



# Finite Groups with $H_\sigma$ -Permutably Embedded Subgroups

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## Abstract

Let  $G$  be a finite group. Let  $\sigma = \{\sigma_i | i \in I\}$  be a partition of the set of all primes  $\mathbb{P}$  and  $n$  an integer. We write  $\sigma(n) = \{\sigma_i | \sigma_i \cap \pi(n) \neq \emptyset\}$ ,  $\sigma(G) = \sigma(|G|)$ . A set  $\mathcal{H}$  of subgroups of  $G$  is said to be a *complete Hall  $\sigma$ -set* of  $G$  if every member of  $\mathcal{H} \setminus \{1\}$  is a Hall  $\sigma_i$ -subgroup of  $G$  for some  $\sigma_i$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  contains exact one Hall  $\sigma_i$ -subgroup of  $G$  for every  $\sigma_i \in \sigma(G)$ . A subgroup  $A$  of  $G$  is called: (i) a  *$\sigma$ -Hall subgroup* of  $G$  if  $\sigma(|A|) \cap \sigma(|G : A|) = \emptyset$ ; (ii)  *$\sigma$ -permutable* in  $G$  if  $G$  possesses a complete Hall  $\sigma$ -set  $\mathcal{H}$  such that  $AH^x = H^xA$  for all  $H \in \mathcal{H}$  and all  $x \in G$ . We say that a subgroup  $A$  of  $G$  is  *$H_\sigma$ -permutably embedded* in  $G$  if  $A$  is a  $\sigma$ -Hall subgroup of some  $\sigma$ -permutable subgroup of  $G$ .

We describe the structure of  $G$  assuming that every subgroup of  $G$  is  $H_\sigma$ -permutably embedded in  $G$ .

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## 1 Introduction

Throughout this paper, all groups are finite and  $G$  always denotes a finite group. Moreover,  $n$  is an integer,  $\mathbb{P}$  is the set of all primes, and if  $\pi \subseteq \mathbb{P}$ , then  $\pi' = \mathbb{P} \setminus \pi$ . The symbol  $\pi(n)$  denotes the set of all primes dividing  $n$ ; as usual,  $\pi(G) = \pi(|G|)$ , the set of all primes dividing the order of  $G$ . In what follows,  $\sigma = \{\sigma_i | i \in I\}$  is some partition of  $\mathbb{P}$ , that is,  $\mathbb{P} = \cup_{i \in I} \sigma_i$  and  $\sigma_i \cap \sigma_j = \emptyset$  for all  $i \neq j$ ;  $\Pi$  is a subset of  $\sigma$  and  $\Pi' = \sigma \setminus \Pi$ .

Let  $\sigma(n) = \{\sigma_i | \sigma_i \cap \pi(n) \neq \emptyset\}$  and  $\sigma(G) = \sigma(|G|)$ . Then we say that  $G$  is  $\sigma$ -primary [14] if  $G$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -group for some  $\sigma_i \in \sigma$ . A set  $\mathcal{H}$  of subgroups of  $G$  is said to be a *complete Hall  $\sigma$ -set* of  $G$  (see [15],[16]) if every member of  $\mathcal{H} \setminus \{1\}$  is a Hall  $\sigma_i$ -subgroup of  $G$  for some  $\sigma_i$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  contains exact one Hall  $\sigma_i$ -subgroup of  $G$  for every  $\sigma_i \in \sigma(G)$ . We say that  $G$  is  $\sigma$ -full if  $G$  possesses a complete Hall  $\sigma$ -set. Throughout this paper,  $G$  is always supposed to be a  $\sigma$ -full group.

Following [14], a subgroup  $A$  of  $G$  is called:

- (i) a  $\sigma$ -Hall subgroup of  $G$  if  $\sigma(|A|) \cap \sigma(|G : A|) = \emptyset$ ;
- (ii)  $\sigma$ -subnormal in  $G$  if there is a subgroup chain

$$A = A_0 \leq A_1 \leq \dots \leq A_t = G$$

such that either  $A_{i-1} \trianglelefteq A_i$  or  $A_i/(A_{i-1})_{A_i}$  is  $\sigma$ -primary for all  $i = 1, \dots, t$ ;

- (iii)  $\sigma$ -quasinormal or  $\sigma$ -permutable in  $G$  if there is a complete Hall  $\sigma$ -set  $\mathcal{H}$  such that  $AH^x = H^xA$  for all  $H \in \mathcal{H}$  and all  $x \in G$ .

