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О КОНЕЧНЫХ  $\pi$ -РАЗРЕШИМЫХ ГРУППАХ БЕЗ ШИРОКИХ ПОДГРУПП

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Подгруппу будем называть широкой, если ее порядок делится на каждый простой делитель порядка всей группы. Получено строение конечных  $\pi$ -разрешимых групп, не содержащих широких максимальных подгрупп, индекс которых есть  $\pi$ -число. Исследуются группы с нильпотентными широкими подгруппами.

**Ключевые слова:** конечные группы,  $\pi$ -разрешимые группы, нильпотентные группы.

A subgroup  $H$  of a finite group  $G$  is said to be wide if each prime divisor of the order  $G$  divides the order  $H$ . We obtain the description of finite  $\pi$ -soluble groups with no wide maximal subgroups with  $\pi$ -number indices. We also investigate groups with  $\pi$ -special subgroups.

**Keywords:** finite groups,  $\pi$ -soluble groups, nilpotent groups.

**Introduction**

All groups in this paper are finite. Let  $G$  be a group. We use  $\pi(G)$  to denote the set of all prime divisors of  $|G|$ . By  $|\pi(G)|$  we denote a number of different prime divisors of  $|G|$ . We also use  $M < \cdot G$  to denote that  $M$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G$ .

A subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is said to be wide if  $\pi(H) = \pi(G)$ . In soluble groups maximal subgroups have primary indices. Therefore in soluble groups a non-wide maximal subgroup is a Hall subgroup. And conversely, every Hall maximal subgroup of a soluble group is not wide. V.S. Monakhov [3], N.V. Maslova and D.O. Revin [4]–[5] investigated groups all whose maximal subgroups are Hall subgroups. Simple groups with wide subgroups were enumerated in [6]. Thus, the questions of V.S. Monakhov in the Kourovka notebook [7] were solved in full.

If a group  $G$  has no wide subgroups and  $k = \max_{M < G} |\pi(M)|$ , then  $G$  is called quasi- $k$ -primary. A quasi-1-primary is also called quasiprimary, and a quasi-2-primary group is also called quasibiprimary group. The order of a nilpotent quasiprimary group is equal to  $pq$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are different primes. The order of a nonnilpotent quasiprimary group is equal to  $p^a q$ , its Sylow  $p$ -subgroup is a minimal normal subgroup, and  $a$  is the minimal positive integer such that  $q$  divides  $p^a - 1$ . It is followed from Schmidt theorem [8] of groups with nilpotent proper subgroups.

S.S. Levischenko [9] investigated quasibiprimary groups. He proved that a soluble quasibiprimary group  $G$  can be represented as the semidirect

product  $[P]M$  of an elementary abelian Sylow  $p$ -subgroup  $P$  and a quasibiprimary maximal subgroup  $M$  of  $G$  [9, Theorem 3.1]. In a nonsoluble quasibiprimary group  $G$  the Frattini subgroup  $\Phi(G)$  is primary [9, Theorem 3.2], the factor group  $G/\Phi(G)$  is simple, and all such groups are enumerated [9, Theorem 2.1].

Let  $\pi$  be a fixed set of primes. We consider the class  $\mathfrak{X}(\pi)$  of all  $\pi$ -soluble groups  $G$  which have no wide maximal subgroups with  $\pi$ -number indices:

$$\mathfrak{X}(\pi) = \{G \in \pi\mathfrak{S} : |\pi(M)| < |\pi(G)|, \\ \forall M < G, \pi(G : M) \subseteq \pi\}.$$

Here  $\pi\mathfrak{S}$  is the class of all  $\pi$ -soluble groups.

In this paper we obtain the properties of the class  $\mathfrak{X}(\pi)$  and describe the structure of groups from this class. Furthermore, we prove that the factor group of a  $\pi$ -soluble group by its hypercenter belongs to  $\mathfrak{X}(\pi)$  under certain conditions.

