

## Subnormality and ascendancy in groups

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### Introduction

Recently subnormality in groups was investigated by Wielandt [7], Peng [4, 5], McCaughan and McDougall [3], and subnormality and ascendancy in groups were investigated by Hartley and Peng [1]. On the other hand, subideality and ascendancy in Lie algebras were examined by Kawamoto [2] and the author [6].

In this paper, following the paper [6] we shall introduce two notions of weak subnormality and weak ascendancy for subgroups, study their properties, and investigate several criteria for subnormality and ascendancy of subgroups.

Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a group  $G$ . We shall show that when either (a)  $G$  is hyperabelian, (b)  $G$  has an ascending abelian series and  $H$  is finite, or (c)  $G$  is finite-by-hyperabelian and  $H$  is finite,  $H$  is ascendant in  $G$  if and only if  $H$  is weakly ascendant in  $G$  (Theorems 3 and 7). Similar results for subnormality will be shown in Theorems 3 and 6. We shall also give characterizations of weak subnormality and  $\omega$ -step weak ascendancy (Theorem 4), and show that every finite, weakly ascendant subgroup of a group is at most of  $\omega$ -step (Theorem 5).

### 1.

Let  $G$  be a group. If  $x, y$  are elements of  $G$ , then  $[x, y] = x^{-1}y^{-1}xy$  and we write  $[x, {}_0y] = x$ ,  $[x, {}_{n+1}y] = [[x, {}_ny], y]$  for an integer  $n \geq 0$ . If  $X, Y$  are non-empty subsets of  $G$ ,  $[X, Y]$  is the set of all  $[x, y]$  with  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$  and we write  $[X, {}_0Y] = X$ ,  $[X, {}_{n+1}Y] = [[X, {}_nY], Y]$ .

We write  $H \leq G$  if  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  and  $H \triangleleft G$  if  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ . For any ordinal  $\lambda$ , a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is a  $\lambda$ -step ascendant subgroup of  $G$ , denoted by  $H \triangleleft^\lambda G$ , if there is a series  $(S_\alpha)_{\alpha \leq \lambda}$  of subgroups of  $G$  such that

- (a)  $S_0 = H$  and  $S_\lambda = G$ ,
- (b)  $S_\alpha \triangleleft S_{\alpha+1}$  for any ordinal  $\alpha < \lambda$ ,
- (c)  $S_\beta = \bigcup_{\alpha < \beta} S_\alpha$  for any limit ordinal  $\beta \leq \lambda$ .

$H$  is an ascendant subgroup of  $G$  if  $H \triangleleft^\lambda G$  for some ordinal  $\lambda$ . When  $\lambda < \omega$ ,  $H$  is a subnormal subgroup of  $G$ , denoted by  $H \text{ sn } G$ .

We say a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  to be a  $\lambda$ -step weakly ascendant subgroup of  $G$ , if there is an ascending series  $(S_\alpha)_{\alpha \leq \lambda}$  of subsets of  $G$  satisfying the above conditions (a), (c) and the following condition:

(b') If  $\alpha$  is any ordinal  $< \lambda$ , then  $u^{-1}Hu \subseteq S_\alpha$  for any  $u \in S_{\alpha+1}$ .

We then write  $H \leq^\lambda G$ . We simply call such a series  $(S_\alpha)_{\alpha \leq \lambda}$  a weakly ascending series from  $H$  to  $G$ . We call  $H$  a weakly ascendant subgroup of  $G$  if  $H \leq^\lambda G$  for some ordinal  $\lambda$ . We then write  $H$  wasc  $G$ . When  $\lambda < \omega$ , we call  $H$  a weakly subnormal subgroup of  $G$  and write  $H$  wsn  $G$ .

As usual,  $\mathfrak{F}$ ,  $\mathfrak{S}$ ,  $\mathfrak{A}$ ,  $\mathfrak{B}\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\acute{E}(\triangleleft)\mathfrak{A}$  are the classes of finite, finitely generated, abelian, solvable and hyperabelian groups respectively, and  $\text{Min}$  is the class of groups satisfying the minimal condition for subgroups.  $\acute{E}_\lambda\mathfrak{A}$  is the class of groups  $G$  having an ascending abelian series  $(G_\alpha)_{\alpha \leq \lambda}$  of subgroups, and  $\acute{E}\mathfrak{A} = \bigcup_\lambda \acute{E}_\lambda\mathfrak{A}$ .  $G \in \acute{E}(\triangleleft)\mathfrak{A}$  means that there is an ascending series of normal subgroups of  $G$ . ( $\mathfrak{B}\mathfrak{A}$ ,  $\acute{E}\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\acute{E}(\triangleleft)\mathfrak{A}$  are also denoted by  $\mathfrak{P}\mathfrak{A}$ ,  $\acute{P}\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\acute{P}_n\mathfrak{A}$  respectively.)

