

# **C-Normal and Hypercyclically Embedded Subgroups of Finite Groups**

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**Abstract** Let p be a prime, E be a normal subgroup of a finite group G. In this paper, we will investigate the way E embedded in G under the assumption that some p-subgroups of E are c-normal in G. We pay more attention to the p-subgroups of E with given order  $p^d$ . We generalized several recent results of other scholars.

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#### 1 Introduction

All groups considered in this paper are finite. We use conventional notions and notation, as in [5]. G always denotes a finite group, |G| is the order of G,  $\pi(G)$  denotes the set of all primes dividing |G|, and  $G_p$  is a Sylow p-subgroup of G for a prime  $p \in \pi(G)$ .

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In [13], Wang defined the c-normality of a subgroup as follows and prove that a finite group G is solvable if and only if every maximal subgroup of G is c-normal in G.

**Definition 1.1** ([13, Definition 1.1]) Let H be a subgroup of a finite group G. We say that H is c-normal in G if there exists a normal subgroup N of G such that HN = G and  $H \cap N < H_G$ .

The basic properties of c-normality are as follows.

**Lemma 1.2** (see [13, Lemma 2.1] and [9, Lemma 2.4]) *Let G be a group. Then* 

- (1) If H is normal in G, then H is c-normal in G.
- (2) If H is c-normal in G and  $H \leq K \leq G$ , then H is c-normal in K.
- (3) Suppose that K is a normal subgroup of G and that H is c-normal in G. Then HK/K is c-normal in G/K when  $K \le H$  or (|H|, |K|) = 1.

Let G be a finite group. Several authors successfully use the c-normal property of some subgroups of G of prime power order to determine the structure of G (see [1,2,8-12]). Many results in these previous papers have the following form: Let E be a normal subgroup of G and  $\mathcal{F}$  be a saturated formation containing the class of all supersolvable groups. Suppose that G/E is in  $\mathcal{F}$ . If for each prime divisor p of |E|, some p-subgroups of E are c-normal G, then  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ . Actually, in a more general case, if we can get a criterion that E lies in the  $\mathcal{F}$ -hypercenter, then  $G/E \in \mathcal{F}$  implies that  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ . In order to get good results, many authors have to impose the c-normal hypotheses on all the prime divisors or the minimal or maximal divisor p of |G| rather than any prime divisor. In this paper, we try to get more general results.

Now let p be a fixed prime. In this paper, we focus on how a normal subgroup E embedded in G provided every p-subgroup of E with some fix order is c-normal in G. For this purpose, we introduce the concept of p-hypercentrally embedded:

**Definition 1.3** Let G be a finite group. A normal subgroup E of G is said to be p-hypercentrally embedded in G if every p-chief factor of G below E is cyclic.

The main result of this paper is the following theorem.

**Theorem A** Let p be a fixed prime and E be a normal subgroup of a finite group G. Suppose that  $E_p$  is a Sylow p-subgroup of E and  $p^d$  is a prime power such that  $1 < p^d \le \max(|E_p|/p, p)$ . If all the subgroups of  $E_p$  with order  $p^d$  and  $2p^d$  (if a quaternion group is involved in  $E_p$ ) are c-normal in G, then E is p-hypercyclically embedded in G.

#### 2 Proof of the Results

First, we need some results on c-supplemented subgroups of finite groups. Following [3], a group H is said to be c-supplemented in G if there exists a subgroup K of G such that G = HK and  $H \cap K \leq H_G$ . It is clear from the definition that if a subgroup H of G is c-normal in G, then H is c-supplemented in G.



