

# Conditionally Permutable Subgroup and $p$ -supersolubility of Finite Groups

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## Abstract

In this paper, we research  $p$ -supersolubility of finite groups. We determine the structure of some groups by using the conditionally permutable subgroups. We obtain some sufficient or necessary and sufficient conditions of a finite group is  $p$ -supersolvable.

**Keywords:** Conditionally permutable, Maximal subgroup,  $p$ -supersolvable

## 1. Introduction

All groups considered in this paper are finite. The product  $HT$  of subgroups  $H$  and  $T$  is still a subgroup if and only if  $HT = TH$ . Thus the permutability plays an important role in the study of the structure of finite groups. For example, Ore O., 1939, P.431-460, proved that every permutable subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is subnormal in  $G$ . However, for two subgroups  $H$  and  $T$  of a group  $G$ , maybe they are not permutable but there exists an element  $x \in G$  such that  $HT^x = T^xH$ . Guo W.B., Shum K.P., Skiba A.N., 2004, P.128-133, 2005, P.493-510, introduced the concepts of conditionally permutable subgroups and completely conditionally permutable subgroups. With these concepts, some new elegant results, Hu Y.S., Guo X.Y., 2007, P.28-32, Hu Y.S., Wang L.L., 2007, P.1-4, Li C.W., Yu Q., 2007, P.8-10, Zhang X.M., Liu X., 2010, P.51-59, have been obtained. In this paper, we determine the structures of some groups by using the conditionally permutable subgroups. Some new criteria of  $p$ -supersolubility of some finite groups will be given and some known results are generalized.

We use “ $c$ -permutable” to denote “conditionally permutable”. As usual, we denote a maximal subgroup  $M$  of  $G$  by  $M < \cdot G$  and a minimal normal subgroup  $A$  of  $G$  by  $A \triangleleft G$ . All unexplained notions and terminologies are standard, see Refs. Guo W.B., 2000 and Xu M.Y., 1987.

## 2. Preliminaries

We cite here some known results which are useful in the later.

**Definitions 2.1 (Guo W.B., Shum K.P., Skiba A.N., 2005, P.493-510)** Let  $G$  be a group. Suppose  $H \leq G$  and  $T \leq G$ . Then

(1)  $H$  is called  $c$ -permutable with  $T$  in  $G$  if there exists some  $x \in G$  such that  $HT^x = T^xH$ .

(2)  $H$  is called  $c$ -permutable in  $G$  if for every subgroup  $K$  of  $G$ , there exists some  $x \in G$  such that  $HK^x = K^xH$ .

**Lemma 2.1 (Guo W.B., 2000; Theorem 1.9.4)** The following conditions are equivalent:

(1)  $G$  is  $p$ -supersolvable;

(2)  $G$  is  $p$ -solvable and the index of every maximal subgroup of  $G$  either equal to  $p$  or be  $p'$ -number.

**Lemma 2.2 (Guo W.B., 2000; Theorem 1.7.7)** Let  $G$  be  $\pi'$ -solvable group. Then there at least exists one  $\pi'$ -Hall subgroup  $G_{\pi'}$  of  $G$ , and for every  $\pi'$ -subgroup  $A$  of  $G$ , there exists some  $x \in G$  such that  $A^x \subseteq G_{\pi'}$ . In particular, any two  $\pi'$ -Hall subgroups of  $G$  conjugated in  $G$ .

**Lemma 2.3 (Guo W.B., 2000; Theorem 1.7.6)** Let  $G$  be  $\pi$ -solvable group. Then there at least exists one  $\pi$ -Hall subgroup  $G_{\pi}$  of  $G$ , and for every  $\pi$ -subgroup  $A$  of  $G$ , there exists some  $x \in G$  such that  $A^x \subseteq G_{\pi}$ . In particular, any two  $\pi$ -Hall subgroups of  $G$  conjugated in  $G$ .

**Lemma 2.4 (Guo W.B., Shum K.P., Skiba A.N., 2004, P.128-133)** Let  $G$  be a group. Suppose that  $N \triangleleft G$  and  $H \leq G$ . Then

(1) If  $N \leq T \leq G$  and  $H$  is  $c$ -permutable with  $T$  in  $G$ , then  $HN/N$  is  $c$ -permutable with  $T/N$  in  $G/N$ ;

(2) Assume that  $N \leq H$  and  $T \leq G$ , if  $H/N$  is  $c$ -permutable with  $TN/N$  in  $G/N$ , then  $H$  is  $c$ -permutable with  $T$  in  $G$ ;

(3) Assume that  $T \leq G$  and  $H$  is  $c$ -permutable with  $T$  in  $G$ , then  $H^x$  is  $c$ -permutable with  $T^x$  in  $G$  for any  $x \in G$ .