In particular,  $A$  is called *S-quasinormal* or *S-permutable* in  $G$  provided  $AP = PA$  for all Sylow subgroups  $P$  of  $G$  (see [1], [5]).

We say that a subgroup  $A$  of  $G$  is  $H_\sigma$ -permutably embedded in  $G$  if  $A$  is a  $\sigma$ -Hall subgroup of some  $\sigma$ -permutable subgroup of  $G$ . In the special case, when  $\sigma = \{\{2\}, \{3\}, \dots\}$ , the definition of  $H_\sigma$ -permutably embedded subgroups is equivalent to the concept of Hall *S*-quasinormally embedded subgroups in [10].

**Example** For any  $\sigma$ , all  $\sigma$ -Hall subgroups and all  $\sigma$ -permutable subgroups of any group  $S$  are  $H_\sigma$ -permutably embedded in  $S$ . Now, let  $p > q > r$  be primes. Let  $\sigma = \{\sigma_1, \sigma_2\}$ , where  $\sigma_1 = \{q, r\}$  and  $\sigma_2 = \{q, r\}'$  and let  $C_p, C_q$  and  $C_{r^n}$  be cyclic groups with  $|C_p| = p, |C_q| = q$  and  $|C_{r^n}| = r^n$  ( $n > 1$ ). Let

$$H = C_q \wr C_{r^n} = K \rtimes C_{r^n},$$

where  $K$  is the base group of the regular wreath product  $H$ . Let

$$G = C_p \wr H = P \rtimes H = P \rtimes (K \rtimes C_{r^n}),$$

where  $P$  is the base group of the regular wreath product  $G$ . Then  $C_G(P) \leq P$ . Let  $C_r$  be a subgroup of  $C_{r^n}$  of order  $r$ . Then the

subgroup  $V = PC_\tau$  is  $\sigma$ -permutable in  $G$  and  $C_\tau$  is a  $\sigma$ -Hall subgroup of  $V$ . Hence  $C_\tau$  is  $H_\sigma$ -permutably embedded in  $G$ . Assume  $C_\tau$  is  $\sigma$ -permutable in  $G$ , then  $C_\tau$  is  $\sigma$ -subnormal in  $G$  (see Lemma 4 (1) below). Hence  $C_\tau$  is  $\sigma$ -subnormal in  $V$  by Lemma 5 (1) below. Therefore  $C_\tau$  is normal in  $V$  by Lemma 5 (2) below. Then  $C_V(P) \leq C_\tau$ , a contradiction.

Recall that  $G$  is  $\sigma$ -nilpotent (see [7]) if  $G = H_1 \times \dots \times H_t$  for some  $\sigma$ -primary groups  $H_1, \dots, H_t$ . The  $\sigma$ -nilpotent residual  $G^{\mathfrak{N}_\sigma}$  of  $G$  is the intersection of all normal subgroups  $N$  of  $G$  with  $\sigma$ -nilpotent quotient  $G/N$ ,  $G^{\mathfrak{N}}$  denotes the nilpotent residual of  $G$ . It is clear that every subgroup of a  $\sigma$ -nilpotent group  $G$  is  $\sigma$ -permutable and  $\sigma$ -subnormal in  $G$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{F}$  be a class of groups. A subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is said to be an  $\mathfrak{F}$ -covering subgroup of  $G$  (see [9], VI, Definition 7.8) if  $H \in \mathfrak{F}$  and for every subgroup  $E$  of  $G$  such that  $H \leq E$  and  $E/N \in \mathfrak{F}$  it follows that  $E = NH$ . We say that a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is a  $\sigma$ -Carter subgroup of  $G$  if  $H$  is an  $\mathfrak{N}_\sigma$ -covering subgroup of  $G$ , where  $\mathfrak{N}_\sigma$  is the class of all  $\sigma$ -nilpotent groups.

A group  $G$  is said to have a *Sylow tower* if  $G$  has a normal series

$$1 = G_0 < G_1 < \dots < G_{t-1} < G_t = G,$$

where  $|G_i/G_{i-1}|$  is the order of some Sylow subgroup of  $G$  for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, t\}$ . A chief factor of  $G$  is said to be  $\sigma$ -central in  $G$  if the semidirect product  $(H/K) \rtimes (G/C_G(H/K))$  is  $\sigma$ -primary; otherwise,  $H/K$  is called  $\sigma$ -eccentric in  $G$  (see [14]).