**Lemma 2.1** If N is a minimal abelian normal subgroup of G, then any proper subgroup of N is not c-supplemented in G.

*Proof* Suppose that this Lemma is not true and let H be a proper subgroup of N such that H is c-supplemented in G. Obviously,  $H_G = 1$  since  $H_G < N$  and N is a minimal normal subgroup of G. By the definition of c-supplemented subgroups, there exists a subgroup M of G such that G = HM with  $H \cap M \le H_G = 1$ . Hence  $NM \ge HM = G$ . Since N is abelian, we know that  $N \cap M \le G$ . Hence  $N \cap M = 1$ . Therefore, we have |G| = |NM| = |N||M| > |H||M| = |HM|, a contradiction.  $\square$ 

For a saturated formation  $\mathcal{F}$ , the  $\mathcal{F}$ -hypercenter of a group G is denoted by  $Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G)$  (see [5, p. 389, Notation and Definitions 6.8(b)]). Let  $\mathcal{U}$  denote the class of all supersolvable groups and let  $\mathcal{N}$  denote the class of all nilpotent groups. Suppose that A is a normal subgroup of G. It is clear that  $A \leq Z_{\mathcal{U}}(G)$  if and only if every chief factor of G below A is cyclic and that  $A \leq Z_{\mathcal{N}}(G)$  if and only if every chief factor of G below G is central. In [1], Asaad gave the following result: Let G be a nontrivial normal G subgroup, where G is an odd prime. If every minimal subgroup of G is c-supplemented in G, then G is an odd prime in the subgroup of G is c-supplemented in G, then G is an odd prime. It is helpful to give a result for G is a fact, we have the following proposition:

**Proposition 2.2** Let P be a normal 2-subgroup of G. If all minimal subgroups of P and all cyclic subgroups of P with order 4 (if a quaternion group is involved in P) are c-supplemented in G, then  $P \leq Z_{\mathcal{N}}(G)$ .

*Proof* Let Q be a Sylow q-subgroup of G, where q is prime different from p. We claim that PQ is nilpotent. Suppose that the claim is not true and let H be a minimal non-nilpotent subgroup of PQ. Then  $H = [H_2]H_q$ , where  $H_q \in Syl_q(H)$  and  $H_2$  is a normal Sylow 2-subgroup of H. By Itô's result (see [4, Chap. 3, 5.2]), we have that  $\exp(H_2) \le 4$  and that  $H_q$  acts irreducibly on  $H_2/\Phi(H_2)$ . It is easy to see that  $|H_2/\Phi(H_2)| \ge 4$ . Clearly,  $H_q$  acts nontrivially on  $H_2$  but acts trivially on any proper  $H_q$ -invariant subgroup of  $H_2$ . It follows by the reduction theorem of Hall and Higmman (see [7, Chap. 5 Theorem 3.7]) that  $H_2' = \Phi(H_2)$ .

Case 1. Suppose first that a quaternion group is involved in  $H_2$ . Then  $\exp(H_2) = 4$ , and we may take a subgroup  $\langle x \rangle \leq H_2$  of G of order 4 and  $\langle x \rangle \nleq \Phi(H_2)$ . By hypotheses  $\langle x \rangle$  is c-supplemented in G, and thus  $\langle x \rangle \Phi(H_2)/\Phi(H_2) \neq 1$  is c-supplemented in  $H/\Phi(H)$ , which contradicts Lemma 2.1.

Case 2. Suppose that  $H_2$  is quaternion free. Assume that  $H_2$  is abelian. Then  $H_2' = \Phi(H_2) = 1$  and thus  $H_2$  is a minimal normal subgroup of H. It follows from Lemma 2.1 that  $H_2 = 1$ , a contradiction. Assume that  $H_2$  is not abelian. Applying [6, Theorem 2.7],  $H_q$  acts on  $H_2/\Phi(H_2)$  with at least one fixed point. This implies that  $|H_2/\Phi(H_2)| = 2$ , a contradiction.

The above proof shows that PQ is nilpotent as claimed. In particular, P centralizes all odd elements of G. Thus for any G-chief factor H/K of P,  $G/C_G(H/K)$  is a 2-group. By [5, A, Lemma 13.6], we have  $O_2(G/C_G(H/K)) = 1$ . It follows that  $G/C_G(H/K) = 1$  and thus  $P \le Z_N(G)$ .