For  $K, L \leq G$ , we denote  $K \in \acute{E}_\lambda(L)\mathfrak{A}$  if there is an ascending abelian series  $(K_\alpha)_{\alpha \leq \lambda}$  of  $L$ -invariant subgroups of  $G$ , and denote  $\acute{E}(L)\mathfrak{A} = \bigcup_\lambda \acute{E}_\lambda(L)\mathfrak{A}$ .

## 2.

We first show the following two lemmas which will be used in the subsequent sections.

LEMMA 1. Let  $G$  be a group and let  $H \leq^\lambda G$ . Then there exists a weakly ascending series  $(S_\alpha)_{\alpha \leq \lambda}$  from  $H$  to  $G$  such that for any ordinal  $\alpha \leq \lambda$

$$HS_\alpha H = S_\alpha \quad \text{and} \quad S_\alpha^{-1} = S_\alpha.$$

PROOF. Let  $(S_\alpha)_{\alpha \leq \lambda}$  be a weakly ascending series from  $H$  to  $G$ . Put

$$M_\alpha = H(S_\alpha \cap S_\alpha^{-1})H.$$

Then  $M_0 = H$  and  $M_\lambda = G$ . Let  $\alpha$  be any ordinal  $< \lambda$ . Any element  $u$  of  $M_{\alpha+1}$  is expressed as

$$u = axb \quad \text{with} \quad a, b \in H \quad \text{and} \quad x \in S_{\alpha+1} \cap S_{\alpha+1}^{-1}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} u^{-1}Hu &= (axb)^{-1}H(axb) \\ &= b^{-1}(x^{-1}a^{-1}Hax)b. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x^{-1}a^{-1}Hax \subseteq S_\alpha \cap S_\alpha^{-1}$ , it follows that

$$u^{-1}Hu \subseteq H(S_\alpha \cap S_\alpha^{-1})H = M_\alpha.$$

For any limit ordinal  $\beta \leq \lambda$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_\beta &= H(S_\beta \cap S_\beta^{-1})H \\
 &= H(\cup_{\alpha < \beta} (S_\alpha \cap S_\alpha^{-1}))H \\
 &= \cup_{\alpha < \beta} H(S_\alpha \cap S_\alpha^{-1})H \\
 &= \cup_{\alpha < \beta} M_\alpha.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $(M_\alpha)_{\alpha \leq \lambda}$  is a weakly ascending series from  $H$  to  $G$  satisfying the conditions.

LEMMA 2. *Let  $G$  be a group.*

(a) *If  $H \leq {}^\lambda G$  and  $K \leq G$ , then  $H \cap K \leq {}^\lambda K$ .*

(b) *Let  $f$  be a homomorphism of  $G$  onto a group  $\bar{G}$ . If  $H \leq {}^\lambda G$ , then  $f(H) \leq {}^\lambda \bar{G}$ . If  $\bar{H} \leq {}^\lambda \bar{G}$ , then  $f^{-1}(\bar{H}) \leq {}^\lambda G$ .*

PROOF. Assume that  $H \leq {}^\lambda G$  and let  $(S_\alpha)_{\alpha \leq \lambda}$  be a weakly ascending series from  $H$  to  $G$ . Then  $(S_\alpha \cap K)_{\alpha \leq \lambda}$  is a weakly ascending series from  $H \cap K$  to  $K$  and  $H \cap K \leq {}^\lambda K$ .  $(f(S_\alpha))_{\alpha \leq \lambda}$  is also a weakly ascending series from  $f(H)$  to  $\bar{G}$  and  $f(H) \leq {}^\lambda \bar{G}$ .

Assume that  $\bar{H} \leq {}^\lambda \bar{G}$  and let  $(\bar{S}_\alpha)_{\alpha \leq \lambda}$  be a weakly ascending series from  $\bar{H}$  to  $\bar{G}$ . Then  $(f^{-1}(\bar{S}_\alpha))_{\alpha \leq \lambda}$  is a weakly ascending series from  $f^{-1}(\bar{H})$  to  $G$  and  $f^{-1}(\bar{H}) \leq {}^\lambda G$ .

