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# Finite Groups with p-Supersolvable Normalizers of p-Subgroups

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Abstract In the literature, p-nilpotency of the normalizers of p-subgroups has an important influence on finite p-nilpotent groups. In this paper, we extend the p-nilpotency to p-supersolvability and choose every normal p-subgroups H of P such that  $|H| = p^d$  and explore p-supersolvability of G by the conditions of weakly M-supplemented properties of H and p-supersolvability of the normalizer  $N_G(H)$ , where  $1 \leq p^d < |P|$ . Also, we study the p-nilpotency of G under the assumptions that  $N_G(P)$  is p-nilpotent and the weakly M-supplemented condition on a subgroup K such that  $K_p \leq K$  and  $P' \leq K_p \leq \Phi(P)$ ,  $K_p$  is a Sylow p-subgroup K. To some extent, our main results can be regarded as generalizations of the Frobenius theorem.

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#### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, all groups are finite, terminology and notation are standard. In particular, |G| is the order of G and p is a prime divisor of |G|. Let  $H_G$  denote the core of a subgroup H in G and let  $M < \cdot G$  denote M is a maximal subgroup of G. Let  $A \rtimes B$  denote the semidirect product of groups A and B, where B is an operator group of A. In [1], let  $\mathcal{K}(P)$  denote a set of subgroups K of G satisfying  $K_p \subseteq K$  and  $P' \subseteq K_p \subseteq \Phi(P)$  for  $P \in \operatorname{Syl}_p(G)$  and  $K_p \in \operatorname{Syl}_p(K)$ .

As all we know, the normalizers of p-subgroups have an important influence on the structure of finite groups. Based on the famous Frobenius theorem [2, Satz IV.5.8] and Glauberman-Thompson normal p-complement theorem [3, VIII, Theorem 3.1], there are many research works which were related to this topic [4–9].

In 2011, Miao and Lempken [10] introduced the concept of weakly  $\mathcal{M}$ -supplemented subgroups which is a generalization of  $\mathcal{M}$ -supplemented subgroups ([11, Definition 1.1], or [12, Defi-

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nition 1.3]) and c-normal subgroups [13, Definition 1.1], and they obtained some new criteria on the structure of finite groups.

**Definition 1.1** ([10, Definition 1.1]) A subgroup T of a group G is said to be weakly  $\mathcal{M}$ -supplemented in G, if there exists a subgroup B of G provided that (1) G = TB, and (2) if  $T_1/T_G$  is a maximal subgroup of  $T/T_G$ , then  $T_1B = BT_1 < G$ , where  $T_G$  is the largest normal subgroup of G contained in T.

As a next step of the previous contributions, we obtain the following results.

**Theorem 1.2** Let G be a group and P a Sylow p-subgroup of G, where p is an odd prime divisor of |G|. Assume that  $1 \leq p^d < |P|$ . If every normal subgroup H of P with  $|H| = p^d$  is weakly  $\mathcal{M}$ -supplemented in G and  $N_G(H)$  is p-supersolvable, then G is p-supersolvable.

**Remark 1.3** In Theorem 1.2, when " $N_G(H)$  is p-supersolvable" is replaced by " $N_G(H)$  is p-nilpotent", we immediately prove that G is p-nilpotent. Also, we list an example of a group satisfying Theorem 1.2. Assume that  $G = S_3 \times C_3$ , P is an elementary abelian Sylow 3-subgroup of G. Furthermore, we can prove that G is 3-supersolvable, H is weakly  $\mathcal{M}$ -supplemented in G and  $N_G(H)$  is 3-supersolvable for every normal subgroup H of P with |H| = 3.

Corollary 1.4 Let G be a group and P a Sylow p-subgroup of G, where p is an odd prime divisor of |G|. Assume that  $1 < p^d < |P|$ . If every subgroup H of P with  $|H| = p^d$  is weakly  $\mathcal{M}$ -supplemented in G and  $N_G(H)$  is p-nilpotent, then G is p-nilpotent.