We say that  $G$  is a  $H\sigma E$ -group if the following conditions hold:

- (i)  $G = D \rtimes M$ , where  $D = G^{\mathfrak{N}_\sigma}$  is a  $\sigma$ -Hall subgroup of  $G$  and  $|\sigma(D)| = |\pi(D)|$ .
- (ii)  $D$  has a Sylow tower and every chief factor of  $G$  below  $D$  is  $\sigma$ -eccentric.
- (iii)  $M$  acts irreducibly on every  $M$ -invariant Sylow subgroup of  $D$ .

Our main goal here is to prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 1** *Any two of the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) *Every subgroup of  $G$  is  $H_\sigma$ -permutably embedded in  $G$ .*
- (ii)  *$G = D \rtimes M$  is a  $H\sigma E$ -group, where  $D = G^{\mathfrak{N}_\sigma}$  is a cyclic group of square-free order.*

- (iii)  $G = D \rtimes M$ , where  $D$  is a  $\sigma$ -Hall cyclic subgroup of  $G$  of square-free order with  $|\sigma(D)| = |\pi(D)|$  and  $M$  is  $\sigma$ -Carter subgroup.

Groups in which either every subgroup is a Hall  $S$ -quasinormally embedded subgroup or every subgroup is a Hall normally embedded subgroup were described in [10],[8], respectively. From Theorem 1 we get the following result in this trend.

**Corollary 2** (see [13], Theorem 1) *Every subgroup of  $G$  is a Hall  $S$ -quasinormally embedded subgroup of  $G$  if and only if  $G = D \rtimes M$ , where  $D = G^{\mathfrak{N}}$  is a cyclic Hall subgroup of  $G$  of square-free order and  $M$  is a Carter subgroup of  $G$ .*

Recall also that a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is said to be a *Hall normally embedded subgroup* of  $G$  (see [8]) if  $H$  is a Hall subgroup of the normal closure  $H^G$  of  $H$  in  $G$ . From Corollary 2 we also get the following known result.

**Corollary 3** (see [11]) *Every subgroup of  $G$  is a Hall normally embedded subgroup of  $G$  if and only if  $G = D \rtimes M$ , where  $D = G^{\mathfrak{N}}$  is a cyclic Hall subgroup of  $G$  of square-free order and  $M$  is a Degekind group.*

## 2 Basic lemmas

An integer  $n$  is called a  $\Pi$ -number if  $\sigma(n) \subseteq \Pi$ . A subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is called a *Hall  $\Pi$ -subgroup* of  $G$  [14] if  $|H|$  is a  $\Pi$ -number and  $|G : H|$  is a  $\Pi'$ -number. A group  $G$  is said to be  $\sigma$ -soluble [14] if every chief factor of  $G$  is  $\sigma$ -primary.

**Lemma 4** (see [14], Lemma 2.8 and Theorems B and C) *Let  $A$ ,  $K$  and  $N$  be subgroups of  $G$ , where  $A$  is  $\sigma$ -permutable in  $G$  and  $N$  is normal in  $G$ .*

- (1)  $A$  is  $\sigma$ -subnormal in  $G$ .
- (2) If  $N \leq K$ ,  $K/N$  is  $\sigma$ -permutable in  $G/N$  and  $G$  is  $\sigma$ -soluble, then  $K$  is  $\sigma$ -permutable in  $G$ .

**Lemma 5** (see [14], Lemma 2.6) *Let  $A$ ,  $K$  and  $N$  be subgroups of  $G$ , where  $A$  is  $\sigma$ -subnormal in  $G$  and  $N$  is normal in  $G$ .*

- (1)  $A \cap K$  is  $\sigma$ -subnormal in  $K$ .

- (2) If  $A$  is a  $\sigma$ -Hall subgroup of  $G$ , then  $A$  is normal in  $G$ .
- (3) If  $H \neq 1$  is a Hall  $\Pi$ -subgroup of  $G$  and  $A$  is not a  $\Pi'$ -group, then  $A \cap H \neq 1$  is a Hall  $\Pi$ -subgroup of  $A$ .