As an application of Proposition 2.2, we have



**Corollary 2.3** If all minimal subgroups of  $G_2$  and all cyclic subgroups of  $G_2$  with order 4 (if a quaternion group is involved in  $G_2$ ) are c-supplemented in G, then G is 2-nilpotent.

*Proof* Suppose that this corollary is not true and let G be a counterexample with minimal order. Obviously, the hypotheses are inhered by all subgroups of G, hence G is a minimal non-2-nilpotent group. It follows that  $G_2$  is a normal subgroup in G. Applying Proposition 2.2 to  $G_2$ , we get a contradiction.

By combining [1, Theorem 1.1] and Proposition 2.2, we have

**Lemma 2.4** Let P be a normal p-subgroup of G. If all cyclic subgroups of P with order p or 4 (if a quaternion group is involved in P) are c-supplemented in G, then  $P \leq Z_{\mathcal{U}}(G)$ .

Next, we will show that if some class of p-subgroups of G is c-normal in G, then G is p-solvable.

**Lemma 2.5** If  $G_p$  is c-normal in G then G is p-solvable.

*Proof* Suppose that this Lemma is not true and consider G to be a counterexample with minimal order. By Lemma 1.2 (3), the hypothesis holds for both  $G/O_p(G)$  and  $G/O_{p'}(G)$ , thus the minimal choice of G implies that  $O_p(G) = O_{p'}(G) = 1$ . By the definition of c-normality, there exists a normal subgroup H of G such that  $G = G_pH$  and  $H \cap G_p \leq (G_p)_G$ . But  $(G_p)_G = O_p(G) = 1$ , hence H is a normal p'-subgroup of G. The fact that  $O_{p'}(G) = 1$  then indicates that H = 1 and thus  $G = G_p$ , a contradiction.

**Lemma 2.6** Let G be a finite group and  $p^d$  be a prime power such that  $3 \le p^d \le |G|_p$ . If all subgroups of G with order  $p^d$  are c-normal in G, then G is p-solvable.

*Proof* By Lemma 2.4, we may assume that  $p^d < |G|_p$ . Let D be any subgroup of order  $p^d$ . By the hypotheses, there exists a normal subgroup H of G such that G = DH and  $D \cap H \le D_G$ . Assume that H < G. Since G/H is a p-group, we may take a normal subgroup M of G such that  $M \ge H$  and |G:M| = p. As  $p^d < |G|_p$ ,  $p^d \le |M|_p$ .

Clearly, all subgroups of M with order  $p^d$  are c-normal in M. It follows by induction that M is p-solvable, and so is G. Hence we may assume that H = G and then  $D = D_G$  is normal in G. Assume that D is not a minimal normal subgroup of G. Let V be a minimal G-invariant subgroup of D and  $|V| = p^e$ . Then  $p \le |V| < p^d$  and all subgroups of G/V with order  $p^{d-e}$  are c-normal in G/V. By Induction G/V is p-solvable, and so is G. Hence we may assume that D is minimal normal in G whenever D is a subgroup of order  $p^d$ .

Note that if all subgroups of order  $p^d$  are contained in Z(G), then G is p-nilpotent by a well-known result of Itô (see [4, IV, 5.3]). Hence we may assume that there is a subgroup U of order  $p^d$  such that  $U \nleq Z(G)$ . Suppose that  $|U| = p^d \ge p^2$ . Let K be a subgroup of order  $p^{d+1}$  such that  $U \lessdot K$ . Clearly U is not cyclic, and hence there is a maximal subgroup  $U_1$  of K such that  $U_1 \ne U$ . Since  $U_1$  is normal as assumed, we get that  $U \cap U_1$  is a nontrivial G-invariant subgroup of U, and this contradicts the minimal normality of U. Hence |U| = p. Observe that  $G/C_G(U)$  is a p'-group and that  $C_G(U) \lessdot G$ . It follows by induction that  $C_G(U)$  is p-solvable, and so is G.  $\square$ 



Now, we will study the properties of p-hypercyclically embedding. Clearly, if a normal subgroup E is p-hypercyclically embedded in G, then E is p-solvable and every normal subgroup of G contained in E is also p-hypercyclically embedded in G. The following lemma shows that for a p-solvable normal subgroup E, we can deduce that E is p-hypercyclically embedded in G if the maximal p-nilpotent normal subgroup of E (denoted by  $F_p(E)$ ) is p-hypercyclically embedded in G.

