# THE INFLUENCE OF SOME SUBGROUPS OF PRIME POWER ORDERS ON THE STRUCTURE OF A FINITE GROUP

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Let G be a finite group. A subgroup of G is called S-quasinormal in G if it permutes with each Sylow subgroup of G. In this paper, we investigate the structure of the finite group G when certain abelian subgroups of largest possible exponent of prime power orders are S-quasinormal in G.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

All groups considered in this paper will be finite.

A subgroup of a group G which permutes with each subgroup of G is called a quasinormal subgroup of G. We say, following Kegel [13], that a subgroup of G is S-quasinormal in G if it permutes with each Sylow subgroup of G.

In 2017, Ezzat et al. [11], introduced the following definition: let  $\mathfrak{F}$  be a class of groups. A subgroup H of a group G is  $\mathfrak{F}_{hq}$ -supplemented in G if G has a quasinormal subgroup N such that HN is a Hall subgroup of G and  $(H \cap N)H_G/H_G \leq Z_{\mathfrak{F}}(G/H_G)$ , where  $H_G$  is the core of H in G and  $Z_{\mathfrak{F}}(G/H_G)$ is the  $\mathfrak{F}$ -hypercenter of  $G/H_G$ . A 2-group is called quaternion-free if it has no section isomorphic to the quaternion group of order 8. If P is a p-group, we denote  $\Omega(P) = \Omega_1(P)$  if p > 2 and  $\Omega(P) = \langle \Omega_1(P), \Omega_2(P) \rangle$  if p = 2, where  $\Omega_i(P) = \langle x \in P \mid |x| = p^i \rangle$ . We define  $D(G) = \cap\{H \mid H \lhd G \text{ and } G/H \text{ is} nilpotent\}$  and call it the nilpotent residual of G.

Many authors have examined the structure of a finite group G under the assumption that certain subgroups of G of prime power orders are well-situated in G.

Itô [14] proved that a group G of odd order is nilpotent provided that each subgroup of G of prime order lies in the center of G. A sharpened form of Itô's result is the following statement ([12], p. 435): if, for an odd prime p, each subgroup of G of order p lies in the center of G, then G is p-nilpotent and that if each subgroup of G of order 2 and 4 lie in the center of G, then G is 2-nilpotent.

Buckley [7], proved that a group G of odd order is supersolvable if each subgroup of G of prime order is normal in G.

Asaad et al. [6] proved that: let P be a Sylow p-subgroup of a finite group G and put  $\exp \Omega(P) = p^{e_p}(e_p \ge 1)$ . If each member of the family  $\{H \mid H \le \Omega(P), H' = 1, \exp H = p^{e_p}, p$  ranging through each prime dividing the order of  $G\}$  is normal in G, then G is supersolvable. Also, Asaad et al. [5] continued to study the influence of abelian subgroups of largest possible exponent of prime power order (they call such subgroups ALPE-subgroups) on the structure of G. Shomrani and Ezzat [2] proved that: let G be a group. If, for each Sylow subgroup P of G, the ALPE-subgroups of  $\Omega(G' \cap P)$  are quasinormal in G, then G is supersolvable. Ezzat et al. [11] proved that if the maximal subgroups of the Sylow subgroups of a group G are  $\mathfrak{U}_{hq}$ -supplemented in G, then  $G \in \mathfrak{U}$ , where  $\mathfrak{U}$  is the class of supersolvable groups. Recently, Ezzat et al. [10] proved that: if the cyclic subgroups of prime order or order 4 of a group G are  $\mathfrak{U}_{hq}$ -supplemented in G, then  $G \in \mathfrak{U}$ .

In the present paper, we prove the following three theorems:

THEOREM 1. Let p be the smallest prime dividing the order of a group G and let P be a Sylow p-subgroup of G. Fix an ALPE-subgroup A(P) of  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P)$  having maximal order. If p = 2, suppose P is quaternion-free. Then the following statements are equivalent:

(a) G is p-nilpotent.

(b) the ALPE-subgroups of A(P) are S-quasinormal in G.

(c)  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P) \leq Z(P)$  and the ALPE-subgroups of A(P) are S-quasinormal in  $N_G(P)$ .

The argument which established Theorem 1 can easily be adapted to yield the following three corollaries.