**Lemma 6** *Let  $H$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$ . If  $H/H \cap \Phi(G)$  is a  $\Pi$ -group, then  $H$  has a Hall  $\Pi$ -subgroup, say  $E$ , and  $E$  is normal in  $G$ . Hence, if  $H/H \cap \Phi(G)$  is  $\sigma$ -nilpotent, then  $H$  is  $\sigma$ -nilpotent.*

PROOF — Let  $D = O_{\Pi'}(H)$ . Then, since  $H \cap \Phi(G)$  is nilpotent,  $D$  is a Hall  $\Pi'$ -subgroup of  $H$ . Hence by the Schur-Zassenhaus theorem,  $H$  has a Hall  $\Pi$ -subgroup, say  $E$ . It is clear that  $H$  is  $\pi'$ -soluble where  $\pi' = \cup_{\sigma_i \in \Pi'} \sigma_i$ , so any two Hall  $\Pi$ -subgroups of  $H$  are conjugate. By the Frattini argument,

$$G = HN_G(E) = (E(H \cap \Phi(G)))N_G(E) = N_G(E).$$

Therefore  $E$  is normal in  $G$ . □

**Lemma 7** *If every chief factor of  $G$  below  $D = G^{\mathfrak{N}_\sigma}$  is cyclic, then  $D$  is nilpotent.*

PROOF — Assume that this is false and let  $G$  be a counterexample of minimal order. Let  $R$  be a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$ . Then from the  $G$ -isomorphism  $D/D \cap R \simeq DR/R = (G/R)^{\mathfrak{N}_\sigma}$  we know that every chief factor of  $G/R$  below  $DR/R$  is cyclic, so the choice of  $G$  implies that  $D/D \cap R \simeq DR/R$  is nilpotent. Hence  $R \leq D$  and  $R$  is the unique minimal normal subgroup of  $G$ . In view of Lemma 6,  $R \not\leq \Phi(G)$  and so  $R = C_R(R)$  by [3], Chapter A, Theorem 15.2. But by hypothesis,  $|R|$  is a prime, hence  $G/R = G/C_G(R)$  is cyclic, so  $G$  is supersoluble and so  $G^{\mathfrak{N}_\sigma}$  is nilpotent since  $G^{\mathfrak{N}_\sigma} \leq G^{\mathfrak{N}}$ . □

The following lemma is evident.

**Lemma 8** *The class of all  $\sigma$ -soluble groups is closed under taking direct products, homomorphic images and subgroups. Moreover, any extension of the  $\sigma$ -soluble group by a  $\sigma$ -soluble group is a  $\sigma$ -soluble group as well.*

Let  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $R$  be subgroups of  $G$ . Then  $A$  is said to  $R$ -permute with  $B$  [6] if for some  $x \in R$  we have  $AB^x = B^xA$ . If  $G$  has a complete Hall  $\sigma$ -set  $\mathcal{H} = \{1, H_1, \dots, H_t\}$  such that  $H_i H_j = H_j H_i$  for all  $i, j$ , then we say that  $\{H_1, \dots, H_t\}$  is a  $\sigma$ -basis of  $G$ .

**Lemma 9** (see [15], Theorems A and B) *Assume that  $G$  is  $\sigma$ -soluble.*

- (i)  $G$  has a  $\sigma$ -basis  $\{H_1, \dots, H_t\}$  such that for each  $i \neq j$  every Sylow subgroup of  $H_i$   $G$ -permutes with every Sylow subgroup of  $H_j$ .
- (ii) For any  $\Pi$ , the following hold:  $G$  has a Hall  $\Pi$ -subgroup  $E$ , every  $\Pi$ -subgroup of  $G$  is contained in some conjugate of  $E$  and  $E$   $G$ -permutes with every Sylow subgroup of  $G$ .

**Lemma 10** *Let  $H$ ,  $E$  and  $R$  be subgroups of  $G$ . Suppose that  $H$  is  $H_\sigma$ -permutably embedded in  $G$  and  $R$  is normal in  $G$ .*

- (1) *If  $H \leq E$ , then  $H$  is  $H_\sigma$ -permutably embedded in  $E$ .*
- (2)  *$HR/R$  is  $H_\sigma$ -permutably embedded in  $G/R$ .*
- (3) *If  $|G : H|$  is  $\sigma$ -primary, then  $H$  is either a  $\sigma$ -Hall subgroup of  $G$  or  $\sigma$ -permutable in  $G$ .*

**PROOF** — Let  $V$  be a  $\sigma$ -permutable subgroup of  $G$  such that  $H$  is a  $\sigma$ -Hall subgroup of  $V$ .