**Lemma 2.7** A p-solvable normal subgroup E is p-hypercyclically embedded in G if and only if  $F_p(E)$  is p-hypercyclically embedded in G.

*Proof* We only need to prove the sufficiency. Suppose that the assertion is false and let (G, E) be a counterexample with |G| + |E| minimal. We claim that  $O_{p'}(E) = 1$ . Indeed, since  $F_p(E/O_{p'}(E)) = F_p(E)/O_{p'}(E)$ , it is easy to verify that the hypotheses hold for  $(G/O_{p'}(E), E/O_{p'}(E))$ . If  $O_{p'}(E) \neq 1$ , then the minimal choice of (G, E) implies that  $E/O_{p'}(E)$  is p-hypercyclically embedded in  $G/O_{p'}(E)$ . Clearly  $O_{p'}(E)$  is p-hypercyclically embedded in G, a contradiction.

Let N be a minimal normal subgroup of G contained in E. N is an abelian normal p-subgroup since E is p-solvable and  $O_{p'}(E) = 1$ . Consider the group  $C_E(N)/N$ . Let  $L/N = O_{p'}(C_E(N)/N)$  and K be a Hall p'-subgroup of L. Then L = KN. Since  $K \le L \le C_E(N)$ , we have  $K = O_{p'}(L) \le O_{p'}(G) = 1$ . Consequently,  $O_{p'}(C_E(N)/N) = 1$  and we have  $F_p(C_E(N)/N) = O_p(C_E(N)/N) \le O_p(E)/N = F_p(E)/N$ . As a result, we know that the hypotheses hold for  $(G/N, C_E(N)/N)$  and the minimal choice of (G, E) yields that  $C_E(N)/N$  is p-hypercyclically embedded in G/N. But  $N \le F_p(G)$  and thus N is also p-hypercyclically embedded in G. It follows that  $C_E(N)$  is p-hypercyclically embedded in G.

Since N is a normal p-subgroup that is p-hypercyclically embedded in G, |N| = p. It yields that  $G/C_G(N)$  is a cyclic group. As a result,  $EC_G(N)/C_G(N)$  is p-hypercyclically embedded in  $G/C_G(N)$ . Note that  $E/C_E(N) = E/(E \cap C_G(N))$  is G-isomorphic to  $EC_G(N)/C_G(N)$  and  $E/C_E(N)$  is p-hypercyclically embedded in  $G/C_E(N)$ . But  $C_E(N)$  is p-hypercyclically embedded in G and thus E is or p-hypercyclically embedded in G, a final contradiction.

Denote A(p-1) as the formation of all abelian groups of exponent divisible by p-1. The following proposition is well known:

**Lemma 2.8** ([15, Theorem 1.4]) Let H/K be a chief factor of G and p be a prime divisor of |H/K|. Then |H/K| = p if and only if  $G/C_G(H/K) \in \mathcal{A}(p-1)$ .

Let f be a formation function and E be a normal subgroup of G. We say that G acts f-centrally on E if  $G/C_G(H/K) \in f(p)$  for every chief factor H/K of G below E and every prime p dividing |H/K| ([5], p. 387, Definitions 6.2). Fixing a prime p, define a formation function  $g_p$  as follows:

$$g_p(q) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{A}(p-1) & \text{(if } q = p)\\ \text{all finite group} & \text{(if } q \neq p) \end{cases}$$



From Lemma 2.8, we can see that E is p-hypercyclically embedded in G if and only if G acts  $g_p$ -centrally on E. By applying [5, p. 388, Theorem 6. 7], we get the following useful results:

**Lemma 2.9** A normal subgroup E of G is p-hypercyclically embedded in G if and only if  $E/\Phi(E)$  is p-hypercyclically embedded in  $G/\Phi(E)$ .