COROLLARY 1. Let p be the smallest prime dividing the order of a group G and let P be a Sylow p-subgroup of G. Fix an ALPE-subgroup A(P) of  $\Omega(D(G) \cap P)$  having maximal order. If the ALPE-subgroups of A(P) are S-quasinormal in G. Then G is p-nilpotent.

COROLLARY 2 (Shomrani and Ezzat Mohamed [2; Lemma 3.1]). Let p be the smallest prime dividing the order of a group G and let P be a Sylow p-subgroup of G. If the ALPE-subgroups of  $\Omega(G' \cap P)$  are quasinormal in G. Then G is p-nilpotent.

COROLLARY 3. Let P be a Sylow 2-subgroup of a group G. If P is quaternion-free and  $\Omega_1(P) \leq Z(G)$ . Then G is p-nilpotent.

The following examples show that the quaternion-free and the condition involving Z(P) hypothesis are necessary in Theorem 1.

*Example* 1. Take G = SL(2,3). Then the Sylow 2-subgroup P of G is the quaternion group of order 8 and D(G) = P and  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P)$  is a cyclic subgroup of order 2 lies in Z(P). Clearly, G is not 2-nilpotent.

Example 2. Take  $G = S_4$ , the symmetric group of degree four. Then the Sylow 2-subgroup P of G is the dihedral group  $\langle a, b \mid a^4 = b^2 = 1, bab^{-1} = a^{-1} \rangle$  of order 8, and  $D(G) = A_4$  is the alternating group of degree four. Hence  $N_G(P) = P$  and  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P)$  is not contained in Z(P). Clearly, G is not 2-nilpotent.

THEOREM 2. Let G be a quaternion-free group. For each Sylow subgroup P of G, fix an ALPE-subgroup A(P) of  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P)$  having maximal order. Then G is supersolvable if one of the following conditions holds:

(a) the ALPE-subgroups of A(P) are S-quasinormal in G.

(b)  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P) \leq Z(P)$  and the ALPE-subgroups of A(P) are S-quasinormal in  $N_G(P)$ .

Also, the argument which established Theorem 2 can easily be adapted to yield the following three corollaries.

COROLLARY 4. Let G be a group. For each Sylow subgroup P of G, fix an ALPE-subgroup A(P) of  $\Omega(D(G) \cap P)$  having maximal order. If the ALPEsubgroups of A(P) are S-quasinormal in G, then G is supersolvable.

COROLLARY 5 (Shomrani and Ezzat Mohamed [2; Theorem 3.3]). Let G be a group. If, for each Sylow subgroup P of G, the ALPE-subgroups of  $\Omega(G' \cap P)$  are quasinormal in G, then G is supersolvable.

COROLLARY 6 (Buckley [7]). Assume that G is a group of odd order and that each subgroup of G of prime order is normal in G. Then G is supersolvable.

Theorem 2 is not true if we omit the condition  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P) \leq Z(P)$ , the symmetric group of degree four  $S_4$  is a counterexample. The following example shows that the quaternion-free hypothesis is necessary in Theorem 2.

Example 3. Let Q be the quaternion group

 $< a, b|a^4 = 1, b^2 = a^2, b^{-1}ab = a^{-1} >,$ 

 $C_9$  be a cyclic group of order 9 with generator c and the action of  $C_9$  on Q is given by  $a^c = b$ ,  $b^c = ab$ . Let the group G be the semi-direct product of Q by

 $C_9$ . Then G is a group of even order in which each subgroup of prime order is normal in G but G is not supersolvable (see Buckley, [7, Examples (iii)]).

THEOREM 3. Let K be a normal subgroup of a quaternion-free group G such that G/K is supersolvable. For each Sylow subgroup P of K, fix an ALPEsubgroup A(P) of  $\Omega_1(D(G)\cap P)$  having maximal order. Then G is supersolvable if one of the following conditions holds:

(a) the ALPE-subgroups of A(P) are S-quasinormal in G.

(b)  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P) \leq Z(P)$  and the ALPE-subgroups of A(P) are S-quasinormal in  $N_G(P)$ .

The argument which established Theorem 3 can easily be adapted to yield the following two corollaries.

