



Some results on the supersolvability of finite groups

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ABSTRACT

A subgroup H is said to be weakly c^* -normal in a group G if there exists a subnormal subgroup $K \leq G$ such that $HK = G$ and $H \cap K$ is s -quasinormally embedded in G . We give some conditions for supersolvability of finite groups G .

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Introduction

In this paper the group is always finite. For some notions and notations, please refer to Huppert [9] and Robinson [17].

Ore [16] gave the conception of quasinormality, which is a generalization of normality. A subgroup H is said to be quasinormal in G , if for every subgroup K of G , then $HK = KH$. A subgroup H of a group G is said to be s -quasinormal (π -quasinormal) in G if H permutes with every Sylow subgroup of G . This concept was introduced by Kegel in [12], and is extensively studied by Deskins [7]. Ballester-Bolinches and Pedraza-Aguilera [6] introduced the conception of s -quasinormally embedded in G , if for each prime divisor p of H , a Sylow p -subgroup of H is also a Sylow p -subgroup of some s -quasinormal subgroup of G . Wei and Wang [21] introduced the notion of c^* -normality, a subgroup H of G is said to be c^* -normal in G if there exists a subgroup $K \leq G$ such that $G = HK$ and $H \cap K$ is s -quasinormally embedded in G .

A class of finite group \mathbf{F} is said to be a formation if every image of an \mathbf{F} -group is an \mathbf{F} -group and if $G/N_1 \cap N_2$ belongs to \mathbf{F} whenever G/N_1 and G/N_2 belong to \mathbf{F} . Finite supersoluble groups are all formations. A formation \mathbf{F} is said to be saturated if a finite group $G \in \mathbf{F}$ whenever $G/\Phi(G) \in \mathbf{F}$ (see [17, p277]). The class of supersoluble group is a saturated formation (see [17, 9.4.5]). Let \mathbf{A} denote the class of supersoluble groups. In this paper, we give some results by the conception of weakly c^* -normality.

Some definitions and preliminary results

Definition 2.1 ([14]) A subgroup H is said to be weakly c^* -normal in G if there exists a subnormal subgroup T of G such

that $G = HT$ and $H \cap T \leq H_{sG}$, where H_{sG} is s -quasinormally embedded subgroup of G contained in H .

Remark 2.1 Weakly c -normality and s -quasinormally embedded implies weakly c^* -normality.

Example 2.1 Every Sylow subgroup of any simple non-abelian group is s -quasinormally embedded but not weakly c -normal.

Example 2.2 Let $G = S_4$, the symmetric group of degree 4. Let $a = (34)$, then $G = \langle a \rangle A_4$. Denote $\langle a \rangle$ by P_0 . If P_1 be a Sylow 2-subgroup of A_4 , P_1 is weakly c -normal but not s -quasinormally embedded in G . If P_1 is a Sylow 2-subgroup of some s -quasinormal subgroup K of G , then P_1Q is a subgroup of G , where Q be a Sylow 3-subgroup of G . Since $P_0 < G$, $P_0P_1Q = QP_0P = P = QP$, where $P = P_0P_1$ is a Sylow 2-subgroup. Namely, Q is s -quasinormal in G . By [12, Hilfssatz 7], Q is normal in G and so G is 2-nilpotent, a contradiction.

Lemma 2.1 ([6, Lemma 1]) Suppose that A is s -quasinormally embedded in a group G , and that $H \leq G$ and $K < G$.

- (1) If $U \leq H$, then U is s -quasinormally embedded in H
- (2) If UK is s -quasinormally embedded in G , then UK/K is s -quasiormally embedded in G/K .
- (3) If $K \leq H$ and H/K is s -quasinormally embedded in G/K , then H is s -quasinormally embedded in G .

Lemma 2.2 ([14, Lemma 2.2]) Let G be a group. Then the following statements hold.

- (1) Let H is weakly c^* -normal in G and $H \leq M \leq K$. Then H is weakly c^* -normal in M .
- (2) Let $N < G$ and $N \leq H$. Then H is weakly c^* -normal in

G if and only if H/N is weakly c^* -normal in G/N .

(3) Let π be a set of primes. H is a π -subgroup of G and N a normal π' -subgroup of G , if H is weakly c^* -normal in G , then HN/N is weakly c^* -normal in G/N .