### 3.

We begin this section with

LEMMA 3. *Let  $G$  be a group such that  $G = HK$  with  $H \leq G$ ,  $K \triangleleft G$  and  $K \in \mathfrak{A}$ . If  $H \leq {}^\lambda G$ , then  $H \triangleleft {}^\lambda G$ .*

PROOF. Let  $(S_\alpha)_{\alpha \leq \lambda}$  be a weakly ascending series from  $H$  to  $G$ . By Lemma 1 we may assume that  $HS_\alpha H = S_\alpha$  and  $S_\alpha^{-1} = S_\alpha$  for any ordinal  $\alpha \leq \lambda$ . Then

$$S_\alpha = S_\alpha \cap (KH) = (S_\alpha \cap K)H.$$

Let  $\alpha$  be any ordinal  $< \lambda$ . Let  $u, v$  be any elements of  $S_{\alpha+1}, S_\alpha$  respectively. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 u &= xa && \text{with } x \in S_{\alpha+1} \cap K \text{ and } a \in H, \\
 v &= yb && \text{with } y \in S_\alpha \cap K \text{ and } b \in H.
 \end{aligned}$$

By using the fact that  $K \in \mathfrak{A}$ , we have

$$u^{-1}vu = (xa)^{-1}(yb)(xa)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= a^{-1}y(x^{-1}bx)a \\
 &\in HS_\alpha^2H = S_\alpha^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that for any  $u \in S_{\alpha+1}$

$$u^{-1}S_\alpha^n u \subseteq S_\alpha^{2n} \quad (n \geq 0).$$

We put  $H_\alpha = \langle S_\alpha \rangle$  for any ordinal  $\alpha \leq \lambda$ . Then  $H_0 = H$ ,  $H_\lambda = G$  and  $H_\alpha \triangleleft H_{\alpha+1}$  for any ordinal  $\alpha < \lambda$ . For any limit ordinal  $\beta \leq \lambda$ , we have  $H_\beta = \bigcup_{\alpha < \beta} H_\alpha$ . In fact, any  $u \in H_\beta$  is expressed as

$$u = x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n \quad \text{with } x_i \in S_\beta.$$

Then  $x_i \in S_{\alpha_i}$  for some ordinal  $\alpha_i < \beta$ . Take  $\alpha = \max(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ . Then each  $x_i$  belongs to  $S_\alpha$  and therefore  $u \in H_\alpha$ . Thus  $H \triangleleft^\lambda G$ .

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $G$  be a group such that  $G = HK$  with  $H \leq G$  and  $K \triangleleft G$ .*

(a) *Let  $K \in \mathcal{E}_\lambda(H)\mathfrak{A}$ . If  $H \leq {}^\mu G$ , then  $H \triangleleft {}^{\mu\lambda} G$ .*

(b) *Let  $K \in \mathfrak{A}^n$ . If  $H \leq {}^\mu G$ , then  $H \triangleleft {}^{\mu n} G$ .*

**PROOF.** (a) Let  $(K_\alpha)_{\alpha \leq \lambda}$  be an ascending abelian series of  $H$ -invariant subgroups of  $K$ . Then for any ordinal  $\alpha \leq \lambda$

$$K_\alpha \triangleleft HK_\alpha \leq G.$$

Assume that  $H \leq {}^\mu G$ . For each ordinal  $\alpha < \lambda$ , put

$$\bar{H} = HK_\alpha / K_\alpha \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{K}_{\alpha+1} = K_{\alpha+1} / K_\alpha.$$

Then  $\bar{K}_{\alpha+1} \triangleleft \bar{H}\bar{K}_{\alpha+1}$  and  $\bar{K}_{\alpha+1} \in \mathfrak{A}$ . Since  $H \leq {}^\mu HK_{\alpha+1}$  by Lemma 2 (a), we have  $\bar{H} \leq {}^\mu \bar{H}\bar{K}_{\alpha+1}$  by Lemma 2 (b). Hence by making use of Lemma 3 we see that

$$\bar{H} \triangleleft {}^\mu \bar{H}\bar{K}_{\alpha+1}.$$

It follows that

$$HK_\alpha \triangleleft {}^\mu HK_{\alpha+1}.$$

For any limit ordinal  $\beta \leq \lambda$

$$HK_\beta = H(\bigcup_{\alpha < \beta} K_\alpha) = \bigcup_{\alpha < \beta} HK_\alpha.$$

Thus we conclude that  $H \triangleleft {}^{\mu\lambda} G$ .

