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On semi cover-avoiding subgroups of finite groups

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Abstract

In this paper, we obtain the supersolvability for a finite group based on the assumption that minimal subgroups and cyclic subgroups of order 4 have the semi cover-avoiding properties. Some known results are generalized.

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1. Introduction

All groups considered in this paper are finite groups. Our notation and terminology are standard. The reader may refer to ref [5]. In 1962, Gaschutz [1] introduced a certain conjugacy class of subgroups of a finite solvable group which he called pre-Frattini subgroups. These subgroups have the property that they not only avoid the complemented chief factors of a finite solvable group G but also cover the rest of its chief factors, we call these subgroups that have cover-avoiding properties, that is, suppose that $H \leq G$, for any chief series $1 = G_0 < G_1 < \dots < G_m = G$, such that for every $i=1, \dots, m$ either H covers G_i/G_{i-1} or H avoids G_i/G_{i-1} . Thereafter, many authors studies this property, for example, In 1993, Ezquerro [2] gave some characterization for a finite group G to be p -supersolvable and supersolvable based on the assumption that all maximal subgroups of some Sylow subgroups of G have the cover-avoiding properties. Guo Xiuyun and K.P. Shum in [3] obtain some characterizations for a finite solvable group based on the assumption that some of its maximal subgroups or 2-maximal subgroups have the cover-avoiding properties.

Recently, in [4], Fan, Guo and Shum generalized the cover-avoiding properties of finite groups. They called Semi cover-avoiding properties, that is, a subgroup H is said to be semi cover-avoiding in a group G if there is a chief series $1 = G_0 < G_1 < \dots < G_m = G$, such that for every $i=1, \dots, m$ either H covers G_i/G_{i-1} or H avoids G_i/G_{i-1} . They used Semi cover-avoiding properties of Sylow and maximal subgroups to investigate the solvability of finite groups.

In this paper, we will push further this approach and obtain the supersolvability for a finite group based on the assumption that minimal subgroups and cyclic subgroups of order 4 have the semi cover-avoiding properties. Our main result is the following:

Theorem A. Let G be a finite group. $N \triangleleft G$ and G/N is supersolvable. If every minimal subgroup and every cyclic subgroup of order 4 of N are semi cover-avoiding subgroups of G , then G is supersolvable.

2. Basic definitions and preliminary results

In this section, we give one definition and some lemmas which are useful for our main results.

Definition 2.1 [4] A subgroup H is said to be semi cover-avoiding in a group G if there is a chief series $1 = G_0 < G_1 < \dots < G_m = G$, such that for every $i=1, \dots, m$ either H covers G_i/G_{i-1} or H avoids G_i/G_{i-1} .

The following Lemma is obvious

Lemma 2.2 Let H be a subgroup of a group G and let $1 < \dots < N < \dots < M < \dots < G$ be a normal series of G . If the subgroup H covers (respectively avoids) M/N , then H covers (respectively avoids) any quotient factor between N and M of any refinement of the normal series.

Lemma 2.3 Let G be a group. Let H be a semi cover-avoiding subgroup of G and N be a normal subgroup of G .

1. If $H \leq K \leq G$, then H is a semi cover-avoiding subgroup of K .
2. If $N \subseteq H$ or $\gcd(|H|, |N|) = 1$, where $\gcd(-, -)$ denotes the greatest common divisor, then HN/N is a semi cover-avoiding subgroup of G/N .

Proof. (i) Since H is a semi cover-avoiding subgroup of G , that is, there exists a chief series

$1 = G_0 < G_1 < \dots < G_m = G$, such that for every $i=1, \dots, m$ either H covers G_i/G_{i-1} or H avoids G_i/G_{i-1} . Suppose that $K_i = G_i \cap H, i=1, \dots, m$. Then $HK_i = K_iH$ or $H \cap K_i = K_i \cap H$. So H semi covers or avoids a normal series $1 = K_n \leq K_{n-1} \leq \dots \leq K_0 = K$. By Lemma 2.2 we know, H is a semi cover-avoiding subgroup of K .
 (ii) By Lemma 2.2 in [4], we can prove the result.

