal subgroup V of G we have $|G:V| = p$.

Assume that $O^{p'}(G) < G$. Then $l_p(O^{p'}(G)) \leq 1$ by Claim (1) and so $O^{p'}(G)/O_{p',p}(O^{p'}(G))$ is a p' -group, where $O_{p',p}(O^{p'}(G))$ is characteristic in $O^{p'}(G)$ and hence normal in G . But then $G/O_{p',p}(G)$ is a p' -group and so $l_p(G) \leq 1$. This contradiction completes the proof of the fact that $O^{p'}(G) = G$ and so we have (2) since G is p -soluble.

(3) $O_{p'}(G) = 1$. Hence $C_G(O_p(G)) \leq O_p(G)$.

Assume that $O_{p'}(G) \neq 1$. Then for every element $a/O_{p'}(G)$ of $G/O_{p'}(G)$ order p , there is an element x of G of order p such that $a/O_{p'}(G) = x/O_{p'}(G)$. Then $x \in N_p(G)$, so $a/O_{p'}(G) = x/O_{p'}(G) \in N_p(G/O_{p'}(G))$ by Lemma 2.2. Therefore the hypothesis holds for $G/O_{p'}(G)$ and so $l_p(G/O_{p'}(G)) \leq 1$ by the choice of G . But then $l_p(G) \leq 1$, a contradiction. Hence $O_{p'}(G) = 1$, so $O_{p',p}(G) = O_p(G)$. Therefore we have $C_G(O_p(G)) \leq O_p(G)$ since G is p -soluble by hypothesis.

(4) G is q -nilpotent for every prime $q \neq p$.

Assume that this is false and let A be a minimal non- q -nilpotent subgroup of G . Then A is a q -closed Schmidt group by [11, IV, Satz 5.4] and, by [12, V, Theorem 26.1], for a Sylow q -subgroup Q of A we have $Q = A^N$. It is clear that, in fact, $Q = A^{N_{\{p\}}}$ and so $\Omega_1(O_p(G)) \leq N_G(Q)$. Then $Q \leq C_G(\Omega_1(O_p(G)))$ and so $Q \leq C_G(O_p(G))$ by [11, IV, Satz 5.12], contrary to (3). Hence we have (4).

The final contradiction. From Claim (4) we get that G is p -closed. But then $l_p(G) = 1$, contrary to the choice of G . This final contradiction completes the proof of the result.

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