Corollary 1.5 Let G be a group and P a Sylow p-subgroup of G, where p is an odd prime divisor of |G|. If every maximal subgroup  $P_1$  of P is weakly  $\mathcal{M}$ -supplemented in G and  $N_G(P_1)$  is p-supersolvable, then G is p-supersolvable.

**Theorem 1.6** Let G be a group, P a Sylow p-subgroup of G, where p is an odd prime divisor of |G|. If there is an element  $K \in \mathcal{K}(P)$  which is weakly  $\mathcal{M}$ -supplemented in G and  $N_G(P)$  is p-nilpotent, then G is p-nilpotent.

Remark 1.7 We list an example of a group satisfying Theorem 1.6. Assume that  $G = A_4 \times C_9$ , P is a Sylow 3-subgroup of G and  $K = Q \times H$  where Q is a Sylow 2-subgroup of G and  $H = \Phi(P)$  is a normal subgroup of P with |H| = 3. Furthermore, we prove that G is 3-nilpotent by the structure of the alternating group  $A_4$ , K is normal in G and K is also weakly  $\mathcal{M}$ -supplemented in G.

Corollary 1.8 Let p be an odd prime divisor of |G| and P a Sylow p-subgroup of G. If  $N_G(P)$  is p-nilpotent and supposing that P has a subgroup D such that 1 < D < P, and every subgroup E of P with order |D| is weakly M-supplemented in G, then G is p-nilpotent.

### 2. Proofs

For the sake of convenience, we list some known results which will be useful in the sequel.

**Lemma 2.1** ([10, Lemma 2.1]) Let G be a group. Then

- (1) If T is weakly M-supplemented in  $G, T \leq M \leq G$ , then T is weakly M-supplemented in M.
- (2) Let  $N \subseteq G$  and  $N \subseteq T$ . Then T is weakly  $\mathcal{M}$ -supplemented in G if and only if T/N is weakly  $\mathcal{M}$ -supplemented in G/N.
- (3) Let  $\pi$  be a set of primes. Let K be a normal  $\pi'$ -subgroup and H be a  $\pi$ -subgroup of G. If T is weakly  $\mathcal{M}$ -supplemented in G, then TK/K is weakly  $\mathcal{M}$ -supplemented in G/K.
- (4) Let R be a solvable minimal normal subgroup of G and  $R_1$  be a maximal subgroup of R. If  $R_1$  is weakly  $\mathcal{M}$ -supplemented in G, then R is a cyclic group of prime order.
- (5) Let P be a p-subgroup of G, where p is a prime divisor of |G|. If P is weakly M-supplemented in G, then there exists a subgroup B of G such that  $|G| : P_1B| = p$  for every maximal subgroup  $P_1$  of P containing  $P_G$ .

**Lemma 2.2** ([2, Satz I.6.6]) Let  $H \leq G$ . If the index |G:H| = n, then  $G/H_G$  is isomorphic to a subgroup of  $S_n$ .

**Lemma 2.3** ([14, Lemma 3.6.10]) Let G be a group, K be a normal subgroup of G and P be a p-subgroup of G. Then  $N_{G/K}(PK/K) = N_G(P_1)K/K$ , where  $P_1 \in \operatorname{Syl}_p(PK)$ .

**Lemma 2.4** ([2, Hilfssatz III.3.3]) Assume that  $N \subseteq G$  and  $U \subseteq G$ . Then

- (1) If  $N \leq \Phi(U)$ , then  $N \leq \Phi(G)$ .
- (2)  $\Phi(N) \leq \Phi(G)$ .

**Lemma 2.5** ([2, Satz IV.4.7]) If P is a Sylow p-subgroup of a group G and  $N \subseteq G$  such that  $P \cap N \subseteq \Phi(P)$ , then N is p-nilpotent.