Lemma 2.4 [6] Suppose that G is an inner-supersolvable group, then

1. there exists a normal $P \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$ such that $G = P \times M$, $P/\Phi(P)$ is a minimal normal subgroup of $G/\Phi(P)$.
2. if $p > 2$, then $\exp P = 2$; if $p = 2$, then $\exp P \leq 4$ and $p^2 \parallel |G|$.
3. there exists c in $P \setminus \Phi(P)$ such that $\langle c \rangle$ is not normal G .
4. if P is Abelian, then $\Phi(P) = 1$.
5. if P is not Abelian, then $\Phi(P) = Z(P) = P'$.
6. G is a group with Sylow tower and G is an inner-nilpotent group.

3. Proof of the Main Theorem

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

- G is an inner-supersolvable group.

In fact, for any proper subgroup H of G , we have that $HN/N \cong H/H \cap N$. Since G/N is supersolvable, we know that $H/H \cap N$ is supersolvable. By Lemma 2.3 we know that every minimal subgroup and every cyclic subgroup of order 4 are semi cover-avoiding subgroups of H . So $H, H \cap N$ satisfy the hypotheses of the theorem. By the minimality of G , we know that H is supersolvable. That is, G is an inner-supersolvable group. By lemma 2.4 we can get that

1. there exists a normal $P \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$ such that $G = P \times M$, $P/\Phi(P)$ is a minimal normal subgroup of $G/\Phi(P)$.

2. (2) if $p > 2$, then $\exp P = 2$; if $p = 2$, then $\exp P \leq 4$ and $p^2 \parallel |G|$.

- (ii) $P \in \text{Syl}_p(N)$.

In fact, since $G/P \cong M$ and M is supersolvable, we have that G/P is also supersolvable. By hypothesis of the theorem, we know that G/N is supersolvable. So $G/P \cap N$ is supersolvable. If $P \cap N \leq \Phi(P)$, then $G/\Phi(P)$ is supersolvable. So its quotient group $G/\Phi(G)$ is supersolvable, a contradiction. Thus $P \cap N$ can not be contained in $\Phi(P)$. Since $P/\Phi(P)$ is a minimal normal subgroup of $G/\Phi(P)$, we have that $(P \cap N)\Phi(P)/\Phi(P)$ is a normal p -subgroup of $G/\Phi(P)$. So $P = (P \cap N)\Phi(P) = (P \cap N) \in \text{Syl}_p(N)$.

- (iii) G is supersolvable.

Suppose that an element $x \in P \setminus \Phi(P)$, then $o(x) = p$ or $o(x) = 4$. By hypothesis of the theorem, we know that $\langle x \rangle$ is a semi cover-avoiding subgroup of G . That is, there exists a chief series $1 = G_0 < G_1 < \dots < G_m = G$ such that $\langle x \rangle$ covers or avoids every G_{i+1}/G_i . Since $x \in G$, there exists an integer k such that x is not contained in G_k but $x \in G_{k+1}$. Since $G_k \cap \langle x \rangle \neq G_{k+1} \cap \langle x \rangle$, we have that $G_k \langle x \rangle = G_{k+1} \langle x \rangle = G_{k+1}$. So G_{k+1}/G_k is a cyclic group of order p or 4. Since $P \cap G_k$ is normal in G and $P/\Phi(P)$ is a minimal normal subgroup of $G/\Phi(P)$, we have that $(P \cap G_k)\Phi(P) = \Phi(P)$ or P . If $(P \cap G_k)\Phi(P) = P$, then $P \cap G_k = P$, this is contrary to the fact x is not contained in $P \cap G_k$. So $P \cap G_k \leq \Phi(P)$. Consider normal subgroup $(P \cap G_k)\Phi(P)$, we have that $(P \cap G_k)\Phi(P) = P$. So $P/\Phi(P)$ is a cyclic group of order p or 4. By Lemma 2.3 and the minimality of G , we have that $G/\Phi(P)$ is supersolvable. So G is supersolvable, a contradiction. Our proof is complete now.

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