**1 Preliminaries**

If  $\pi(m) \subseteq \pi$ , then a positive integer  $m$  is called  $\pi$ -number. A group  $G$  is called  $\pi$ -group if  $\pi(G) \subseteq \pi$ , and  $\pi'$ -group if  $\pi(G) \subseteq \pi'$ . A group is called  $\pi$ -soluble if it has a subnormal series whose factors are either soluble  $\pi$ -groups or  $\pi'$ -groups.

All unexplained notations and terminology are standard. The reader is referred to [1], [2] if necessary.

The following properties of  $\pi$ -soluble groups are well known [10].

**Lemma 1.1.** *Let  $G$  be a  $\pi$ -soluble group. The following assertions hold.*

- (1)  $G$  is  $\pi_1$ -soluble for every  $\pi_1 \subseteq \pi$ .
- (2) In  $G$  there exist  $\pi$ -Hall and  $\pi'$ -Hall subgroups.
- (3) In  $G$  there exist  $\pi \cup \{r\}$ -Hall subgroups for every  $r \in \pi'$ .
- (4) In  $G$  there exist  $q'$ -Hall subgroups for every  $q \in \pi$ .

Recall that  $O_\pi(G)$  and  $O_{\pi'}(G)$  are the unique largest normal  $\pi$ -subgroup and the unique largest normal  $\pi'$ -subgroup of a group  $G$ , respectively.

**Lemma 1.2.** *Let  $G$  be a  $\pi$ -soluble group. The following assertions hold.*

- (1) If  $N$  is a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$ , then  $N$  is either an elementary abelian  $p$ -subgroup for some  $p \in \pi$  or a  $\pi'$ -subgroup, [3, Lemma 1].
- (2) If  $M$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G$ , then either  $|G : M| = p^m$  for some  $p \in \pi$  and positive integer  $m$  or  $\pi(G : M) \subseteq \pi'$ , [3, Lemma 1].
- (3) If  $\pi \cap \pi(G) \neq \emptyset$ , then  $O_\pi(G / O_\pi(G)) \neq 1$ ; if  $\pi' \cap \pi(G) \neq \emptyset$ , then  $O_{\pi'}(G / O_{\pi'}(G)) \neq 1$ , [10].

**Lemma 1.3.** *Let  $G$  be a  $\pi$ -soluble group. Then for every  $q \in \pi \cap \pi(G)$  in  $G$  there exists a maximal subgroup  $M$  such that  $|G : M| = q^m$  for some positive integer  $m$ .*

*Proof.* By Lemma 1.1 (1), a group  $G$  is  $q$ -soluble, and so by Lemma 1.1 (2) in  $G$  there exists a  $q'$ -Hall subgroup  $H$ . If  $M$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G$  containing  $H$ , then  $|G : M| = q^m$  for some positive integer  $m$ . Lemma is proved.

We define the core of a subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  by  $H_G = \bigcap_{x \in G} x^{-1}Hx$ . Clearly,  $H_G$  is the largest normal subgroup of  $G$  contained in  $H$ . A group is called primitive if it has a maximal subgroup with the trivial core.

**Lemma 1.4** [1, Theorem 4.40].

- (1) The Fitting subgroup of a primitive group is either trivial or a minimal normal subgroup.
- (2) A nontrivial nilpotent normal subgroup of a primitive group coincides with the Fitting subgroup and it is a minimal normal subgroup.
- (3) The Frattini subgroup of a soluble primitive nontrivial group is trivial and the Fitting subgroup is a minimal normal subgroup.

A formation is a class of groups  $\mathfrak{F}$  with the following two properties:

- (i) if  $G \in \mathfrak{F}$  and  $N \triangleleft G$ , then  $G / N \in \mathfrak{F}$ ;
- (ii) if  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  are normal subgroups of  $G$  and  $G / N_1, G / N_2 \in \mathfrak{F}$ , then  $G / N_1 \cap N_2 \in \mathfrak{F}$ .