(1) Since  $H$  is a  $\sigma$ -Hall subgroup of  $V$  and  $V \cap E$  is  $\sigma$ -permutable in  $E$ ,  $H$  is a  $\sigma$ -Hall subgroup of  $V \cap E$ . Hence  $H$  is  $H_\sigma$ -permutably embedded in  $E$ .

(2) Let  $H$  be a  $\pi$ -group. Since  $|V : H|$  is a  $\pi'$ -number,

$$|VR : HR| = |V : H|/|V \cap R : H \cap R|$$

is a  $\pi'$ -number. Hence,  $HR/R$  is a  $\sigma$ -Hall subgroup of  $VR/R$  and, therefore,  $HR/R$  is  $H_\sigma$ -permutably embedded in  $G/R$ .

(3) Assume that  $H$  is not  $\sigma$ -permutable in  $G$ . Then  $H < V$ . By hypothesis,  $|G : H|$  is  $\sigma$ -primary, say  $|G : H|$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -number. Then  $|V : H|$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -number. But  $H$  is a  $\sigma$ -Hall subgroup of  $V$ . Hence  $H$  is a  $\sigma$ -Hall subgroup of  $G$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 11** *Let  $H$  be a  $\sigma$ -subnormal subgroup of a  $\sigma$ -soluble group  $G$ . If  $|G : H|$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -number and  $B$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -complement of  $H$ , then  $G = HN_G(B)$ .*

**PROOF** — Assume that this lemma is false and let  $G$  be a counterexample of minimal order. Then  $H < G$ , so  $G$  has a proper subgroup  $M$  such that  $H \leq M$ ,  $|G : M_G|$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -number and  $H$  is  $\sigma$ -subnormal in  $M$ . The choice of  $G$  implies that  $M = HN_M(B)$ . On the other hand,

clearly that  $B$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -complement of  $M_G$ . Since  $G$  is  $\sigma$ -soluble, Lemma 9 and the Frattini argument imply that

$$G = M_G N_G(B) = M N_G(B) = H N_M(B) N_G(B) = H N_G(B).$$

The statement is proved. □

The following lemma is well-known (see for example [12], Lemma 3.29, or [4], 1.10.10).

**Lemma 12** *Let  $H/K$  be an abelian chief factor of  $G$  and  $V$  a maximal subgroup of  $G$  such that  $K \leq V$  and  $HV = G$ . Then  $G/V_G$  is isomorphic to  $(H/K) \times (G/C_G(H/K))$ .*

Recall that the intersection of all such  $S$ -quasinormal subgroups of  $G$  which contain a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is called the  $S$ -quasinormal closure of  $H$  in  $G$  and denoted by  $H^{sG}$  (see [11]).

**Lemma 13** *If  $H$  is a Hall normally embedded subgroup of  $G$ , then  $H$  is a Hall  $S$ -quasinormally embedded subgroup of  $G$ .*

PROOF — Since every normal subgroup of  $G$  is a  $S$ -quasinormal subgroup of  $G$ ,  $H^{sG} \leq H^G$ . Moreover,  $H$  is a Hall subgroup of  $H^G$  by hypothesis, so  $H$  is a Hall subgroup of  $H^{sG}$ . □

### 3 Proofs of the results

PROOF OF THEOREM 1 — (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Assume that this is false and let  $G$  be a counterexample of minimal order. Moreover,  $D = G^{\sigma_i} \neq 1$ , so  $|\sigma(G)| > 1$ .

(1) Condition (ii) is true on every proper section  $H/K$  of  $G$ , that is,  $K \neq 1$  or  $H \neq G$ .

This directly follows from Lemma 10 and the choice of  $G$ .

(2)  $D$  is a cyclic group of square-free order.

Let  $p \in \sigma_i \cap \pi(D)$  and let  $P$  be a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $D$ . Since  $G$  possesses a  $\sigma$ -permutable subgroup  $E$  such that  $|E| = |G|_{\sigma_i} p$ . Lemma 4(1) implies that  $E$  is  $\sigma$ -subnormal in  $G$ , so Lemma 5(3) shows that  $G/E_G$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -group. Hence  $D \leq E_G \leq E$ , so  $|P| = p$ . Therefore  $G$  is supersoluble by [9], Kapitel IV, Satz 2.9, and so every chief factor

of  $G$  below  $D$  is cyclic. Hence  $D$  is nilpotent by Lemma 7, so  $D$  is cyclic of square-free order.