**Lemma 2.6** ([15, Lemma 2.8]) Let G be a p-supersolvable group. If  $O_{p'}(G) = 1$ , then G is supersolvable.

**Proof of Theorem 1.2** Assume that the assertion is false and let G be a minimal counterexample. Set  $\delta = \{H \leq P | |H| = p^d, 1 \leq p^d < |P|\}$ .

(1) G is not nonabelian simple.

If G is nonabelian simple, then G is isomorphic to a subgroup of  $S_p$  by Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2 and |P| = p. Hence  $p^d = 1$  and  $N_G(H) = G$  is p-supersolvable by the hypothesis, a contradiction. Furthermore, by the hypothesis, for every element  $H \in \delta$ , H is not normal in G and there is a subgroup B of G such that G = HB,  $H_iB < G$  where  $H_i < \cdot H$ . Then  $(H_iB)_G \neq 1$  by arguing as above.

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

If  $O_{p'}(G) \neq 1$ , then we consider the quotient group  $G/O_{p'}(G)$  and set  $\overline{G} = G/O_{p'}(G)$ . By the hypothesis and Lemma 2.1, every normal subgroup  $\overline{H}$  of  $\overline{P}$  with  $|\overline{H}| = p^d$  is weakly  $\mathcal{M}$ -supplemented in  $\overline{G}$ . Also,  $N_{\overline{G}}(\overline{H}) = \overline{N_G(H)}$  is p-supersolvable by Lemma 2.3. Hence  $\overline{G}$  satisfies the hypothesis and  $\overline{G}$  is p-supersolvable by the choice of G. Then G is p-supersolvable, a contradiction.

(3) G = PN for every minimal normal subgroup N of G.

If there exists a minimal normal subgroup N of G such that PN < G, then PN is p-supersolvable by the choice of G, Lemmas 2.1 and 2.3. Furthermore, N is p-supersolvable and N is a p-subgroup by (2). By the hypothesis and the choice of G,  $|N| \neq p^d$ . Then we assert that  $|N| < p^d$ . Otherwise,  $|N| > p^d$  and there is an element  $H \in \delta$  such that H < N. Furthermore, there exists a subgroup B of G such that G = HB,  $H_iB < G$  and  $G = NH_iB$ , where  $H_i < \cdot H$ . Hence  $N \cap H_iB = 1$  and |N| = p by Lemma 2.1. Then  $p^d = 1$  and  $N_G(H) = G$  is p-supersolvable by the hypothesis, a contradiction. Since  $|N| < p^d$ , G/N is p-supersolvable by the choice of G, Lemmas 2.1 and 2.3. Furthermore, there is the unique minimal normal subgroup N of G contained in  $O_p(G)$ ,  $|N| \neq p$  and  $N \nleq \Phi(G)$ .

Then there exists a maximal subgroup M of G such that  $N \rtimes M = G$  by Lemma 2.4. Clearly,  $P = N(P \cap M)$  and  $P \cap M \neq 1$ . Then we may choose a maximal subgroup  $P_1$  of P containing  $S = P \cap M$  and  $P_1 = P_1 \cap (NS) = (P_1 \cap N)S$ . Furthermore,  $1 \neq P_1 \cap N \leq P$  and we may pick an element  $R \in \delta$  such that  $1 \neq P_1 \cap N \leq R \leq P_1$ . Then  $N \nleq R$ ,  $R_G = 1$  and  $R = R \cap (P_1 \cap N)S = (P_1 \cap N)(R \cap S)$ . Since R is weakly  $\mathcal{M}$ -supplemented in G, there is a subgroup T of G such that G = RT,  $R_iT < G$ , where  $R_i < R$ . Then we may choose a maximal subgroup  $R_1$  of R such that  $R_1 \geq R \cap S$  and  $R_1 = R_1 \cap R = R_1 \cap (P_1 \cap N)(R \cap S) = (R_1 \cap N)(R_1 \cap S)$ . Furthermore,  $NR_1T = G$  and  $N \cap R_1T = 1$  since  $R_1T < G$ . Then |N| = P by Lemma 2.1, a contradiction.