It is easy to prove the following result.

**Lemma 1.5.** *Let  $\mathfrak{F}$  be a saturated formation and  $G$  a group. If  $G \notin \mathfrak{F}$  but  $G / N \in \mathfrak{F}$  for every  $N \triangleleft G$ ,  $N \neq 1$ , then  $G$  is primitive.*

By  $G_\pi$  and  $G_{\pi'}$  we denote the  $\pi$ -Hall and  $\pi'$ -Hall subgroups of  $G$ , respectively. In particular,  $G_p$  denotes a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ .

**Lemma 1.6.** *Let  $G$  be a  $\pi$ -soluble group. If every maximal subgroup with  $\pi$ -number index is normal in  $G$ , then  $G = G_\pi[G_{\pi'}]$  and  $G_\pi$  is nilpotent. Conversely, if  $G = G_\pi[G_{\pi'}]$  and  $G_\pi$  is nilpotent, then every maximal subgroup with  $\pi$ -number index is normal in  $G$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem VI.9.3 [2],  $G$  is  $\pi$ -supersoluble. By  $\mathfrak{N}_\pi$  we denote the formation of all nilpotent  $\pi$ -group,  $\mathfrak{E}_\pi$  denotes the formation of all  $\pi'$ -group, and  $\mathfrak{F} = \mathfrak{E}_\pi \mathfrak{N}_\pi$  is their formation product. Then  $\mathfrak{F}$  is a saturated formation and  $G \in \mathfrak{F}$  if and only if  $G = G_\pi[G_{\pi'}]$ .

Assume that every maximal subgroup with  $\pi$ -number index is normal in  $G$ . If  $M < G$  and  $\pi(G : M) \subseteq \pi$ , then  $M$  is normal in  $G$ . Therefore  $|G : M| = p \in \pi$ .

Now we prove  $G \in \mathfrak{F}$ . Suppose that it is not true. If  $X \neq 1$  is normal in  $G$ , then  $G / X \in \mathfrak{F}$  by induction. In view of Lemma 1.5,  $G$  is primitive and  $\Phi(G) = O_\pi(G) = 1$ . Let  $N$  be a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$ . Then  $|N| = q \in \pi$  and  $G = [N]H$ , where  $H$  is a maximal subgroup with the trivial core. By hypotheses,  $H$  is normal in  $G$ , a contradiction.

Suppose that  $G = G_\pi[G_{\pi'}]$  and  $G_\pi$  is nilpotent. If  $M$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G$  with  $\pi$ -number index, then  $G_{\pi'} \subseteq M$  and  $M / G_{\pi'}$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G / G_{\pi'} \cong G_\pi$ . Hence  $M / G_{\pi'}$  is normal in  $G / G_{\pi'}$  since  $G_\pi$  is nilpotent, and so  $M$  is normal in  $G$ . Lemma is proved.

## 2 Properties of the class $\mathfrak{X}(\pi)$

**Lemma 2.1.** (1)  $\mathfrak{X}(\pi)$  is a saturated homomorph.

- (2) If  $\pi_1 \subseteq \pi$ , then  $\mathfrak{X}(\pi) \subseteq \mathfrak{X}(\pi_1)$ .
- (3) If  $G \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi(G))$  and  $\pi(G) \subseteq \pi$ , then  $G \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ .

(4) Let  $N$  be a normal  $\pi'$ -subgroup of  $\pi$ -soluble group  $G$ . Then  $G \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$  if and only if  $G / N \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ .

*Proof.* (1) Suppose that  $G \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$  and  $N \triangleleft G$ . Let  $M / N$  be a maximal subgroup with  $\pi$ -number index in  $G / N$ . Then  $M$  is a maximal subgroup with  $\pi$ -number index in  $G$ , and so  $|\pi(M)| < |\pi(G)|$ . If  $r \in \pi(G) \setminus \pi(M)$ , then

$$r \notin \pi(N), r \in \pi(G / N) \setminus \pi(M / N).$$

Hence  $|\pi(M / N)| < |\pi(G / N)|$  and  $G / N \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ . Thus,  $\mathfrak{X}(\pi)$  is a homomorph.