(3)  $G$  is  $\sigma$ -soluble.

In view of Claim (1) and Lemma 8, it is enough to show that  $G$  is not simple. Assume that this is false. Then  $1$  is the only proper  $\sigma$ -permutable subgroup of  $G$  since  $|\sigma(G)| > 1$ . Hence every subgroup of  $G$  is a  $\sigma$ -Hall subgroup of  $G$ . Therefore for a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup  $P$  of  $G$ , where  $p$  is the smallest prime divisor of  $|G|$ , we have  $|P| = p$  and so  $|G| = p$  by [9], Kapitel IV, Satz 2.8. This contradiction shows that we have (3).

(4) If  $|G : H|$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -number and  $H$  is not a  $\sigma$ -Hall subgroup of  $G$ , then  $H$  is  $\sigma$ -permutable in  $G$  and a  $\sigma_i$ -complement  $E$  of  $H$  is normal in  $G$ .

This follows from Lemmas 10(3) and 11.

(5)  $D$  is a Hall subgroup of  $G$ . Hence  $D$  has a complement  $M$  in  $G$ .

Suppose that this is false and let  $P$  be a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $D$  such that  $1 < P < G_p$ , where  $G_p \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$ . We can assume without loss of generality that  $G_p \leq H_1$ . Let  $R$  be a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$  contained in  $D$ .

Since  $D$  is soluble by Claim (2),  $R$  is a  $q$ -group for some prime  $q$ . Moreover,  $D/R = (G/R)^{\mathfrak{N}_\sigma}$  is a Hall subgroup of  $G/R$  by Claim (1) and Proposition 2.2.8 in [2]. Suppose that  $PR/R \neq 1$ . Then  $PR/R$  belongs to  $\text{Syl}_p(G/R)$ . If  $q \neq p$ , then  $P \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$ . This contradicts the fact that  $P < G_p$ . Hence  $q = p$ , so  $R \leq P$  and therefore  $P/R$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G/R$ . It follows that  $P \in \text{Syl}_p(G)$ . This contradiction shows that  $PR/R = 1$ , which implies that  $R = P$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $D$ . Therefore  $R$  is the unique minimal normal subgroup of  $G$  contained in  $D$ . It is also clear that a  $p$ -complement of  $D$  is a Hall subgroup of  $G$ .

Now we show that  $R \not\leq \Phi(G)$ . Indeed, assume that  $R \leq \Phi(G)$ . Then  $D \neq R$  by Lemma 6 since  $D = G^{\mathfrak{N}_\sigma}$ . On the other hand,  $D/R$  is a  $p'$ -group. Hence  $O_{p'}(D) \neq 1$  by Lemma 6. But  $O_{p'}(D)$  is characteristic in  $D$  and so it is normal in  $G$ . Therefore  $G$  has a minimal normal subgroup  $L$  such that  $L \neq R$  and  $L \leq D$ . This contradiction shows that  $R \not\leq \Phi(G)$ .

Let  $S$  be a maximal subgroup of the group  $G$  such that  $RS = G$ . Then  $|G : S|$  is a  $p$ -number. Hence, since  $R$  is not a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ ,  $p$  divides  $|S|$ . Then  $S$  is not a Hall subgroup of  $G$  and so  $S$  is not a  $\sigma$ -Hall subgroup of  $G$ . Therefore  $S$  is  $\sigma$ -permutable in  $G$ .



by Claim (4) and so  $G/S_G$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -group, which implies that

$$R \leq D \leq S_G \leq S$$

and so  $G = RS = S$ . This contradiction completes the proof of (5).