(b) Put  $K_i = K^{(n-i)}$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n$ . Then  $(K_i)_{i \leq n}$  is an ascending series of  $H$ -invariant subgroups of  $K$ . Therefore the assertion in (b) follows from (a).

For elements  $x, y$  of a group  $G$ ,  $x^y = y^{-1}xy$  and for  $H \leq G$ ,  $\langle x^H \rangle = \langle x^a \mid a \in H \rangle$ . With this notation we show the following

LEMMA 4. Let  $G \in \acute{E}_\lambda \mathfrak{A}$  and let  $H \leq G$ . If  $\langle x^H \rangle \in \mathfrak{G}$  for any  $x \in G$ , then  $G \in \acute{E}_\lambda(H) \mathfrak{A}$ .

PROOF. Let  $(G_\alpha)_{\alpha \leq \lambda}$  be an ascending abelian series of  $G$ . Let  $M_\alpha$  be the subgroup generated by all  $H$ -invariant subgroups of  $G_\alpha$ . Then  $M_\alpha$  is the largest  $H$ -invariant subgroup of  $G_\alpha$ . Obviously  $M_0 = 1$  and  $M_\lambda = G$ . For any ordinal  $\alpha < \lambda$ ,

$$[M_{\alpha+1}, M_{\alpha+1}] \subseteq [G_{\alpha+1}, G_{\alpha+1}] \subseteq G_\alpha.$$

Hence  $\langle [M_{\alpha+1}, M_{\alpha+1}] \rangle$  is an  $H$ -invariant subgroup of  $G_\alpha$  and therefore

$$[M_{\alpha+1}, M_{\alpha+1}] \subseteq M_\alpha.$$

It follows that  $M_\alpha \triangleleft M_{\alpha+1}$  and  $M_{\alpha+1}/M_\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$ .

Let  $\beta$  be any limit ordinal  $\leq \lambda$ . For any  $x \in M_\beta$ ,

$$\langle x^H \rangle \leq M_\beta \leq G_\beta.$$

It follows that  $\langle x^H \rangle \leq G_\alpha$  for some  $\alpha < \beta$ . Since  $\langle x^H \rangle$  is  $H$ -invariant,

$$x \in \langle x^H \rangle \leq M_\alpha.$$

Hence  $M_\beta = \bigcup_{\alpha < \beta} M_\alpha$ . Thus  $G \in \acute{E}_\lambda(H) \mathfrak{A}$ .

THEOREM 2. Let  $G \in \acute{E}_\lambda \mathfrak{A}$ , let  $H \leq G$  and assume that  $\langle x^H \rangle \in \mathfrak{G}$  for any  $x \in G$ . If  $H \leq {}^\mu G$ , then  $H \triangleleft {}^{\mu\lambda} G$ .

PROOF. By Lemma 4,  $G \in \acute{E}_\lambda(H) \mathfrak{A}$ . Hence the assertion follows from Theorem 1.

As consequences of Theorems 1 and 2 we have the following

- THEOREM 3. (a) Let  $G \in \acute{E}(\triangleleft) \mathfrak{A}$ . If  $H$  wasc  $G$ , then  $H$  asc  $G$ .  
 (b) Let  $G \in \acute{E} \mathfrak{A}$ , let  $H \leq G$  and  $H \in \mathfrak{F}$ . If  $H$  wasc  $G$ , then  $H$  asc  $G$ .  
 (c) Let  $G \in \mathfrak{E} \mathfrak{A}$ . If  $H$  wsn  $G$ , then  $H$  sn  $G$ .

PROOF. (a) and (c) follow from Theorem 1 where we take  $K = G$ . If  $H \in \mathfrak{F}$ , we have  $\langle x^H \rangle \in G$  for any  $x \in G$ . Hence (b) follows from Theorem 2.

#### 4.

In this section we shall mainly investigate some properties of weakly ascendant subgroups of step  $\leq \omega$ .

THEOREM 4. Let  $G$  be a group and let  $H \leq G$ . Let  $0 \leq n < \omega$ . Then

- (a)  $H \leq {}^n G$  if and only if  $[G, {}_n H] \subseteq H$ .