Then the following lemma is evident.

**Lemma 2.10** Let K and L be two normal subgroups of G contained in E. If E/K is p-hypercyclically embedded in G/K and E/L is p-hypercyclically embedded in G/L, then  $E/(L \cap K)$  is p-hypercyclically embedded in  $G/(L \cap K)$ .

The following proposition indicates that Theorem A holds when  $p^d = p$ .

**Proposition 2.11** Let E be a normal subgroup of G. If all cyclic subgroups of  $E_p$  with order p and 4 (if a quaternion group is involved in  $E_p$ ) are c-normal in G, then E is p-hypercyclically embedded in G.

*Proof* Note that E is p-solvable by Lemma 2.6. Suppose that  $O_{p'}(E) > 1$ . Since the hypotheses hold for  $G/O_{p'}(E)$ , we conclude by induction that  $E/O_{p'}(E)$  is p-hypercyclically embedded in  $G/O_{p'}(E)$  and thus E is p-hypercyclically embedded in G. Suppose that  $O_{p'}(E) = 1$ . By Lemma 2.4,  $O_p(E) \le Z_{\mathcal{U}}(G)$ . As  $O_{p'}(E) = 1$ ,  $F_p(E) = O_p(E)$ . It follows that E is p-hypercyclically embedded in G by Lemma 2.7.

With the aid of the preceding results, we can now prove Theorem A.

*Proof of Theorem A.* Suppose that Theorem A is not true and let (G, E) be a counterexample such that |G| + |E| is minimal. Then the minimal choice of (G, E) implies that  $O_{p'}(E) = 1$ . If  $|E_p| = p$ , then  $E_p$  itself is c-normal in G and by Lemma 1.2,  $E_p$  is also c-normal in E. By Lemma 2.5, we know that E is p-solvable and consequently E is p-hypercyclically embedded in G since  $|E_p| = p$ . Therefore, we may assume that  $|E_p| > p$  and  $1 < p^d < |E_p|$ . By Proposition 2.11, we may further assume that  $p^d > p$ . By Lemma 2.6, E is E-solvable. We derive a contradiction through the following steps.

(1) If N is a minimal G-invariant subgroup of E, then |N| > p.

Suppose that |N| = p, then  $p^d > |N|$  by the assumption that  $p^d > p$ . Hence (G/N, E/N) also satisfies the hypotheses of this Theorem and E/N is *p*-hypercyclically embedded in G/N by the choice of (G, E). Since |N| = p, E is *p*-hypercyclically embedded in G, a contradiction. Hence |N| > p.

(2) If N is a minimal G-invariant subgroup of E, then  $p^d > |N|$ .

By Lemma 2.1 we have  $p^d \ge |N|$ . Suppose that  $p^d = |N|$ . Since  $p^d < |E_p|$  by our assumption,  $E_p$  has a subgroup H such that N is a maximal subgroup of H. By (1), N is not cyclic and so is H. Hence we can choose a maximal subgroup K of H other than N. Obviously we have H = NK. If  $N \cap K = 1$ , then |N| = |H|/|K| = p, a contradiction. Thus  $N \cap K \ne 1$  and  $|K| : K \cap N| = |KN| : N| = |H| : N| = p$ . Since  $K_G \cap N \le K \cap N < N$ , we have  $K_G \cap N = 1$ . Assume that  $K_G > 1$ .



Then  $|K_G| = |K_GN/N| = |H/N| = p$  and this contradicts (1). Therefore we have  $K_G = 1$ . Since  $|K| = |N| = p^d$ , K is c-normal in G by the hypotheses of this theorem. So there exists a proper normal subgroup L of G such that G = KL and  $K \cap L \leq K_G = 1$ . Since  $K \cap N \neq 1$  and  $K \cap L = 1$ , we have  $N \neq L$  and thus  $N \cap L = 1$ . Consequently, |NL| = |N||L| = |K||L| = |KL| = |G| and thus G = NL. Let M be a maximal subgroup of G containing G, then G = M is a G-group. Obviously G = NM and G = NM

(3)  $\Phi(E) = 1$  and E contains a unique minimal G-invariant subgroup, say N. Let E be any minimal E-invariant subgroup of E. Since E is easy to verify that E is atisfies the hypotheses of this theorem. Thus the minimal choice of E implies that E is E-hypercyclically embedded in E. By Lemma 2.9, we have E is E invariant subgroup, say E.