Now we show that  $\mathfrak{X}(\pi)$  is a saturated class. Assume that  $G/\Phi(G) \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$  and let  $M$  be a maximal subgroup with  $\pi$ -number index in  $G$ . Then  $M/\Phi(G)$  is a maximal subgroup with  $\pi$ -number index in  $G/\Phi(G)$ . By hypothesis,  $|\pi(M/\Phi(G))| < |\pi(G/\Phi(G))|$ . In view of [1, Theorem 4.33],  $\pi(G/\Phi(G)) = \pi(G)$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} |\pi(M)| &= |\pi(M/\Phi(G))| < \\ &< |\pi(G/\Phi(G))| = |\pi(G)|, \quad G \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi). \end{aligned}$$

(2) Suppose that  $G \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ . Then  $G$  is  $\pi$ -soluble, and in view of 1.1 (1)  $G$  is  $\pi_1$ -soluble. If  $M$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G$  such that  $\pi(G:M) \subseteq \pi_1 \subseteq \pi$ , then  $|\pi(M)| < |\pi(G)|$  since  $G \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ . Consequently,  $G \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi_1)$  and  $\mathfrak{X}(\pi) \subseteq \mathfrak{X}(\pi_1)$ .

(3) Assume that  $G \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi(G))$ . Then  $G$  is soluble and has no wide subgroups, that is, for every maximal subgroup  $M$  of  $G$  we have

$$\pi(G:M) \subseteq \pi(G) \subseteq \pi, \quad |\pi(M)| < |\pi(G)|.$$

Hence  $G \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ .

(4) If  $G \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ , then by assertion (1)  $G/N \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$  for any normal subgroup  $N$  of  $G$ .

Conversely, let  $N$  be a normal  $\pi'$ -subgroup of a  $\pi$ -soluble group  $G$ . Suppose that  $G \notin \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ . Then  $\pi(A) = \pi(G)$  for some maximal subgroup  $A$  of  $G$  such that  $\pi(G:A) \subseteq \pi$ . Since  $N$  is a  $\pi'$ -group, we have  $N \subseteq A$ . Now,  $A/N$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G/N$  and

$$|G:A| = |G/N:A/N|, \quad \pi(G/N:A/N) \subseteq \pi.$$

By inductive hypothesis,  $G/N \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ , consequently,  $|\pi(A/N)| \neq |\pi(G/N)|$ . Assume that

$$r \in \pi(G/N) \setminus \pi(A/N).$$

Then  $r \in \pi(G) = \pi(A)$ . Since  $r \in \pi(A)$  and  $r \notin \pi(A/N)$ , it follows that some Sylow  $r$ -subgroup  $A_r$  of  $A$  is contained in  $N$ . As  $N$  is a  $\pi'$ -subgroup, therefore  $r \in \pi'$ . Since  $\pi(G:A) \subseteq \pi$ , we see that  $A_r$  is a Sylow  $r$ -subgroup of  $G$  and  $r \notin \pi(G/N)$ , a contradiction. Thus we conclude that  $G \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ .

Lemma is proved.

**Example 2.2.** Let  $p$  and  $q$  be different primes,  $n$  be the least positive integer such that  $q$  divides  $p^n - 1$ . There exists  $S = [E_{p^n}]Q$ , where  $E_{p^n}$  is an elementary abelian subgroup of order  $p^n$ ,  $|Q| = q$ . In  $S$  all proper subgroups are primary. Therefore  $S \in \mathfrak{X}(\{p, q\})$ . It is clear that a cyclic group  $Z_p$  of order  $p$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{X}(\{p, q\})$ . A group  $G = S \times Z_q$  contains a wide subgroup  $E_{p^n} \times Z_q$ . Hence  $G \notin \mathfrak{X}(\{p, q\})$ . Since a formation is closed under direct products, we obtain that  $\mathfrak{X}(\{p, q\})$  is not a formation.