**Lemma 2.5 (Chen S.M., Chen G.Y., Zhang L.C.,2002, P.836-840; Theorem 1.8)** Let  $G$  be  $p$ -solvable and outer  $p$ -supersolvable group. Then  $G = AN$  and  $A \cap N = 1$ , where  $A < \cdot G$ ,  $N \cdot \triangleleft G$  and  $|N| = p^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha > 1$ .

**Lemma 2.6 (Qian G.H., Zhu P.T.,1999,P.15-17; Lemma 2)** Let  $G$  be a group, if there exist subgroups  $M$  and  $K$  of  $G$  such that  $G = MK$ , then  $G = M^x K^y$  for any  $x, y \in G$ .

**Lemma 2.7 (Ballester-Bolinches A.,Cssey J. and Pedraza-Aguilera M.C.2001, P.3145-3152;Theorem 2)** If  $G = AB$  is the product of two supersolvable subgroups  $A$  and  $B$  of  $G$  such that  $A$  permutes with every maximal subgroup of  $B$  and  $B$  permutes with every maximal subgroup of  $A$ , then  $G$  is solvable group.

### 3. Main Result

**Theorem 1.** Let  $G$  be a  $p$ -solvable group. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i)  $G$  is  $p$ -supersolvable group;
- (ii) Every maximal subgroup of  $G$  with the index of  $p^\alpha$  is  $c$ -permutable in  $G$ , where  $\alpha$  is an integer;
- (iii) Every maximal subgroup of  $G$  with the index of  $p^\alpha$  is  $c$ -permutable with every maximal subgroup of sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  in  $G$ ;
- (iv) Every maximal subgroup of  $G$  is  $c$ -permutable with every maximal subgroup of sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  in  $G$ ;

**Proof:** (i)  $\implies$  (ii)

Let  $G$  be  $p$ -supersolvable group and  $M$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G$ , where  $|G : M| = p^\beta$ . It is clear that  $|G : M| = p$  by Lemma 2.1. For any subgroup  $K$  of  $G$ , let  $K = K_p K_{p'}$  and  $M = M_p M_{p'} = M_p G_{p'}$ ,  $K_p \in \text{Syl}_p(K)$ ,  $M_p \in \text{Syl}_p(M)$ ,  $K_{p'} \in \text{Hall}_{p'}(K)$ ,  $M_{p'} \in \text{Hall}_{p'}(M)$  and  $G_{p'} \in \text{Hall}_{p'}(G)$ . By Lemma 2.2, there exists some  $x \in G$  such that  $K_p^x \subseteq G_{p'} \subseteq M$ . If  $K_p^x \subseteq M$ , then  $MK^x = M = K^xM$ . If  $K_p^x \not\subseteq M$ , then

$$G = K_p^x M = K^x M = MK^x.$$

All imply that  $M$  is  $c$ -permutable in  $G$ .

(ii)  $\implies$  (iii)

It is concluded from the definition of  $c$ -permutable subgroups.

(iii)  $\implies$  (iv)

Let  $G$  be a  $p$ -solvable group and every maximal subgroup of  $G$  with the index of  $p^\alpha$  is  $c$ -permutable with every maximal subgroup of sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  in  $G$ .

For any maximal subgroup  $M$  of  $G$ , then  $|G : M| = p^\beta$  or  $|G : M|$  is a  $p'$ -number, where  $\beta$  is an integer. Set  $P \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$  and  $P_1 < \cdot P$ . If  $|G : M| = p^\beta$ , then  $M$  is  $c$ -permutable with  $P_1$  in  $G$  by the hypothesis. If  $|G : M|$  is a  $p'$ -number, then  $M = M_p M_{p'} = G_p M_{p'}$ , where  $M_p \in \text{Syl}_p(M)$ ,  $G_p \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$  and  $M_{p'} \in \text{Hall}_{p'}(M)$ . By Lemma 2.3, there exists some  $y \in \langle M, P_1 \rangle = G$  such that  $P_1^y \subseteq G_p \subseteq M$ . Hence  $MP_1^y = M = P_1^y M$ . All imply that  $M$  is  $c$ -permutable with  $P_1$  in  $G$ .

(iv)  $\implies$  (i)

Let  $G$  be a  $p$ -solvable group and every maximal subgroup of  $G$  is  $c$ -permutable with every maximal subgroup of Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  in  $G$ .