## (4) Final contradiction.

Since  $\Phi(E)=1$ , E is split over N (see [5, Chap. A, 9.10]). Hence E=[N]Y for some subgroup Y of E, and so  $E_p=[N]Y_p$  for some  $Y_p\in Syl_p(Y)$ . Let U be a maximal subgroup of N such that U is  $E_p$ -invariant. Since  $d_p<|E_p|$ , we may take a subgroup D=UV such that  $V\leq Y_p$  and  $|D|=p^d$ . Assume that  $D_G>1$ . Then  $D\geq D_G\geq N$  because N is the unique minimal G-invariant subgroup of E, a contradiction. Hence  $D_G=1$ . Now, the hypotheses imply that G=D[L] for some G-invariant subgroup E. Note that  $E\cap E=1$  contrary to E0 is a nontrivial normal subgroup of E1, so E2 is a nontrivial normal subgroup of E3.

*Remark* The conclusion of Theorem A does not hold if we replace "c-normal" with "c-supplemented" in the hypothesis. One can take  $A_5$  for example. Obviously, every subgroup of  $A_5$  with order 5 is c-supplemented in  $A_5$ , but  $A_5$  is not 5-hypercyclically embedded in itself.

**Corollary 2.12** Let p be a fixed prime and  $G_p$  be a Sylow p-subgroup of a finite group G. Suppose that  $p^d$  is a prime power such that  $1 < p^d \le \max(|G_p|/p, p)$ . If all the subgroups of  $G_p$  with order  $p^d$  and  $2p^d$  (if a quaternion group is involved in  $G_p$ ) are c-normal in G, then G is p-supersolvable.

**Corollary 2.13** Let p be a fixed prime and E be a normal subgroup of a finite group G. Suppose that  $E_p$  is a Sylow p-subgroup of E and  $p^d$  is a prime power such that  $1 < p^d \le \max(|E_p|/p, p)$ . If G/E is p-supersolvable and all the subgroups of  $E_p$  with order  $p^d$  and  $2p^d$  (if a quaternion group is involved in  $E_p$ ) are e-normal in e0, then e0 is e1-supersolvable.

**Corollary 2.14** Let p be a fixed prime and E be a normal subgroup of a finite group G. Suppose that  $E_p$  is a Sylow p-subgroup of E and  $p^d$  is a prime power such that  $1 < d \le \max(|E_p|/p, p)$ . Suppose that  $N_G(E_p)$  is p-nilpotent. If either  $E_p$  is abelian or every subgroup of  $E_p$  with order  $p^d$  and  $2p^d$  (if a quaternion group is involved in  $E_p$ ) is e-normal in E, then e is e-nilpotent.



*Proof* If  $E_p$  is abelian, then E is p-nilpotent by Burnside's theorem. If  $E_p$  is not abelian, then E is p-supersolvable by Theorem A. In both cases, we have that  $E_p \circ_{p'}(E)$  is a normal subgroup of G. By Frattini argument,  $G = N_G(E_p) \circ_{p'}(E)$ . Note that  $N_G(E_p)$  is p-nilpotent by hypotheses, and we have that G is p-nilpotent, as wanted.

**Corollary 2.15** Let p be a fixed prime and  $G_p$  be a Sylow p-subgroup of a finite group G. Suppose that  $p^d$  is a prime power such that  $1 < p^d \le \max(|G_p|/p, p)$ . Suppose that  $N_G(G_p)$  is p-nilpotent. If all the subgroups of  $G_p$  with order  $p^d$  and  $2p^d$  (if a quaternion group is involved in  $G_p$ ) are c-normal in G, then G is p-nilpotent.