Further note that if a maximal subgroup  $M$  of  $G$  contains a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup, then  $M$  is normal in  $G$ . Hence the order of the factor group  $G/M_G$  is equal to  $q$  and  $G/M_G \in \mathfrak{X}(\{p, q\})$ . If a maximal subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  contains a Sylow  $q$ -subgroup, then  $H$  is not normal in  $G$  and coincides with a Sylow  $q$ -subgroup. Therefore  $H = Q^g \times Z_q$ ,  $g \in S$ , and  $H_G = Z_q$ . Hence  $G/H_G \cong S$  and  $G/H_G \in \mathfrak{X}(\{p, q\})$ . It follows that all primitive factor groups of  $G$  belong to  $\mathfrak{X}(\{p, q\})$ , but  $G \notin \mathfrak{X}(\{p, q\})$ . Thus  $\mathfrak{X}(\{p, q\})$  is not a Schunck class.

**Lemma 2.3.**

(1) If  $G \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ , then  $\Phi(G)$  is a  $\pi'$ -group.

(2)  $G \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$  if and only if  $G/\Phi(G) \in X(\pi)$ .

(3) If  $G \in X(\pi)$  and  $O_{\pi'}(G) = 1$ , then  $F(G)$  is a Hall subgroup and every Sylow subgroup of  $F(G)$  is a minimal normal subgroup in  $G$ .

*Proof.* (1) Suppose that  $p \in \pi(\Phi(G)) \cap \pi$ . By Lemma 1.3, in  $G$  there exists a maximal subgroup  $M$  such that  $|G:M| = p^a$ . Note that  $M$  is a Hall subgroup in  $G$  since  $G \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ , and so  $p \notin \pi(M)$ . But  $p \in \pi(\Phi(G)) \subseteq \pi(M)$ . This contradiction shows that  $\Phi(G)$  is a  $\pi'$ -group.

(2) Assume that  $G \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ . Then by assertion (1),  $\Phi(G)$  is a  $\pi'$ -group. Consequently, by Lemma 2.1 (4),  $G/\Phi(G) \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ .

Conversely, let  $G/\Phi(G) \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ . Hence, in view of Lemma 2.1 (1),  $G \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ .

(3) By assertion (1),  $\Phi(G) = 1$ . Let  $N$  be a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$ . Then  $N$  is a  $p$ -subgroup for some  $p \in \pi \cap \pi(G)$ . By [1, Theorem 3.20], there exists a subgroup  $M$  such that  $G = [N]M$ . Note that  $M$  is a maximal subgroup and  $\pi(G:M) = \{p\}$ . By hypothesis,  $\pi(M) \neq \pi(G)$ , therefore  $M$  is a  $p'$ -Hall subgroup and  $N$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ .

Lemma is proved.

**Lemma 2.4.** A soluble group  $G$  is quasi- $k$ -primary if and only if  $G \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi(G))$  and  $|\pi(G)| = k + 1$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that a soluble group  $G$  is quasi- $k$ -primary. Then  $G$  has no wide maximal subgroups and  $G \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi(G))$ . We show that  $|\pi(G)| = k + 1$ . Since  $G$  is quasi- $k$ -primary, it follows that for every maximal subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  we have  $|\pi(H)| \leq k < |\pi(G)|$ , and there exists a maximal subgroup  $M$  such that  $|\pi(M)| = k$ . In view of [1, Theorem 4.14], maximal subgroups of a soluble group have primary indices, and so  $|G:M| = p^\alpha$ ,  $p \in \pi(G)$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $|G| = |M| \cdot |G:M|$ , we have  $|\pi(G)| \leq k + 1$ . Thus,  $|\pi(G)| = k + 1$ .