(6) *If  $M \leq E < G$ , then  $E$  is not  $\sigma$ -permutable in  $G$  and so  $E$  is a  $\sigma$ -Hall subgroup of  $G$ .*

Assume that  $E$  is  $\sigma$ -permutable in  $G$ . Then  $E$  is  $\sigma$ -subnormal in  $G$  by Lemma 4 (1). Then there is a subgroup chain

$$E = E_0 \leq E_1 \leq \dots \leq E_r = G$$

such that either  $E_{i-1}$  is normal in  $E_i$  or  $E_i/(E_{i-1})_{E_i}$  is  $\sigma$ -primary for all  $i = 1, \dots, r$ . Let  $V = E_{r-1}$ . We can assume without loss of generality that  $V \neq G$ . Therefore, since  $G$  is  $\sigma$ -soluble by Claim (2), for some  $\sigma$ -primary chief factor  $G/W$  of  $G$  we have  $E \leq V \leq W$ . Also we have  $D \leq W$  and so  $G = DE \leq W$ , a contradiction. Hence  $E$  is not  $\sigma$ -permutable in  $G$ .

By hypothesis,  $G$  has a  $\sigma$ -permutable subgroup  $S$  such that  $E$  is a  $\sigma$ -Hall subgroup of  $S$ . But then  $S = G$ , by the above argument, so  $E$  is a  $\sigma$ -Hall subgroup of  $G$ . In particular,  $M$  is a  $\sigma$ -Hall subgroup of  $G$  and so  $D$  is a  $\sigma$ -Hall subgroup of  $G$ .

(7)  *$D$  is soluble,  $|\sigma(D)| = |\pi(D)|$  and  $M$  acts irreducibly on every  $M$ -invariant Sylow subgroup of  $D$ .*

Let  $p \in \sigma_i \in \sigma(D)$ . Lemma 9 and Claims (3) and (5) imply that for some Sylow  $p$ -subgroup  $P$  of  $G$  we have  $PM = MP$ . Moreover,  $MP$  is a  $\sigma$ -Hall subgroup of  $G$  by Claim (6). Hence  $|\sigma_i \cap \pi(G)| = 1$  for all  $i$  such that  $\sigma_i \cap \pi(D) \neq \emptyset$  and so  $|\sigma(D)| = |\pi(D)|$ . Therefore, since  $D$  is soluble by Claim (2),  $M$  acts irreducibly on every  $M$ -invariant Sylow subgroup of  $D$  by Claim (6).

(8)  *$D$  possesses a Sylow tower.*

Let  $R$  be a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$  contained in  $D$ . Then  $R$  is a  $p$ -group for some prime  $p$  by Claim (7). Then  $R \leq P$ , where  $P$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $D$ . But  $M$  acts irreducibly on  $P$  by Claim (7), so  $R = P$  and  $D/R$  possesses a Sylow tower by Claim (1). Hence  $D$  possesses a Sylow tower.

(9) *Every chief factor of  $G$  below  $D$  is  $\sigma$ -eccentric.*

Let  $H/K$  be a chief factor of  $G$  below  $D$ . Then  $H/K$  is a  $p$ -group for some prime  $p$  since  $D$  is soluble by Claim (7). By the Frattini argument, there exist a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup  $P$  and a  $p$ -complement  $E$

of  $D$  such that  $M \leq N_G(P)$  and  $M \leq N_G(E)$ . Then  $M \leq N_G(P \cap K)$  and  $M \leq N_G(P \cap H)$ . Hence  $P \cap K = 1$  and  $P \cap H = P$  by Claim (7), so  $H = K \rtimes P$ . Let  $V = EM$ . Then  $K \leq V$  and  $HV = G$ , so  $V$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G$ . Hence

$$G/V_G \simeq (H/K) \rtimes G/C_G(H/K)$$

by Lemma 12. Therefore, if  $H/K$  is  $\sigma$ -central in  $G$ , then  $D \leq V_G$ , which is impossible since evidently  $p$  does not divide  $|V|$ . Thus we have (9).

From Claims (5)–(9) it follows that  $G$  is a  $H\sigma E$ -group. Hence (i) implies (ii).