### (4) The final contradiction.

By (3),  $O_p(G)=1$  and  $N=O^p(G)$ . Now we may assume that  $N_p$  is a Sylow p-subgroup of N. If  $|N_p|\geq p^d$ , then there is an element  $H\in \delta$  such that  $H\leq N_p$ . Furthermore, there exists a subgroup B of G such that G=HB,  $H_iB<G$  since  $H_G=1$ , and  $G=NH_iB$ , where  $H_i<\cdot H$ . Since  $(H_iB)_G\neq 1$  by the proof of (1),  $N\cap (H_iB)_G=1$  and  $(H_iB)_G$  is a p-subgroup, a contradiction. If  $|N_p|< p^d$ , then there is an element  $E\in \delta$  such that  $N_p< E$ . Furthermore,  $E_G=1$  and  $N_p\nleq \Phi(E)$  by Lemma 2.5. Then  $E=N_pE_1$  and there exists a subgroup W of G such that G=EW and  $E_1W<G$  since  $E_G=1$ , where  $E_1<\cdot E$ . Hence  $G=EW=N_pE_1W=NE_1W$ . Since  $O_p(G)=1$  and  $(E_1W)_G\neq 1$  by the proof of (1),  $N\cap (E_1W)_G=N$  and  $G=EW=N_pE_1W=NE_1W=E_1W< G$ , a contradiction.  $\square$ 

**Proof of Corollary 1.4** Here, we may assume that  $O_{p'}(G) = 1$ . By Theorem 1.2 and Lemma 2.6, G is supersolvable and  $P \subseteq G$ . Furthermore, there is a normal subgroup H of G such that  $H \subseteq P$  and  $|H| = p^d$ . Then  $N_G(H) = G$  is p-nilpotent.  $\square$ 

**Proof of Theorem 1.6** By the hypothesis, K is weakly  $\mathcal{M}$ -supplemented in G and there exists a subgroup B of G such that G = KB,  $K_iB < G$  where  $K_i < \cdot K$  containing  $K_G$ . Then we assert that  $K_p \neq 1$ . Otherwise,  $K_p = 1$  and P is abelian by the definition of K. Hence G is p-nilpotent by Burnside Theorem.

First, we assume that  $K_G \neq 1$ . Then  $P \cap K_G \leq P \cap K \leq \Phi(P)$  and  $K_G$  is p-nilpotent. Next, let T be the Hall p'-subgroup of  $K_G$ . If  $T \neq 1$ , then we can prove that  $(PT/T)' \leq 1$   $P'T/T \leq K_pT/T \leq \Phi(P)T/T \leq \Phi(PT/T)$  and  $K/T \in \mathcal{K}(PT/T)$ . Furthermore, G/T satisfies the hypothesis by Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.3. Hence G/T is p-nilpotent by induction on |G| and G is p-nilpotent. If T=1, then  $K_G$  is a p-subgroup,  $K_G \leq \Phi(P)$  and  $K_G \leq \Phi(G)$  by Lemma 2.4. Furthermore,  $G/K_G$  satisfies the hypothesis by Lemmas 2.1 and 2.3,  $G/K_G$  is p-nilpotent by induction on |G|. Hence G is p-nilpotent.

We assume that  $K_G = 1$ . Then there is a maximal subgroup  $K_1$  of K such that  $K_{p'} \leq K_1$  where  $K_{p'}$  is a Hall p'-subgroup of K. Since  $K_p \subseteq K$ ,  $L = K_p \cap K_1 \subseteq K_1$  and  $K_1 = LK_{p'}$ . Next, we assume that M is the subgroup generalized by  $K_{p'}$  and B. Then  $G = KB = K_pK_{p'}B = K_pM$  and G = M since  $K_p \leq \Phi(P)$ . By the fact that  $K_1B < G$ ,  $K_1B = LK_{p'}B = LM = G$ , a contradiction.  $\square$ 

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