Conversely, assume that  $G \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi(G))$  and  $|\pi(G)| = k + 1$ . Then  $G$  is  $\pi(G)$ -soluble, and so  $G$  is soluble. Also,  $G$  has no wide maximal subgroups, i. e., for every maximal subgroup  $M$  of  $G$  we have  $|\pi(M)| < |\pi(G)| = k + 1$ . Hence  $|\pi(M)| = k$  and  $G$  is quasi- $k$ -primary. Lemma is proved.

### 3 The structure of groups from the class $\mathfrak{X}(\pi)$

In  $\pi$ -soluble groups indices of maximal subgroups are primes from  $\pi$  or  $\pi'$ -numbers. It follows that if a group belongs to the class  $\mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ , then its every maximal subgroup with  $\pi$ -number index is a Hall subgroup. Such groups are described by V.S. Monakhov [3].

**Lemma 3.1.** [3]. *Let  $G$  be a  $\pi$ -soluble group. The following assertions are equivalent.*

- (1) *Chief  $\pi$ -factors of  $G$  are isomorphic to Sylow subgroups.*
- (2) *Every maximal subgroup with  $\pi$ -number index is a Hall subgroup.*
- (3) *The set of all maximal subgroups with  $\pi$ -number indices of  $G$  coincides with the set of all  $p$ -supplements for all  $p \in \pi$ .*

(4) *A Hall  $\pi$ -subgroup of every normal  $\pi d$ -subgroup of  $G$  is a  $\pi$ -Hall subgroup of  $G$ .*

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $G$  be a  $\pi$ -soluble group,  $\pi \cap \pi(G) \neq \emptyset$  and  $O_\pi(G) \neq 1$ . Then  $G \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$  if and only if  $G = [G_p]M$ , where  $G_p$  is a minimal normal Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  for some  $p \in \pi(O_\pi(G))$ ,  $M$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G$  and  $M \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $G \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ . If  $H < G$  such that  $\pi(G:H) \subseteq \pi$ , then by Lemma 1.2 (2),  $|G:H| = r^\alpha$  for some  $r \in \pi$  and positive integer  $\alpha$ . Since  $\pi(G) \neq \pi(H)$ , it follows that  $r \notin \pi(H)$  and  $H$  is a  $r'$ -Hall subgroup. Therefore  $G$  satisfies assertion (2) of Lemma 3.1. By Lemma 1.2 (1), there exists a minimal normal  $p$ -subgroup  $N$  for some  $p \in \pi(O_\pi(G))$  since  $O_\pi(G) \neq 1$ . In view of Lemma 3.1 (4),  $N$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ , i. e.,  $N = G_p$ . By Lemma 1.3, there exists a maximal subgroup  $M$  of  $G$  such that  $|G:M| = p^a$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence  $G = [G_p]M$ , and so by Lemma 2.1 (1),  $M \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $G = [G_p]M$ , where  $G_p$  is a minimal normal Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  for some  $p \in \pi(O_\pi(G))$ ,  $M$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G$  and  $M \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ . Let  $K$  be a maximal subgroup of  $G$  with  $\pi$ -number index. Then by Lemma 1.2 (2),  $|G:K| = r^\alpha$  for some  $r \in \pi$  and positive integer  $\alpha$ . If  $r = p$ , then  $G = G_p K$ . Hence  $G_p \cap K = 1$  and  $M \cong K$ , and so  $|\pi(K)| = |\pi(M)| < |\pi(G)|$ . If  $r \neq p$ ,

then  $G_p < K$ . Therefore  $K = [G_p]M \cap K = [G_p](M \cap K)$ , and so  $|\pi(K)| < |\pi(G)|$ . Otherwise

$$\pi(M) = \pi(G) \setminus \{p\} = \pi(K) \setminus \{p\} = \pi(M \cap K),$$

and this is a contradiction since  $M \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ . Thus,  $G \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ . Theorem is proved.