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) It is enough to show that  $M$  is a  $\sigma$ -Carter subgroup of  $G$ . Let  $R$  be a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$  contained in  $D$  and  $E$  a subgroup of  $G$  containing  $M$ . We need to show that  $E = E^{\mathfrak{N}_\sigma}M$ . The choice of  $G$  implies that  $RM/R$  is a  $\sigma$ -Carter subgroup of  $G/R$ , so

$$ER/R = (ER/R)^{\mathfrak{N}_\sigma}(RM/R).$$

Hence  $ER = E^{\mathfrak{N}_\sigma}MR$  since  $(ER/R)^{\mathfrak{N}_\sigma} = E^{\mathfrak{N}_\sigma}R/R$ . Moreover,  $R$  is a  $p$ -group for some prime  $p$  and  $R$ ,  $E$  and  $E^{\mathfrak{N}_\sigma}M$  are  $\sigma$ -Hall subgroups of  $G$  by hypothesis. Therefore, if  $R \not\leq E$ , then  $E$  and  $E^{\mathfrak{N}_\sigma}M$  are Hall  $p'$ -subgroups of  $ER = E^{\mathfrak{N}_\sigma}MR$ , so  $E = E^{\mathfrak{N}_\sigma}M$ . Finally, assume that  $R \leq E$  but  $R \not\leq E^{\mathfrak{N}_\sigma}M$ . Then  $R \cap E^{\mathfrak{N}_\sigma} = 1$ . On the other hand, since  $DE/D \simeq E/D \cap E$  is  $\sigma$ -nilpotent,  $E^{\mathfrak{N}_\sigma} \leq D$  and so  $M \cap E^{\mathfrak{N}_\sigma} = 1$ . Therefore

$$E^{\mathfrak{N}_\sigma} \cap RM = (E^{\mathfrak{N}_\sigma} \cap R)(E^{\mathfrak{N}_\sigma} \cap M) = 1.$$

Then  $E/E^{\mathfrak{N}_\sigma} = E^{\mathfrak{N}_\sigma}MR/E^{\mathfrak{N}_\sigma} \simeq MR$  is  $\sigma$ -nilpotent. Hence  $M \leq C_G(R)$ . Suppose that  $C_G(R) < G$  and let  $C_G(R) \leq W < G$ , where  $G/W$  is a chief factor of  $G$ . Since  $G$  is  $\sigma$ -soluble,  $G/W$  is  $\sigma$ -primary and so  $D \leq W$ . But then  $G = DM \leq W < G$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $C_G(R) = G$ , that is,  $R \leq Z(G)$ . Let  $V$  be a complement to  $R$  in  $D$ . Then  $V$  is a Hall normal subgroup of  $D$ , so it is characteristic in  $D$ . Hence  $V$  is normal in  $G$  and  $G/V \simeq RM$  is  $\sigma$ -nilpotent, so  $D \leq V < D$ . This contradiction completes the proof of the implication (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii).

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Let  $A$  be any subgroup of  $G$ . Then  $DA$  is  $\sigma$ -permutable in  $G$  by Lemma 4(2) since  $G$  is  $\sigma$ -soluble. On the other hand, since  $|\sigma(D)| = |\pi(D)|$  and  $D$  is a cyclic  $\sigma$ -Hall subgroup of  $G$  of square-free order,  $A$  is a  $\sigma$ -Hall subgroup of  $DA$ . Hence  $A$  is  $H_\sigma$ -permutably embedded in  $G$ . Therefore the implication (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) is true.

The theorem is proved.  $\square$

PROOF OF COROLLARY 3 — *Necessity* Let  $R$  be a Hall normally embedded subgroup of  $G$ . Then  $R$  is a Hall  $S$ -quasinormally embedded subgroup of  $G$  by Lemma 13, so in view of Corollary 2 and [1], Theorem 1.4, it is enough to show that  $G$  is a  $T$ -group. Let  $H$  be a subnormal subgroup of  $G$ . Then  $H$  is subnormal in  $H^G$  by [3], Chapter A, Theorem 14.8. Then, since  $H$  is a Hall subgroup of  $H^G$  by hypothesis,  $H$  is characteristic in  $H^G$ . Hence  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ , so  $G$  is a  $T$ -group.

*Sufficiency* Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Let  $D_1 = H \cap D$ . Clearly,  $D_1$  is a Hall subgroup of  $D$  and  $D_1$  has a complement  $D_2$  in  $D$ .

Since  $M \simeq G/D$  is Dedekind, all subgroups of  $G/D$  are normal in  $G/D$ . Then  $DH/D$  is normal in  $G/D$ . Hence  $DH$  is normal in  $G$ . Therefore  $H \leq H^G \leq DH$ . It is clear also that  $H$  is a Hall subgroup of  $DH$ , therefore  $H$  is a Hall subgroup of  $H^G$ . Hence  $H$  is Hall normally embedded in  $G$ .

The corollary is proved. □

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