(4) Let $L \leq G$ and $H \leq \Phi(L)$. If H is weakly c^* -normal in G , then H is s -quasinormally embedded in G .

(5) Let H is c^* -normal in G . Then H is weakly c^* -normal in G .

Lemma 2.3 Let M be a maximal subgroup of G and P a normal Sylow p -subgroup of G such that $G = PM$, where p is a prime. Then $P \cap M$ is a normal subgroup of G .

Lemma 2.4 ([21, Lemma 2.5]) Let G be a group, K an s -quasinormal subgroup of G , P a Sylow p -subgroup of K , where p is a prime divisor of $|G|$. If either $P \leq O_p(G)$ or $K_G = 1$, then P is s -quasinormal in G .

Lemma 2.5 ([15, Lemma 2.2]) Let G be a group and P a s -quasinormal p -subgroup of G , where p is a prime. Then $O^p(G) \leq N_G(P)$.

Lemma 2.6 ([21, Lemma 2.8]) Let G be a group and p a prime dividing $|G|$ with $(|G|, p-1) = 1$.

- (1) If N is normal in G of order p , then N is in $Z(G)$.
- (2) If G has cyclic Sylow p -subgroups, then G is p -nilpotent.
- (3) If $M \leq G$ and $|G:M| = p$, then $M < G$.

Lemma 2.7 ([8, Satz 1]) Suppose that G is a group which is not supersolvable but whose proper subgroups are all supersolvable. Then

- (1) G has a normal Sylow p -subgroup P for some prime p .
- (2) $P/\Phi(P)$ is a minimal normal subgroup of $G/\Phi(P)$.
- (3) If $p \neq 2$, then $\exp(P) = p$.
- (4) If P is non-abelian and $p = 2$, then $\exp(P) = 4$.
- (5) If P is abelian, then $\exp(P) = p$.

Lemma 2.8 Let G be a group and p a prime number.

- (1) If P is a minimal normal p -subgroup of G , and $x \in P$ is weakly c^* -normal in G , then $P = \langle x \rangle$.
- (2) Let P be a normal p -subgroup of G and x be an element of $P - \Phi(P)$. If $P/\Phi(P)$ is a minimal normal subgroup of $G/\Phi(P)$ and x is weakly c^* -normal in G , then $P = \langle x \rangle$.

Proof. (1) Since $\langle x \rangle$ is weakly c^* -normal in G , there exists a subnormal subgroup K such that $G = \langle x \rangle K$ and $\langle x \rangle \cap K$ is s -quasinormally embedded in G and $G = PK$. Let $P_1 = P \cap K$. Since P is a minimal normal subgroup of G ,

then P_1 is either trivial or P . If $P_1 = 1$, then $P = P \cap G = \langle x \rangle (P \cap K) = \langle x \rangle$. Otherwise $P_1 = P$ and hence $P \leq K$, $\langle x \rangle = \langle x \rangle \cap P = \langle x \rangle \cap k \leq \langle x \rangle_{sG}$. So $\langle x \rangle$ is a normal subgroup of G and hence $P = \langle x \rangle$.

(2) Since $\langle x \rangle$ is weakly c^* -normal in G , then there exists a subnormal subgroup K such that $G = \langle x \rangle K$ and $\langle x \rangle \cap K \leq \langle x \rangle_{sG}$, where $\langle x \rangle_{sG}$ is an s -quasinormally embedded subgroup of G . Let $P_1 = P \cap K$. Hence $P_1 < G$ and $P_1 \Phi(P) / \Phi(P)$ is normal in $G/\Phi(P)$. Since $P/\Phi(P)$ is a minimal normal subgroup of $G/\Phi(P)$, $P_1 \Phi(P) / \Phi(P)$ is either trivial or $P/\Phi(P)$. If the former, then

$$P_1 \leq \Phi(P),$$

and $P = P \cap G = \langle x \rangle (P \cap K) = \langle x \rangle \Phi(P) = \langle x \rangle$. Otherwise $P_1 = P$ and $P \leq K$, $G = PK = K$. Hence $\langle x \rangle = \langle x \rangle \cap P = \langle x \rangle \cap K \leq \langle x \rangle_{sG}$. So $\langle x \rangle$ is a normal subgroup of G and hence $P = \langle x \rangle$.

