

## Quasi-artinian groups

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### Introduction

Aldosray [1] introduced the concept of quasi-artinian Lie algebras generalizing those of soluble Lie algebras and artinian Lie algebras, that is, Lie algebras satisfying the minimal condition for ideals, and left an open question asking whether a semisimple quasi-artinian Lie algebra is always artinian. On the other hand, he introduced the concept of quasi-artinian groups in an analogous way and noted that the corresponding results mentioned in [1] hold for groups. Subsequently Kubo and Honda [2] provided a negative answer to the question above, and moreover gave a condition under which quasi-artinian Lie algebras are soluble (resp. artinian).

In this paper, following the paper [2] we construct a semisimple quasi-artinian group which is neither soluble nor artinian and give a condition under which quasi-artinian groups are soluble (resp. artinian).

We shall prove in Section 2 that the class of quasi-artinian groups is countably recognizable (Proposition 2.2) and that a subgroup with finite index in a quasi-artinian group is quasi-artinian under some conditions (Proposition 2.3). In Section 3 we shall prove that every residually  $(\omega)$ -central quasi-artinian group is soluble (Theorem 3.3) and that every residually commutable quasi-artinian group is hyperabelian (Theorem 3.7). The main result of Section 4 is that a quasi-artinian group  $G$  is artinian if and only if for each normal subgroup  $N$  of  $G$   $G/N$  satisfies the minimal condition on abelian normal subgroups (Theorem 4.2). In Section 5 we shall give examples showing that the class of quasi-artinian groups is not  $\mathfrak{B}$ -closed (i.e.  $\mathfrak{P}$ -closed) and is not  $s_n$ -closed.

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### 1.

Let  $G$  be a group. As usual,  $x^y = y^{-1}xy$  and  $[x, y] = x^{-1}y^{-1}xy$ ,  $[x, y, z] = [[x, y], z]$  for  $x, y, z \in G$ . We write inductively

$$D^1(x_1, x_2) = [x_1, x_2],$$

$$D^{n+1}(x_1, \dots, x_{2n+1}) = [D^n(x_1, \dots, x_{2n}), D^n(x_{2n+1}, \dots, x_{2n+1})] \quad (n \geq 1),$$