COROLLARY 7. Let K be a normal subgroup of a group G such that G/Kis supersolvable. For each Sylow subgroup P of K, fix an ALPE-subgroup A(P)of  $\Omega(D(G) \cap P)$  having maximal order. If the ALPE-subgroups of A(P) are S-quasinormal in G, then G is supersolvable.

COROLLARY 8 (Shomrani and Ezzat Mohamed [2; Theorem 3.4]). Let K be a normal subgroup of a group G such that G/K is supersolvable. If, for each Sylow subgroup P of K, the ALPE-subgroups of  $\Omega(G' \cap P)$  are quasinormal in G, then G is supersolvable.

### 2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section, we collect some definitions and results that are needed in the sequel.

Recall here that the quasicenter Q(G) of a group G is the subgroup generated by all elements x of G such that  $\langle x \rangle$  is quasinormal in G. The hyperquasicenter  $Q_{\infty}(G)$  is the largest term of the series

$$1 = Q_0(G) \le Q_1(G) = Q(G) \le Q_2(G) \le \dots$$
,

where  $Q_{i+1}(G)/Q_i(G) = Q(G/Q_i(G))$  for all i > 0.

We say that a normal subgroup H of G is supersolvably embedded in G, if each chief factor of G which lies in H has prime order. It is easily verified that if H, K are normal subgroups of G with both H, K supersolvably embedded in G, then HK is supersolvably embedded in G. From this, a group G has a unique maximal supersolvably embedded subgroup.

The hyperquasicenter  $Q_{\infty}(G)$  is the largest supersolvably embedded subgroup of G (see Weinstein [15; p. 33]).

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The generalized center genz(G) of G is the subgroup generated by all elements x of G such that  $\langle x \rangle$  is S- quasinormal in G. The generalized hypercenter  $genz_{\infty}(G)$  is the largest term of the series

$$1 = genz_0(G) \le genz_1(G) = genz(G) \le genz_2(G) \le \dots,$$

where  $genz_{i+1}(G)/genz_i(G) = genz(G/genz_i(G))$  for all i > 0. It is known that  $Q_{\infty}(G) \leq genz_{\infty}(G)$  (see Weinstein, [15; pp. 33–34]). Asaad and Ezzat Mohamed [4] gave a new characterization of  $genz_{\infty}(G)$  by introducing the following definition: A normal subgroup H of a group G is a generalized supersolvably embedded (GSE) in G if there exists a series

$$1 = H_0 \le H_1 \le H_2 \le \dots ,$$

such that  $H_i$  is S-quasinormal in G and  $|H_{i+1}: H_i|$  is a prime, where  $0 \leq i \leq n-1$ . It is easily verified that if H and K are normal GSE subgroups of G, then HK is GSE in G. From this, a group G has a unique maximal generalized supersolvably embedded subgroup of G and it is denoted by GSE(G). The generalized hypercenter  $genz_{\infty}(G)$  is the maximal generalized supersolvably embedded GSE(G) (see Asaad and Ezzat Mohamed, [4; p. 2243]).

LEMMA 1. Let P be a normal p-subgroup of a group G. Fix an ALPEsubgroup A(P) of P having maximal order.

(a) If the ALPE-subgroups of A(P) are normal in G, then P is supersolvably embedded in G, i.e.,  $P \leq Q_{\infty}(G)$ .

(b) If the ALPE-subgroups of A(P) are S-quasinormal in G, then P is GSE in G, i.e.,  $P \leq genz_{\infty}(G)$ .

*Proof.* See [5; Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 3.2].  $\Box$ 

LEMMA 2. Let P be a Sylow p-subgroup of G. If p = 2, suppose P is quaternion-free. Then the following statements are equivalent:

(a) G is p-nilpotent.

(b)  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P) \leq Z(N_G(P)).$ 

(c)  $N_G(P)$  is p-nilpotent and  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P \cap P^x) \leq Z(P)$ , for all  $x \in G \setminus N_G(P)$ .

*Proof.* See [3; Theorem 1].  $\Box$ 

LEMMA 3. (a) If  $H \leq K \leq G$  and H is S-quasinormal in G, then H is S-quasinormal in K.

(b) If H is S-quasinormal in G, then H is subnormal in G.

