

MODULAR SUBGROUPS OF FINITE GROUPS II

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The subgroup M of the group G is said to be *modular in G* (M m G) if

$$(U \cup M) \cap V = U \cup (M \cap V) \quad \text{for all } U, V \subseteq G \text{ such that } U \subseteq V,$$

and

$$(U \cup M) \cap V = (U \cap V) \cup M \quad \text{for all } U, V \subseteq G \text{ such that } M \subseteq V.$$

In [5] we proved among other results that M/M_G is nilpotent and M^G/M_G is supersolvable for a modular subgroup M of a finite group G (M_G being the core, M^G the normal closure of M in G). One of the problems that remained open in [5] was to discover the exact structure of G/M_G , M^G/M_G , and M/M_G . In the present paper we solve this problem modulo the quasinormal Sylow subgroups of M/M_G . We prove the following

THEOREM. *Let M be modular in the (finite) group G , and let Q/M_G be a q -Sylow subgroup of M/M_G which is not quasinormal in G/M_G , q a prime.*

Then $G/M_G = Q^G/M_G \times K$, where Q^G/M_G is a P -group of order $p^n \cdot q$, p a prime, $p > q$, and $(|Q^G/M_G|, |K|) = 1$.

(For the definition of a P -group see [6, p. 12] or [5].)

An immediate consequence of this theorem is the following

COROLLARY. *Let M be modular in G , and let $M_G = 1$ (to make notation simpler).*

Then $G = P_1 \times \cdots \times P_r \times K$, where P_i is a P -group of order $p_i^{n_i} \cdot q_i$, p_i, q_i primes, $p_i > q_i$, $(|P_i|, |P_j|) = (|P_i|, |K|) = 1$ ($i, j = 1, \dots, r$; $i \neq j$), and where $M = Q_1 \times \cdots \times Q_r \times (M \cap K)$, with Q_i being a q_i -Sylow subgroup of P_i , and $M \cap K$ being quasinormal in G .

This corollary gives the solution of the problem mentioned above modulo the quasinormal part $M \cap K$ of M , about which we cannot say very much (except, of course, that it is quasinormal in G). Since it is obvious that a subgroup Q is modular in a group G whenever G/Q_G has the structure given in the Theorem, we also cannot say anything about the structure of the complement K in G/M_G .

Some other consequences of the theorem are perhaps worth mentioning.

(1) *Let M be modular in G , and let Q/M_G be a Sylow subgroup of M/M_G . Then Q is modular in G .*

(2) *A minimal modular (but not normal) subgroup of a group is of prime power order.*

(3) *Let M be modular in G , and let q be a prime dividing $|M : M_G|$. Then there is a normal subgroup N of index q in G .*

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