The Lemma is proved. \square

Lemma 2.9 Let H be a subgroup of G . Then H is weakly c^* -normal in G if and only if there exists a subgroup K such that $G = HK$ and $H \cap K = H_{sG}$.

Proof. \Leftarrow It is clear.

\Rightarrow By Definition 2.1, there exists a subnormal subgroup L of G such that $G = HL$ and $H \cap L \leq H_{sG}$. If $H \cap L < H_{sG}$, note that $K = LH_{sG}$, then $HK = HLH_{sG} = HL = G$ and hence $H \cap K = H \cap LH_{sG} = H_{sG} (H \cap L) < H_{sG}$. \square

Main results and their applications

Theorem 3.1 Suppose that G is a group with a normal subgroup H such that G/H is supersolvable. If all maximal subgroups of any Sylow subgroups of H are weakly c^* -normal in G , then G is supersolvable.

Proof. Suppose that the theorem is false, we chose a minimal order group G as a counterexample. We will prove the theorem by the following steps:

Step 1. Every proper subgroup of G containing H is supersolvable and G is solvable.

Let N is a proper subgroup of G containing H . Then N/H is supersolvable since G/H is supersolvable. By hypothesis, all maximal subgroups of any Sylow subgroups of H are weakly normal in G , then all maximal subgroups of any Sylow subgroups of H are weakly c^* -normal in M by Lemma 2.2(1). So N, H satisfies the hypotheses of the theorem, the minimal choice of G implies that N is supersolvable. Since every maximal subgroup of G is supersolvable, then by [8, Hilfssatz C] G is solvable.

The following. Let L be a minimal normal subgroup of G contained in H . Then, by Step 1 and [11, Lemma 8.6, p102] L is an elementary abelian p -group for some prime divisor p of $|G|$.

Step 2. G/L is supersolvable and L is unique.

Since $(G/L)/(H/L) \cong G/H$ is supersolvable, and, by hypotheses, all maximal subgroups of any Sylow subgroups of H are weakly c^* -normal in G , then all maximal subgroups of any Sylow subgroups of H/L are weakly c^* -normal in G/L by Lemma 2.2(2). Then $G/L, H/L$ satisfies the hypotheses of the theorem. So the minimal choice of G implies that $G=L$ is supersolvable. Since the class of supersolvable groups is a saturated formation by [10, Satz 10], then L is a unique minimal normal subgroup of G .

Step 3. $\Phi(G) = 1$.

If $\Phi(G) \neq 1$, then there exists a Sylow p -subgroup P of $\Phi(G)$, where p is a prime divisor of $|\Phi(G)|$, $P \text{ char } \Phi(G)$ and so P is normal in G . By Step 2, G/P is supersolvable, then $G/\Phi(G)$ is supersolvable and so is G , a contradiction. Thus $\Phi(G) = 1$.

Step 4. $H = G$.

If $H < G$, then H is supersolvable by Step 1. Let P_2 be a Sylow p -subgroup of H , where p is the largest prime divisor of $|H|$. Then by [9, VI-9.1], $P_2 < H$. Let P_1 be a maximal subgroup of P_2 . Then, by hypothesis, P_1 is weakly c^* -normal in G and so there exists a subnormal subgroup T of G such that $G = P_1T$ and $P_1 \cap T$ is s -quasinormally embedded in G . Let S be a Sylow p -subgroup of $P_1 \cap T$. Then S is also a Sylow p -subgroup of some s -quasinormal subgroup K of G . Let Q be a Sylow q -subgroup of G , where $q \neq p$ is a prime divisor of $|G|$. Then Q is also a Sylow q -subgroup of T .

If $S_G = 1$, then by [13, Lemma 2.1(3)], then S is π -quasinormal in G . and so $SQ = QS \leq T$. QS is supersolvable by Step 1 and $S < QS$. Thus we have for every $q \neq p$, the Sylow q -subgroups commutes with S , then S is s -quasinormal in G . Then by Lemma 2.5, we have $O^p(G) \leq N_G(P)$ and so S is normal in G .

If $S_G \neq 1$, then $S_G < S$, then S_G is π -quasinormal. And so $QS_G = S_GQ \leq T$. Obviously, $T < G$, then by Step 1, QS_G is supersoluble, and $S_G < QS_G$. Then by Lemma 2.5, we have $O^p(G) \leq N_G(S_G)$ and so S_G is normal in G .