**Corollary 3.2.1.** *Let  $G$  be a  $\pi$ -soluble group and  $\pi \cap \pi(G) \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $G \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$  if and only if*

$$G/O_\pi(G) = [G_p O_\pi(G)/O_\pi(G)]M/O_\pi(G),$$

where  $G_p O_\pi(G)/O_\pi(G)$  is a minimal normal Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G/O_\pi(G)$ ,  $p \in \pi(O_\pi(G/O_\pi(G)))$ ,  $M$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G$  and  $M \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ .

*Proof.* If  $O_\pi(G) = 1$ , then in view of Theorem 3.2 corollary is true.

Let  $O_\pi(G) \neq 1$ . Then by Lemma 1.2 (3),

$$O_\pi(G/O_\pi(G)) \neq 1.$$

Suppose that  $G \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ . In view of Lemma 2.1 (4),  $G/O_\pi(G) \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ . By Theorem 3.2,

$$G/O_\pi(G) = [G_p O_\pi(G)/O_\pi(G)]M/O_\pi(G),$$

where  $G_p O_\pi(G)/O_\pi(G)$  is a minimal normal Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G/O_\pi(G)$ ,  $p \in \pi(O_\pi(G/O_\pi(G)))$ , and  $M/O_\pi(G)$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G/O_\pi(G)$ ,  $M/O_\pi(G) \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ . Hence  $M$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G$  and  $M \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$  in view of Lemma 2.1 (4).

Conversely, assume that  $G$  can be represented as  $G/O_\pi(G) = [G_p O_\pi(G)/O_\pi(G)]M/O_\pi(G)$ , where  $G_p O_\pi(G)/O_\pi(G)$  is a minimal normal Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G/O_\pi(G)$ ,  $p \in \pi(O_\pi(G/O_\pi(G)))$ ,  $M$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G$  and  $M \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ . Then  $M/O_\pi(G)$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G/O_\pi(G)$  and  $M/O_\pi(G) \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$  in view of Lemma 2.1 (4). Consequently, by Theorem 3.2,  $G/O_\pi(G) \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ . Hence  $G \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$  by Lemma 2.1 (4). Corollary is proved.

**Corollary 3.2.2.** *A soluble group  $G$  is quasi- $k$ -primary if and only if  $G = [G_p]M$ , where  $G_p$  is a minimal normal Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  for some  $p \in \pi(G)$ ,  $M$  is a maximal quasi- $(k-1)$ -primary subgroup of  $G$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that a soluble group  $G$  is quasi- $k$ -primary. Then in view of Lemma 2.4,  $G \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi(G))$  and  $|\pi(G)| = k + 1$ . By Theorem 3.2,  $G = [N]M$ , where  $N$  is a minimal normal Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  for some  $p \in \pi(G)$ ,  $M$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G$  and  $M \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi(G))$ . Hence by Lemma 2.1 (2),  $M \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi(M))$ . Besides,  $|\pi(M)| = |\pi(G)| - |\pi(N)| = k$ . Consequently,  $M$  is quasi- $(k-1)$ -primary by Lemma 2.4.

Conversely, assume that a soluble group  $G$  can be represented as  $G = [N]M$ , where  $N$  is a minimal normal Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  for some  $p \in \pi(G)$ ,  $M$  is a maximal quasi- $(k-1)$ -primary subgroup of  $G$ . Then by Lemma 2.4,  $M \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi(M))$  and  $|\pi(M)| = k$ . In view of Lemma 2.1 (3),  $M \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi(G))$ . Since  $|\pi(G)| = |\pi(M)| + |\pi(N)| = k + 1$ , it follows that  $G$  is quasi- $k$ -primary by Lemma 2.4. Corollary is proved.

If we substitute  $k = 2$  in Corollary 3.2.2, then we obtain the result of S. S. Levischenko.

