

SOME GENERALIZATIONS, TO CERTAIN LOCALLY FINITE GROUPS, OF THEOREMS DUE TO CHAMBERS AND ROSE

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1. Introduction

In this paper we examine further the properties of the class \mathfrak{U} introduced in [4] and studied again in [9] and [10]. We refer the reader to these papers for our notation and terminology. The class \mathfrak{U} resembles in many ways the class of finite soluble groups. Indeed a result for finite soluble groups which makes sense in the wider context usually holds for \mathfrak{U} -groups. This is certainly the case with Gaschutz' theory of formations which was carried over to arbitrary QS -closed subclasses \mathfrak{R} of \mathfrak{U} by Gardiner, Hartley and Tomkinson [4]. We have also extended [7] our earlier work [5], [6] on \mathfrak{F} -reducers and \mathfrak{F} -subnormalizers to such classes \mathfrak{R} . In addition the results of Alperin [1] on system normalizers, Carter subgroups and the relation between them in finite soluble groups, were extended to \mathfrak{U} -groups in [9]. It is our aim to show here that many of the results of Chambers [3] and Rose [15] hold in appropriate subclasses of \mathfrak{U} . Generalizing Chambers [3] we show, for example, that if \mathfrak{R} is a QS -closed subclass of \mathfrak{U} and \mathfrak{F} a saturated \mathfrak{R} -formation then the \mathfrak{F} -normalizers are pronormal in \mathfrak{R}_A -groups (i.e. \mathfrak{R} -groups with abelian Sylow p -subgroups for each prime p). This yields a partial extension of Alperin's [1, Theorem 1] for \mathfrak{F} -normalizers and \mathfrak{F} -projectors of \mathfrak{R}_A -groups. We shall also show that the \mathfrak{F} -normalizers of \mathfrak{R}_A -groups are characterized as those subgroups which cover the \mathfrak{F} -central and avoid the \mathfrak{F} -eccentric chief factors. We shall extend Chambers' work in Section 2 and Rose's in Section 3. In the third and final section we shall consider the class \mathfrak{D} of \mathfrak{U} -groups with pronormal basis normalizers. For example, we prove that \mathfrak{D} is a \mathfrak{U} -formation (in the sense of [4, §1]) and derive many of its properties from our work [7] on reducers in \mathfrak{U} -groups.

2. \mathfrak{U} -groups with abelian Sylow subgroups

If \mathfrak{X} is a subclass of \mathfrak{U} we denote by \mathfrak{X}_A the class of \mathfrak{X} -groups with abelian Sylow p -groups for each prime p . In this section we study the class \mathfrak{U}_A showing in particular that most of Chambers' results on finite soluble A -groups can be extended to the class \mathfrak{U}_A or appropriate subclasses of it.

It is clear that if \mathfrak{X} is a QS -closed subclass of \mathfrak{U} then so is \mathfrak{X}_A (cf. [4, 2.1]).

LEMMA 2.1. *Every \mathfrak{U}_A -group is soluble.*

Proof. If $G \in \mathfrak{U}_A$ then G has a finite normal series with locally nilpotent factors. Since \mathfrak{U}_A is QS -closed and every locally nilpotent \mathfrak{U}_A -group is abelian, each of these factors is abelian. Hence G is soluble as claimed.

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