Thus $S = L = S_G$ is a minimal normal subgroup of G by Step 2. By Step 3, $F(H)$ is the direct product of minimal normal subgroup of G contained in H by [15, Lemma 2.6], then $F(H) = S = L = C_G(L)$ since L is the minimally unique normal subgroup of G and G is solvable. By Lemma 2.7, $\exp(P) = p$ or 4 (if $p = 2$), then L is a cyclic subgroup of order p or 4 . So G is supersolvable by [19, 2.16]. So we assume that $QS < H$. If $H > T$, then $G = P_1T = P_1H = H$ is supersolvable, and so $H \leq T$. By Step 1, T is a supersolvable group. Let R be a Hall p' -subgroup of T which is also a Hall p' -subgroup of G . Then $|T : R| = p$, so $R < T$. So we have $|S| = p$ or $S = 1$.

In the two cases, G is supersolvable, a contradiction.

Step 5. The final conclusion.

By Step 4, we have $F(H) = F(G)$. By Step 1 and [15, Lemma 2.6], $F(H)$ is the direct products of minimal normal subgroups of G . Then $F(H) = F(H) = L = C_H(L)$ as L is abelian and L is the unique minimal normal subgroup of G . Then we have $F(H) = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \rangle$, where $\langle x_i \rangle \text{ char } L$ and $x_i \in L \setminus \{1\}$, and so $F(H) = \langle x_i \rangle = L$ by Lemma 2.8. By Step 2, G/L is supersolvable and by Step 1 and Lemma 2.7, $\exp(L) = p$ or 4 (when $p = 2$), $\langle x_i \rangle$ is a cyclic subgroup of order p or 4 (when $p = 2$), and so by [19, 2.16], G is supersolvable. The final contradiction. This completes the proof.

Remark 3.1 The condition of the theorem G/H is supersoluble can't be replaced by " G/H is soluble". Let $G = C_2 \times A_4$, where C_2 is a cyclic group of order 2 and A_4 is the alternating group of degree 4. Obviously $G/C_2 \cong A_4$ is soluble. Since every maximal subgroup of A_4 is weakly c^* -normal in G the hypotheses of the theorem is satisfied, but G is not supersoluble.

Corollary 3.1 ([2, Theorem 3.1]) Let \mathcal{L} be a complete set of Sylow subgroups of a group G . If the maximal subgroups of G_p are \mathcal{L} -permutable subgroups of G , for all $G_p \in \mathcal{L}$, then G is supersoluble.

Corollary 3.2 ([3, Theorem 4.1]) If G/H is supersoluble and all maximal subgroups of any Sylow subgroup of H are π -quasinormal in G , then G is supersoluble.

Corollary 3.3 ([21, Theorem 4.1]) Suppose that G is a group with a normal subgroup H such that G/H is supersolvable. If all maximal subgroup of any Sylow subgroup of H is c^* -normal in G , then G is supersolvable.

Theorem 3.2 Suppose that G is a group with a normal subgroup H such that G/H is supersolvable. If all cyclic

subgroups of H with order p or 4 (if $p = 2$) are weakly c^* -normal in G , then G is supersolvable.

Proof. Suppose that the theorem is false, we chose a minimal order group G as a counterexample. We will prove the theorem by the following steps:

Step 1. Every proper subgroup of G containing H is supersolvable and G is solvable.

Let M be a proper subgroup of G containing H . M/H is supersolvable Since G/H is supersolvable. By hypothesis, all cyclic subgroups of H of order p or 4 (if $p = 2$) are weakly c^* -normal in G , then by Lemma 2.2(1), all cyclic subgroups of H of order p or 4 (if $p = 2$) are weakly c^* -normal in M . Thus (M, H) satisfies the hypotheses of the theorem.

The minimal choice of G implies that M is supersolvable. Then G is not supersolvable but all proper subgroups are supersolvable, so by Lemma 2.7, we have G has a unique normal Sylow p -subgroup P of G for some prime divisor p of $|G|$. And also G is solvable by [8, Hilfssatz C].