(b)  $H \leq {}^{\omega}G$  if and only if for any  $x \in G$  there exists an integer  $n = n(x) \geq 0$  such that  $[x, {}_nH] \subseteq H$ .

PROOF. (a) Assume that  $H \leq {}^nG$  and let  $(S_i)_{i \leq n}$  be a weakly ascending series from  $H$  to  $G$  such that  $HS_iH = S_i$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n$ . Then by induction we have

$$[G, {}_iH] \subseteq S_{n-i} \quad (0 \leq i \leq n).$$

Taking  $i = n$ , we have  $[G, {}_nH] \subseteq H$ .

Conversely, assume that the condition is satisfied and put

$$S_i = H\{x \in G \mid [x, {}_iH] \subseteq H\}H \quad (0 \leq i \leq n).$$

Then  $S_0 = H$  and  $S_n = G$ . For any  $i < n$ , every element of  $S_{i+1}$  is expressed as  $u = axb$  where

$$[x, {}_{i+1}H] \subseteq H \quad \text{and} \quad a, b \in H.$$

For any  $h \in H$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} u^{-1}hu &= (axb)^{-1}h(axb) \\ &= b^{-1}[x, a^{-1}h^{-1}a]a^{-1}hab \in S_i. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $H \leq {}^nG$ .

(b) Assume that  $H \leq {}^{\omega}G$  and let  $(S_{\alpha})_{\alpha \leq \omega}$  be a weakly ascending series from  $H$  to  $G$  such that  $HS_{\alpha}H = S_{\alpha}$  for  $0 \leq \alpha \leq \omega$ . Let  $x \in G$ . Then there exists an integer  $n \geq 0$  such that  $x \in S_n$ . By induction we have

$$[x, {}_iH] \subseteq S_{n-i} \quad (0 \leq i \leq n).$$

Taking  $i = n$ , we have  $[x, {}_nH] \subseteq H$ .

Conversely, assume that the condition is satisfied and put

$$S_i = H\{x \in G \mid [x, {}_iH] \subseteq H\}H \quad (0 \leq i \leq n),$$

$$S_{\omega} = G.$$

Then  $S_0 = H$ . If  $i < n$ , we have

$$u^{-1}Hu \subseteq S_i \quad \text{for any } u \in S_{i+1},$$

as in the proof of (a). Furthermore

$$\begin{aligned} \bigcup_{i < \omega} S_i &= H(\bigcup_{i < \omega} \{x \in G \mid [x, {}_iH] \subseteq H\})H \\ &= HGH = G = S_{\omega}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $H \leq {}^{\omega}G$ .

**COROLLARY.** (a) *Let  $G \in \mathfrak{F}$ . If  $H \text{ wsn } G$ , then  $H \text{ sn } G$ .*  
 (b) *Let  $G \in \text{Min}$ . If  $H \text{ wsn } G$ , then  $H \text{ sn } G$ . If  $H \leq {}^\omega G$ , then  $H \text{ asc } G$ .*

**PROOF.** (a) follows from Theorem 4 (a) and Theorem 3 in [7]. (b) follows from Theorem 4 and Theorem A in [1].

**LEMMA 5.** *Let  $G$  be a group, let  $H \text{ wasc } G$  and let  $H = \langle U \rangle$  with  $U$  a finite set. Then for any  $x \in G$  there exists an integer  $n = n(x) \geq 0$  such that  $[x, {}_n U] \subseteq H$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $(S_\alpha)_{\alpha \leq \lambda}$  be a weakly ascending series from  $H$  to  $G$  such that  $HS_\alpha H = S_\alpha$  for  $0 \leq \alpha \leq \lambda$ . For each integer  $n \geq 0$ , let  $\mu_n$  be the least ordinal such that

$$[x, {}_n U] \subseteq S_{\mu_n}.$$

Then  $\mu_n$  is not a limit ordinal. Since  $[S_{\alpha+1}, U] \subseteq S_\alpha$  for any ordinal  $\alpha < \lambda$ ,  $\mu_{n+1} < \mu_n$  unless  $\mu_n = 0$ . Since the ordinals  $\leq \lambda$  are well-ordered,  $\mu_n = 0$  for some  $n$ . Hence  $[x, {}_n H] \subseteq H$ .