Assume that the proposition (i) is false and let  $G$  be a counterexample of a minimal order. Let  $H \cdot \triangleleft G$ ,  $M/H < \cdot G/H$ ,  $P/H \in \text{Syl}_p(G/H)$  and  $P_1/H < \cdot P/H$ . If  $P_0 \in \text{Syl}_p(P)$  and  $P_2 \in \text{Syl}_p(P_1)$ , then  $M < \cdot G$ ,  $P_0 \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$  and  $P_2 < \cdot P_0$ . Hence by the hypothesis  $M$  is  $c$ -permutable with  $P_2$  in  $G$ . Clearly  $P_2 H/H = P_1/H$  and  $P_0 H/H = P/H$ . By Lemma 2.4,  $P_1/H$  is  $c$ -permutable with  $M/H$  in  $G/H$ . This shows that the hypothesis holds on  $G/H$ .

Since  $G$  is  $p$ -solvable and outer  $p$ -supersolvable group, by Lemma 2.5,  $G = AN$  and  $A \cap N = 1$ , where  $A < \cdot G$ ,  $N \cdot \triangleleft G$  and  $|N| = p^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha > 1$ .

Let  $N \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$  and  $N_1 < \cdot N$ . By the hypothesis,  $A$  is  $c$ -permutable with  $N_1$  in  $G$ . Hence By Lemma 2.4, there exists some  $z \in \langle A, N_1 \rangle$  such that  $D = N_1 A^z = A^z N_1$ . If  $D = G$ , then  $|G : A^z| = |N_1| = |G : A| = |N|$ , this is a contradiction since  $N_1 < \cdot N$ . So  $D \neq G$ , and  $N_1 A^z = A^z$  since  $A^z < \cdot G$ . Then  $N_1^{z^{-1}} \subseteq A \cap N = 1$  and  $|N_1| = 1$ ,  $|N| = p$ , this is a contradiction. This induces that  $N$  is not a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ .

Let  $A_p \in \text{Syl}_p(A)$ , by Lemma 2.3 there exists some subgroup  $P \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$  such that  $A_p \subseteq P$ . And there exists some subgroup  $P_1$  of  $P$  such that  $P_1 < \cdot P$  and  $A_p \subseteq P_1$ . By the hypothesis,  $A$  is  $c$ -permutable with  $P_1$  in  $G$ . So by Lemma 2.3, there exists some  $w \in \langle A, P_1 \rangle$  such that  $B = P_1 A^w = A^w P_1$ . Since  $G = AN$ , then there exists some  $a \in A$  and  $n \in N \subseteq P$  such that  $w = an$ . Hence  $B = P_1 A^n$  and  $A_p^n \subseteq P_1^n = P_1$  since  $P_1 \triangleleft P$ . If  $B = G$ , then

$$P = P \cap P_1 A^n = P_1 (P \cap A^n) = P_1 A_p^n = P_1,$$

this is a contradiction. This implies that  $B \neq G$ . Thus  $A^n < \cdot G$  and  $B = A^n$ ,  $P_1 \leq A^n$ . So  $|G : A^n| = |G : A| = p = |N|$ . This

contradiction completes the proof.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $G$  be a  $p$ -solvable group,  $G = AB$  and  $A \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$ ,  $B \in \text{Hall}_{p'}(G)$ . If  $B$  is  $c$ -permutable in  $G$ , then  $G$  is  $p$ -supersolvable.

**Proof:** Assume that the assertion is false and  $G$  be a counterexample of a minimal order. Let  $H \triangleleft G$ . Then  $G/H$  is  $p$ -solvable group and  $G/H = AH/H \cdot BH/H$  which  $AH/H \in \text{Syl}_p(G/H)$  and  $BH/H \in \text{Hall}_{p'}(G/H)$ . By the hypothesis and Lemma 2.4,  $BH/H$  is  $c$ -permutable in  $G/H$ . This shows that the hypothesis holds on  $G/H$ .

Since  $G$  is  $p$ -solvable and outer  $p$ -supersolvable group,  $G = MN$  and  $M \cap N = 1$  by Lemma 2.5, where  $M < \cdot G$ ,  $N \triangleleft G$  and  $|N| = p^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha > 1$ . Hence  $N \leq A$  and  $A = A \cap G = A \cap NM = N(A \cap M)$ . If  $A \cap M = A$ , then  $N \leq A \subseteq M$ , this is a contradiction. So  $A \cap M \neq A$  and there exists some subgroup  $T$  of  $G$  such that  $T < \cdot A$  and  $A \cap M \subseteq T$ . By the hypothesis,  $B$  is  $c$ -permutable in  $G$ . So there exists some  $x \in G$  such that  $BT^x = T^xB$ . Hence

$$G = AB = N(A \cap M)B = (NT)B = (NT)^xB = NBT^x.$$

This implies that either  $BT^x = G$  or  $BT^x$  is a supplement of  $N$  in  $G$ . If  $BT^x = G$ , then  $G = BT^x = BT$  by Lemma 2.6 and  $A = A \cap BT = T(A \cap B) = T$ . If  $BT^x \cap N = 1$ , then  $T^x \cap N = 1$  and  $N = |A : T| = p$  since  $A = NT$ . This contradiction completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $G$  be  $p$ -solvable group.  $G = AB$  which  $A$  and  $B$  are  $p$ -supersolvable groups and  $(|A|, |B|) = 1$ . If  $A$  is  $c$ -permutable with every maximal subgroup of  $B$  in  $G$ , and  $B$  is  $c$ -permutable with every maximal subgroup of  $A$  in  $G$ , then  $G$  is  $p$ -supersolvable group.