The following. Let L be a minimal normal subgroup of G contained in H . Then, by Step 1 and [11, Lemma 8.6, p102] L is an elementary abelian p -group for some prime divisor p of $|G|$.

Step 2. G/L is supersolvable and $L \not\leq \Phi(G)$.

By hypothesis, all cyclic subgroups of H of order p or 4 (if $p = 2$) are weakly c^* -normal in G , then by Lemma 2.2(2), all cyclic subgroups of H/L of order p or 4 (if $p = 2$) are weakly c^* -normal in G/L . And since $(G/L)/(H/L) \cong G/H$ is supersolvable, then $G/L, H/L$ satisfies the hypotheses of the theorem. Thus the minimality of G implies that G/L is supersolvable. Since the class of supersolvable groups is a saturated formation by [10, Satz 10], then L is unique. If $L \leq \Phi(G)$, then $G/\Phi(G)$ is supersolvable. Thus G is supersolvable, a contradiction.

Step 3. $H = G$ and so $F(H) = F(G)$.

If $H < G$, then H is supersolvable by Step 1. Let Q be a Sylow q -subgroup of H , where q is the largest prime divisor of $|H|$. Then by [9, VI-9.1], Q char H and $H < G$, so $Q < G$. If $q \neq p$, then $G/1 \cong G/P \times G/Q$ is supersolvable, and so G is supersolvable, a contradiction. So $p = q$ and $P = Q$ or $P = L$ by Step 1. If the latter, then by Lemma 2.8, we have L is cyclic of order p or 4 (if $p = 2$). Thus G is supersolvable since G/L is supersolvable by [19, 2.16]. Then we assume that $P = Q$. By hypothesis, all cyclic subgroups C of P of order p or (if $p = 2$) is weakly c^* -normal in G . Then there exists a subnormal T such that

$G = CT$ and $C \cap T \leq C_{sG}$. We will deal with this from the following cases:

Case 1: $C_{sG} = 1$.

Obviously $T \geq H$, for otherwise, $T \not\geq H$, then if $T \cap H = 1$, $C \leq H$ and so $G = CT = HT$, $C \cap T \leq H \cap T = 1$, and $C = H$ is a normal cyclic subgroup of G .

Thus G is supersolvable, a contradiction. If $T < H$, then $G = CT = CH$. Obviously $C \leq H$, then $G = CH = H$, a contradiction.

Then we have $H \leq T$. Then by Step 1, T is supersolvable. But $G = CT$ is supersolvable by [4], a contradiction.

Case 2: $C \cap T = C_{sG} = C$, where P is abelian or p is an odd prime.

In this case, $C \leq T$, then $G = CT = T$ is supersolvable by Step 1, a contradiction.

Case 3: $1 < C \cap T = C_{sG} \leq C$, where P is non-abelian and $p = 2$.

By hypothesis and Lemma 2.7(4) $|C| = 4$, then $|C_{sG}| = 2$. Since C is s -quasinormally embedded in G , then there exists a s -quasinormal subgroup K of G such that C is a Sylow 2-subgroup of K . Since for any Sylow q -subgroup Q of G , where $q \neq 2$, such that $KQ = QK$ is a subgroup of G . If $KQ \geq H$, then by Step 1, KQ is supersolvable, then K is normal in KQ and C is a Sylow 2-subgroup of KQ , and so $C_{sG} < KQ$. We have $C_{sG}Q = QC_{sG}$ and so C_{sG} is s -quasinormal in G . By Lemma 2.5, $O^p(G) \leq N_G(C_{sG})$. Thus $C_{sG} < G$ so $L = C_{sG}$ and $LQ = Q \times L$. Then $Q \leq C_{sG}(L) \leq L$, by [8, Hilfssatz C], G is solvable, a contradiction.

Step 4. $H \cap \Phi(G) = 1$.

If not, then there exists a prime divisor r of $|\Phi(G)|$, and Let R be a Sylow r -subgroup of $\Phi(G)$, then R is normal in G . By Step 2, G/R is supersolvable and so $G/\Phi(G)$ is supersolvable. Thus G is supersolvable, a contradiction.

Step 5. Conclusion.

