On groups satisfying the weak minimal condition on non-core-finite subgroups

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# 1) Groups in which ALL subgroups have some property

Theorem (Dedekind, Baer). In a group G all the subgroups are normal if and only if G is either abelian or hamiltonian,

i.e. the direct product of a quaternion group of order 8, an elementary abelian 2-group and an abelian group with all its elements of odd order.

There are very many generalizations of normalilty, for exmple: A group G is called **metahamiltonian** if any non-abelian subgroup is normal.

Theorem (Romails, Sesekin, 1966/9) Let G be any locally (soluble-by-finite) metahamiltonian group, then G' is finite of prime-power order.

Theorem (De Mari and de Giovanni, 2005) Let G be a locally graded metahamiltonian group. Then G'' is abelian.

For more on this subject? see M. De Falco's talk on Wednesday.

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PILF := Periodic Images are Locally Finite, Locally Finite:= fintely generated subgroups are finite. JOB: put all the results in the same framework.

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Theorem (Bergman, Lenstra, (1989), J. Algebra 127)

A subgroup H of a group G is commensurable with a normal subgroup<sup>a</sup> of G if and only if

 $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|H : H^g \cap H| \leq n$  for all  $g \in G$ . H is uniformly inert<sup>b</sup>

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# 4) when is cn equivalent cf?

Note that if *H* is **cn**, then *H* has a subgroup with finite index  $(H \cap N)_N$  which is subnormal in *G* with defect  $\leq 2$ , .

**Problem:** find sufficient conditions for a **cn**-subgroup  $H \sim N \triangleleft G$  to be cf. Since  $|H: H \cap N| < \infty$  we may assume  $H = H \cap N \leq N$ , we sometimes reduce to: **Problem':** find sufficient conditions for a **nn**-subgroup to be **cf**.

### Basic cases when cn implies cf

Let H a **cn**-subgroup of a group G, then H is **cf**, provided one of the following holds. 1) H is abelian-by-finite

- 2) H is an i.e. H has finitely many G-conjugates .
- 3) *H* is finitely generated,
- 4) H has finite Prüfer rank. <sup>a</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>A group is said to have finite Prüfer rank r if every finitely generated subgroup can be generated by r elements and r is the least such integer.

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### C.Casolo, U.D., S.Rinauro, J. Algebra 496 (2018)

CN) if all subgroups of the PILF group G are cn,, then
G is finite-by-CF (also sufficent)
G is NN-by-finite (not sufficent)
It follows that G is finite-by-abelian-by-finite.

Moreover, for each prime there is a soluble p-group in which all subgroup are cn, but the group is neither finite-by-abelian nor abelian-by-finite.

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Several results on generalized soluble groups Min- $\infty$ - $\mathcal{P}$  have appeared.

- Baer /Zaitsev (1968) If G is a (locally) soluble group with the weak minimal condition (on all abelian subgroups), then G is a soluble minimax group.

Theorem (Zaicev 1971, Ukrain. Mat. Z. 23)

For locally soluble-by-finite groups, conditions  $Min-\infty$ ,  $Max-\infty$ , Minimax are equivalent.

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If the property  $\ensuremath{\mathcal{P}}$  is closed either w.r.t.

- intersections of two subgroups or

- commesurability,

the condition Min- $\infty$ - $\mathcal{P}$  is indeed the minimal condition in the poset  $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{\mathcal{P}}(G)$  of the commensurability classes of  $\mathcal{P}$ -subgroups.

This applies for

- Min- $\infty$
- $Min-\infty-n$
- $Min-\infty$ -sn
- Min- $\infty$ -cn
- $Min-\infty$ -not-cn
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- Kurdachenko (Mat. Zametki 29, 1981): if G is a generalized radical<sup>1</sup> group , then G has  $Min-\infty$ -sn if and only if G is soluble minimax.

- Kurdachenko has studied the weak minimal condition for normal subgroups, Min- $\infty$ -*n*. For example (1984) locally nilpotent (non-Dedekind) groups with Min- $\infty$ -*n* are hypercentral and soluble but need not be minimax.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>a group is called **generalized radical** if it has an ascending series of normal subgroups the factors of which are locally (nilpotent or finite)  $(\Box \mapsto (\Box) \mapsto (\Box) \mapsto (\Box) \oplus ($ 

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 $(D_{\infty})$  HOLDS for generalized radical <sup>a</sup> groups and  $\mathcal{P}$ =subnormality <sup>b</sup> (and *G* results to be soluble-by-finite)

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# 13) the WEAK Minimal condition on non-an (almost normal) subgroup

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If G is neither (1)=minimax nor (2)=CN, then G has finite rank and G has a normal subgroup of finite index satisfying Min- $\infty$ -non-**nn**. (of type (3) above).

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and necessarily we have that one of the following holds

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# THANK YOU for your attention

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# looking for a sufficient condition

Let G be a soluble-by-finite group satisfying the weak minimal condition on non-cn-subgroups which is neither minimax nor a CN-group.

Then modulo a finite normal subgroup F, the group G := G/F has normal subgroups P, N, X such that

1)  $\langle P, N \rangle = P \times N$  has finite index in G

2) P is direct product of finitely many Prufer groups and each subgroup is normal in G

3.1) N is class 2 nilpotent torsion-free with finite rank and N/Z(N) finitely generated

3.2) N' is contained in all pure subgroups of Z(N) wich are not minimax.

4)  $N' \leq X \leq N$ 

- 5) X is a finitely generated free abelian group
- 6) G/X is a periodic CN-group
- 7) X/N'....

proof: let  $G_0 \leq_f G$  as in the prevolus statement and  $E \lhd G_0$  finite such that .... Then E is an in G, so that by Dicman's Lemma  $E := E^G$  is finite and we can factor it out and assume  $G_0 = P \times N$  as in ....

Since G is not minimax and P is, we have that N is not minimax and by.... N is a cn subgroup. Since G has finite rank, then N is cf and we may assume \*\*\*??  $N := N_G \ nG$  and N retains the same structure??? and (1) and (3) hold.

On the other hand, since N is not minimax, each subgroup of  $P \simeq_G G_0/N$  is cn in G, therefore by Lemma 2.3.i of [CDR] G we have (2).

then take X/N' to be torsion free maximal in N/N'. Since  $N/X_{\Box}$  is periodic with infinitely many  $_{\Box}$ 



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