**COROLLARY.** *Let  $G$  be a group and let  $x$  be an element of  $G$  such that  $\langle x \rangle \text{ wasc } G$ . Then  $x$  is a left Engel element of  $G$ .*

**PROOF.** For any  $y \in G$ ,  $[y, {}_n x] \in \langle x \rangle$  for some  $n$  by Lemma 5. It follows that  $[y, {}_{n+1} x] = 1$ .

**THEOREM 5.** *Let  $G$  be a group. Then every finite, weakly ascendant subgroup of  $G$  is at most of  $\omega$ -step.*

**PROOF.** The statement follows from Theorem 4(b) and Lemma 5.

### 5.

Let  $\mathfrak{X}$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{Y}$ ) be an  $\{E, Q\}$ -closed class of groups  $G$  such that  $H \text{ wsn } G$  implies  $H \text{ sn } G$  (resp.  $H \text{ wasc } G$  implies  $H \text{ asc } G$ ), and let  $\mathfrak{X}'$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{Y}'$ ) be a class of groups  $G$  such that  $H \in \mathfrak{X}$  and  $H \text{ wsn } G$  imply  $H \text{ sn } G$  (resp.  $H \in \mathfrak{Y}$  and  $H \text{ wasc } G$  imply  $H \text{ asc } G$ ). Using these notations, we show the following

**LEMMA 6.** *Let  $G$  be a group and let  $H \leq G$ .*  
 (a) *Assume that  $G \in \mathfrak{X}\mathfrak{X}'$  and  $H \in \mathfrak{X}$ . If  $H \text{ wsn } G$ , then  $H \text{ sn } G$ .*  
 (b) *Assume that  $G \in \mathfrak{Y}\mathfrak{Y}'$  and  $H \in \mathfrak{Y}$ . If  $H \text{ wasc } G$ , then  $H \text{ asc } G$ .*

**PROOF.** We shall only give the proof of (b), since the other is similar to this. Take a normal subgroup  $K$  of  $G$  such that  $K \in \mathfrak{Y}$  and  $G/K \in \mathfrak{Y}'$ . If  $H \text{ wasc } G$ , then by Lemma 2

$$H \text{ wasc } HK \quad \text{and} \quad (HK)/K \text{ wasc } G/K.$$

Since  $\mathfrak{Y}$  is  $E$ -closed and

$$(HK)/K \cong H/(H \cap K) \in \mathcal{Q}\mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{Y},$$

we have  $HK \in \mathcal{Y}$ . It follows that  $H \text{ asc } HK$ . Since  $G/K \in \mathcal{Y}'$  and  $(HK)/K \in \mathcal{Y}$ ,  $(HK)/K \text{ asc } G/K$  and therefore  $HK \text{ asc } G$ . Thus we have  $H \text{ asc } G$ .

**THEOREM 6.** *Let  $G$  be a group and let  $H \leq G$ . Assume that one of the following conditions is satisfied:*

- (a)  $G \in \mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{B}\mathcal{A}) \cup \mathfrak{F} \text{ Min}$  and  $H \in \mathfrak{F}$ .
- (b)  $G \in (\mathfrak{B}\mathcal{A})\mathfrak{F} \cup (\mathfrak{B}\mathcal{A}) \text{ Min}$  and  $H \in \mathfrak{B}\mathcal{A}$ .
- (c)  $G \in \text{Min } \mathfrak{F} \cup \text{Min } (\mathfrak{B}\mathcal{A})$  and  $H \in \text{Min}$ .

*If  $H \text{ wsn } G$ , then  $H \text{ sn } G$ .*

**PROOF.** It is easy to see that  $\text{Min}$  is  $\{\mathfrak{B}, \mathcal{Q}\}$ -closed. Hence the statement follows from Theorem 3 (c), Corollary to Theorem 4 and Lemma 6.

**THEOREM 7.** *Let  $G$  be a group and let  $H \leq G$ . Assume that*

$$G \in \mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{E}\mathcal{A}) \text{ and } H \in \mathfrak{F}.$$

*If  $H \text{ wasc } G$ , then  $H \text{ asc } G$ .*

**PROOF.** The statement follows from Theorem 3 (a) and (b), Corollary to Theorem 4 and Lemma 6.

## 6.

A weakly ascendant subgroup of a group is not an ascendant subgroup in general (T. Ikeda).

The statements of Theorem 1 and Lemma 6 hold for Lie algebras. The statements and proofs are obtained replacing the terms in groups by the corresponding terms in Lie algebras. The result corresponding to Theorem 1 generalizes Theorem 1 in [6].

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