By Step 4 and [15, Lemma 2.6], then $F(H)$ is the direct products of minimal normal subgroups of G containing in H . By Step 2, $F(H) = L$. By Step 1 and Lemma 2.7, $\exp(L) = p$ or 4 . By hypothesis, cyclic of L of order p or 4 (if $p = 2$) are weakly c^* -normal in G . Thus by Lemma 2.8, $L = \langle x \rangle$, for some $x \in L \setminus \{1\}$, is a cyclic normal minimal subgroup of G . Then by [19, 2.16], G is supersolvable since G/L is supersolvable by Step 2.

The final contradiction completes the proof. \square

Corollary 3.4 ([1, Theorem B]) Let G be a finite group. If there exists a normal subgroup H such that G/H is supersoluble, $(|H|, 2) = 1$, and every minimal subgroup G/H of H is pronormal in G , then G is supersoluble.

Corollary 3.5 ([18, Theorem 3.1]) Let H be a normal p -subgroup of G such that G/H is supersoluble. Suppose that every cyclic subgroup of H of order p or 4 (if $p = 2$) is π -quasinormal in G , then G is supersoluble.

As a generalization of Theorem 1.1 and 1.2, we get:

Theorem 3.3 Suppose that G is a group with a normal subgroup H such that G/H is supersoluble. then G is supersoluble if one of the followings contains

(1) all maximal subgroups of any Sylow subgroups of H are weakly c^* -normal in G ;

(2) all cyclic subgroups of H with order p or 4 (if $p = 2$) are weakly c^* -normal in G .

Theorem 3.4 Let F be a saturated formation containing A . Suppose that G is a group with a normal subgroup H such that $G/H \in F$. If every maximal subgroup of all Sylow subgroups of H is weakly c^* -normal in G , then $G \in F$.

Proof. Suppose that the theorem is false, we chose a minimal order group G as a counterexample. Then G is not supersoluble but all proper subgroups are supersoluble. Thus by Lemma 2.7, G has a normal Sylow p -subgroup for some prime p dividing $|G|$, and $G/P \in F$ by induction. By hypotheses, all maximal subgroups of P are weakly c^* -normal in G , then by Theorem 1.1, $G \in F$, a contradiction.

This completes the proof. \square

Corollary 3.6 [20] Let F be a saturated formation containing A and let H be a normal subgroup of a group G such that $G/H \in F$. Suppose that every member of $M(H)$ is c^* -normal in G . Then G is in F .

Theorem 3.5 Let F be a saturated formation containing A . Suppose that G is a group with a normal subgroup H such that $G/H \in F$. If every subgroup of H of order p or 4 (when $p = 2$) is weakly c^* -normal in G , then $G \in F$.

Proof. Suppose that the theorem is false, we chose a minimal order group G as a counterexample. Then G is not supersoluble but all proper subgroups are supersoluble.

Thus by Lemma 2.7, G has a normal Sylow p -subgroup for some prime p dividing $|G|$, and $G/P \in F$ by induction. By hypotheses, all subgroups of order p or 4 (when $p = 2$) of P are weakly c^* -normal in G , then by Theorem 1.2, $G \in F$, a contradiction.

This completes the proof. \square

Remark 3.2 The condition of Theorem 3.4 and 3.5 “ A ” can't be replaced by “ N ”, the class of nilpotent groups. For example $G = S_3$, the symmetric group of degree 3. Let P be the Sylow

3-subgroup. Obviously, $G; P$ satisfies the hypotheses, but G is not in F .

Corollary 3.7 ([5, Theorem 5]) Let F be a saturated formation containing A . Let G be a group with abelian Sylow 2-subgroups. If H is a normal subgroup of G such that $G/H \in F$ and every minimal subgroup of H is permutable in G , then $G \in F$.

Corollary 3.8 ([5, Theorem 2]) Let F be a saturated formation containing A , the class of all supersoluble groups. Assume that G is a group with a normal subgroup H such that $G/H \in F$. If every generator of $\Psi(H)$ is permutable in G , then $G \in F$.

By Theorems 3.4 and 3.5, we have

Theorem 3.6 Let F be a saturated formation containing A . Suppose that G is a group with a normal subgroup H such that $G/H \in F$, then $G \in F$ if one of the followings contains

(1) all maximal subgroups of any Sylow subgroups of H are weakly c^* -normal in G ;

(2) all cyclic subgroups of H with order p or 4 (if $p = 2$) are weakly c^* -normal in G .

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