**Proof:** Suppose that the theorem is false and let  $G$  be a counterexample of minimal order.

Let  $H \triangleleft G$ . Obviously,  $G/H$  is a  $p$ -solvable group and  $G/H = AH/H \cdot BH/H$ , where  $AH/H$  and  $BH/H$  are  $p$ -supersolvable groups. Since  $(|A|, |B|) = 1$ ,

$$(|AH/H|, |BH/H|) = (|A|/|A \cap H|, |B|/|B \cap H|) = 1.$$

Let  $T/H < \cdot AH/H$ . Then there exists subgroup  $A_0$  of  $G$  such that  $A_0 < \cdot A$  and  $A_0H/H = T/H$ . By the hypothesis,  $B$  is  $c$ -permutable with  $A_0$  in  $G$ . By Lemma 2.4,  $BH/H$  is  $c$ -permutable with  $A_0H/H = T/H$  in  $G/H$ . Similarly, it can be proved that  $AH/H$  is  $c$ -permutable with every maximal subgroup of  $BH/H$  in  $G/H$ . Thus  $G/H$  satisfies the hypothesis and  $G/H$  is  $p$ -supersolvable.

Since  $G$  is a  $p$ -solvable and outer  $p$ -supersolvable group. By Lemma 2.5,  $G = MN$  and  $|N| = p^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha > 1$ , where  $N \triangleleft G$  and  $M < \cdot G$ . Since  $(|A|, |B|) = 1$ , without loss of generality, we may assume that  $N \subseteq A$  and  $B \subseteq M$ . Then  $A = A \cap G = A \cap NM = N(A \cap M)$ . If  $A \cap M = A$ , then  $N \leq A \subseteq M$ , this is a contradiction. Hence  $A \cap M \neq A$  and there exists subgroup  $T$  of  $G$  such that  $T < \cdot A$  and  $A \cap M \subseteq T$ . By the hypothesis,  $B$  is  $c$ -permutable with  $T$  in  $G$  and there exists some  $x \in G$  such that  $BT^x = T^xB$ . Hence  $G = AB = N(A \cap M)B = (NT)^xB = NBT^x$ . Then  $BT^x \cap N = 1$  since  $N \triangleleft G$  and  $N$  is an abelian group. So  $T^x \cap N = 1$  and  $T \cap N = 1$ . Then  $|N| = |A : T| = p$  since  $A = NT$ , this is a contradiction. This implies that  $G$  is  $p$ -supersolvable group.

**Corollary 4.** Let  $G$  be  $p$ -solvable group.  $G = AB$  which  $A$  and  $B$  are  $p$ -nilpotent groups and  $(|A|, |B|) = 1$ . If  $A$  is  $c$ -permutable with every maximal subgroup of  $B$  in  $G$  and  $B$  is  $c$ -permutable with every maximal subgroup of  $A$  in  $G$ , then  $G$  is  $p$ -supersolvable group.

**Corollary 5 (Liu X., Li B.J., Yi X.L., 2008, P.79-86; Theorem 3.1)** A group  $G$  is supersoluble if and only if  $G = AB$  is the product of two supersoluble subgroups  $A$  and  $B$  of coprime orders such that  $A$  permutes with every maximal subgroup of  $B$  and  $B$  permutes with every maximal subgroup of  $A$ .

**Proof:** We only need to prove the sufficiency part as the necessity part is trivial. It is easy to see that a supersoluble group is also a  $p$ -supersolvable group and a permutable subgroup is also a  $c$ -permutable subgroup. Hence, we know that the corollary holds by our Theorem 3 and Lemma 2.7.

**Corollary 6 (Liu X., Li B.J., Yi X.L., 2008, P.79-86; Corollary 3.3)** A group  $G$  is supersoluble if and only if  $G = AB$  is the product of two supersoluble subgroups  $A$  and  $B$  of coprime orders such that every Sylow subgroup of  $B$  is permutable with every maximal subgroup of  $A$  and every Sylow subgroup of  $A$  is permutable with every maximal subgroup of  $B$ .

**Proof:** Clearly, by our Theorem 3 and Lemma 2.7, the corollary holds.

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