**Corollary 3.2.3** [9, Theorem 3.1]. *A soluble quasibiprimary group  $G$  is equal to the semidirect product  $[P]M$  of its elementary abelian Sylow  $p$ -subgroup  $P$  and quasiprimary subgroup  $M$ , which is also a maximal subgroup of  $G$ .*

A group  $G$  is said to be  $\pi$ -special, if  $G = G_\pi \times G_\pi$  and  $G_\pi$  is nilpotent.

Let  $G$  be a nontrivial group,

$$\begin{aligned} Z_0(G) &= 1, \quad Z_1(G) = Z(G), \\ Z_2(G) / Z_1(G) &= Z(G / Z_1(G)), \quad \dots, \\ Z_i(G) / Z_{i-1}(G) &= Z(G / Z_{i-1}(G)), \quad \dots \end{aligned}$$

Then the subgroup  $Z_\infty(G) = \bigcup_{i=0}^\infty Z_i(G)$  is called the hypercenter of  $G$ .

Obviously,  $Z(G / Z_\infty(G)) = 1$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** *If every wide maximal subgroup of a  $\pi$ -soluble group  $G$  with  $\pi$ -primary index is  $\pi$ -special, then  $G / Z_\infty(G) \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $G / Z_\infty(G) \notin \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ , and write  $\bar{G} = G / Z_\infty(G)$ . Then in  $\bar{G}$  there exists a maximal subgroup  $\bar{M} = M / Z_\infty(G)$  such that  $|\bar{G} : \bar{M}| \subseteq \pi$  and  $\pi(\bar{M}) = \pi(\bar{G})$ . At the same time  $M$  is maximal in  $G$  and  $\pi(M) = \pi(G)$ . By hypothesis,  $M$  is  $\pi$ -special. And so  $\bar{M}$  is also  $\pi$ -special, that is,  $\bar{M} = \bar{M}_\pi \times \bar{M}_\pi$  and  $\bar{M}_\pi$  is nilpotent. By Lemma 1.2 (2),  $|\bar{G} : \bar{M}| = p^a$  for some  $p \in \pi$  and positive integer  $a$ . It follows that  $\bar{M}_p \triangleleft \bar{M}$  and  $\bar{M}_p$  is a proper subgroup of  $\bar{G}_p$ . Therefore  $\bar{M}_p$  is normal in  $\bar{G}$ . Thus there exists a nontrivial element  $\bar{x} \in \bar{M}_p \cap Z(\bar{G}_p)$  such that it belongs to the center of  $\bar{G}$ , a contradiction since  $Z(G / Z_\infty(G)) = 1$ . Theorem is proved.

**Corollary 3.3.1.** *If every wide maximal subgroup of a soluble group  $G$  is nilpotent, then  $G / Z_\infty(G)$  is quasi- $k$ -primary, where  $k = |\pi(G / Z_\infty(G))| - 1$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that every wide maximal subgroup of a soluble group  $G$  is nilpotent. Then, substituting  $\pi = \pi(G)$  in Theorem 3.3, we obtain

$G / Z_\infty(G) \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi(G))$ . Hence by Lemma 2.4,  $G / Z_\infty(G)$  is quasi- $k$ -primary, where

$$k = |\pi(G / Z_\infty(G))| - 1.$$

Corollary is proved.

A group  $G$  is  $\pi$ -decomposable if  $G = G_\pi \times G_\pi$ .

**Corollary 3.3.2.** *If every maximal subgroup of a  $\pi$ -soluble group  $G$  is normal and  $\pi$ -decomposable, then  $G_\pi$  is nilpotent and  $G / Z_\infty(G) \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$ .*

*Proof.* Since every maximal subgroup of a  $\pi$ -soluble group  $G$  is normal, it follows that  $G = G_\pi[G_\pi]$  and  $G_\pi$  is nilpotent by Lemma 1.6. Hence since every maximal subgroup of  $G$  is  $\pi$ -decomposable, it is  $\pi$ -special, and  $G / Z_\infty(G) \in \mathfrak{X}(\pi)$  by Theorem 3.3. Corollary is proved.

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