# 3 Some Applications

In this section, we give some applications to show that we can apply our results to get some known results.

**Corollary 3.1** ([2, Theorem 3.4]) Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a saturated formation containing  $\mathcal{U}$ . If all minimal subgroups and all cyclic subgroups with order 4 of  $G^{\mathcal{F}}$  are c-normal in G, then  $G \in \mathcal{F}$ .

*Proof* From Theorem A, we know that  $G^{\mathcal{F}}$  is p-hypercentrally embedded in G for all  $p \in \pi(G^{\mathcal{F}})$  and thus  $G^{\mathcal{F}} \leq Z_{\mathcal{U}}(G)$ . Since  $\mathcal{F}$  is a saturated formation containing  $\mathcal{U}$ , we have that  $Z_{\mathcal{U}}(G) \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G)$ . Consequently,  $G \in \mathcal{F}$  because  $G/G^{\mathcal{F}} \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $G^{\mathcal{F}} \leq Z_{\mathcal{U}}(G) \leq Z_{\mathcal{F}}(G)$ .

The following lemma is evident.

**Lemma 3.2** Let G be a group and p be a prime such that (p-1, |G|) = 1. Then G is p-nilpotent if and only if G is p-supersolvable.

**Corollary 3.3** ([12, Theorem 0.1]) Let E be a normal subgroup of a group G of odd order such that G/E is supersolvable. Suppose that every non-cyclic Sylow subgroup P of E has a subgroup D such that 1 < |D| < |P| and all subgroups H of P with order |H| = |D| are c-normal in G. Then G is supersolvable.

*Proof* Let p be the minimal prime divisor of |E|. If  $E_p$  is cyclic, then E is p-nilpotent by [14, Lemma 2.8]. If  $E_p$  is not cyclic, then by Theorem A, E is p-supersolvable and thus p-nilpotent by Lemma 3.2. By repeating this argument, we know that E has a Sylow-tower and therefore E is solvable. Let p be any prime divisor of |E|. If  $E_p$  is cyclic, then E is p-hypercentrally embedded in G since now E is p-solvable. If  $E_p$  is not cyclic, then E is also p-hypercentrally embedded in G by Theorem A. Therefore we have  $E \leq Z_{\mathcal{U}}(G)$ . It follows that G is supersolvable since G/E is supersolvable and  $E \leq Z_{\mathcal{U}}(G)$ .

**Corollary 3.4** ([9, Theorem 3.1]) Let p be an odd prime dividing the order of a group G and P be a Sylow p-subgroup of G. If  $N_G(P)$  is p-nilpotent and every maximal subgroup of P is c-normal in G, then G is p-nilpotent.



**Corollary 3.5** ([9, Theorem 3.4]) Let p be the smallest prime dividing the order of a group G and P be a Sylow p-subgroup of G. If every maximal subgroup of P is c-normal in G, then G is p-nilpotent.

*Proof* If |P| = p, then G is p-nilpotent by [14, Lemma 2.8]. If |P| > p, then by Corollary 2.12 G is p-supersolvable. Hence G is p-nilpotent by Lemma 3.2.  $\square$ 

**Corollary 3.6** ([9, Theorem 3.6]) Let p be the smallest prime dividing the order of group G and P be a Sylow p-subgroup of G. If every minimal subgroup of  $P \cap G'$  is c-normal in G and when p = 2, either every cyclic subgroup of  $P \cap G'$  with order 4 is also c-normal in G is G and G is G and G is G is G in G is G in G is G in G in G is G in G in G is G in G is G in G

*Proof* By Theorem A, G' is p-hypercyclically embedded in G. Since G/G' is abelian, G is p-supersolvable. It then follows from Lemma 3.2 that G is p-nilpotent.  $\square$ 

**Corollary 3.7** ([9, Corollary 3.9]) Let p be an odd prime dividing the order of a group G and P be a Sylow p-subgroup of G. If every minimal subgroup of  $P \cap G'$  is c-normal in G, then G is p-supersolvable.

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