(c) Let H be a p-subgroup for some prime p. If H is S-quasinormal in G, then  $O^p(G) \leq N_G(H)$ , where

 $O^p(G) = \langle Q \mid Q \text{ is a Sylow } q \text{-subgroup of } G, \text{ with } q \neq p \rangle.$ 

(d) Let H be a normal subgroup of G and K an S-quasinormal subgroup of G. Then KH is an S-quasinormal subgroup of G and KH/H is an S-quasinormal subgroup of G/H.

*Proof.* (a), (b): See [13].

(c) Let Q be any Sylow q-subgroup of G, with  $q \neq p$ .

Since *H* is *S*-quasinormal in *G*, it follows that *HQ* is a subgroup of *G*. By (a) and (b), *H* is subnormal in *HQ*, and since *H* is a *p*-subgroup of *G*, it follows that *H* is normal in *HQ* for each Sylow *q*-subgroup *Q* of *G*, with  $q \neq p$ . Hence  $O^p(G) \leq N_G(H)$ .

(d) Is clear.  $\Box$ 

LEMMA 4. Let  $H \triangleleft G$  such that H is GSE in G. If  $H \leq K \leq G$ , then H is GSE in K.

*Proof.* Since H is GSE in G, it follows that there is a series

 $1 = H_0 < H_1 < \dots < H_n = H$ 

such that  $H_i$  is S-quasinormal in G and  $|H_{i+1}: H_i| = prime$  for all  $0 \le i \le n-1$ . By Lemma 3,  $H_i$  is S-quasinormal in K for all  $0 \le i \le n-1$ . Hence H is GSE in K.  $\Box$ 

LEMMA 5. If K is a supersolvable subgroup of G, then  $genz_{\infty}(G)K$  is supersolvable.

*Proof.* See [1; Theorem 2.9].  $\Box$ 

LEMMA 6. Let G be a group. For each Sylow subgroup P of G, fix an ALPE-subgroup A(P) of  $\Omega(P)$  having maximal order. Write

 $A = \langle A(P) \mid P \text{ is a Sylow subgroup of } G \rangle$ 

Then G is supersolvable if and only if  $A \leq Q_{\infty}(G)$ .

*Proof.* See [9; Corollary 3.3].  $\Box$ 

LEMMA 7. (a) Let p be the smallest prime dividing the order of G and let P be a Sylow p-subgroup of G. If  $\Omega(P) \leq genz_{\infty}(G)$ , then G is p-nilpotent.

(b) Let P be a normal p-subgroup of G such that G/P is supersolvable. If  $\Omega(P) \leq genz_{\infty}(G)$ , then G is supersolvable.

*Proof.* (a) see [4; Lemma 3.8] and (b) see [4; Theorem 3.11].  $\Box$ 

#### 3. PROOFS

Proof of Theorem 1. If G is p-nilpotent, then  $D(G) \leq O_{p'}(G)$  and  $D(G) \cap P = 1$ . So (a) implies (b) and (c).

(b)  $\implies$  (a). Assume that the result is false and let G be a counterexample of minimal order. Let H be any ALPE-subgroup of A(P). By hypothesis, H is an S-quasinormal subgroup of G. Then  $HQ \leq G$ , for each Sylow q-subgroup Q of G with  $q \neq p$ . Hence H is a normal subgroup of HQ. Since A(P) is abelian, it follows that  $H \triangleleft A(P)Q$ . Then by Lemma 1(a), A(P) is supersolvably embedded in A(P)Q and so A(P)Q is supersolvable. Hence  $A(P)Q = A(P) \times Q$ . Thus  $O^p(G) \leq C_G(A(P))$ . Since  $G/O^p(G)$  is a p-group, it follows that  $D(G) \leq O^p(G)$ . Then  $A(P) \leq Z(D(G))$  and so  $A(P) = \Omega_1(D(G) \cap P)$  by the maximality of A(P). Then by Lemma 2, D(G)is p-nilpotent. Hence  $D(G) = (D(G) \cap P)K$ , where K is a normal p'-Hall subgroup of D(G). Since K char D(G) and  $D(G) \triangleleft G$ , it follows that K is a normal subgroup of G. If K = 1, then  $D(G) \leq P$  and so  $P \triangleleft G$ . By Schur-Zassenhaus theorem, G possesses a p'-Hall subgroup N such that  $G/P \cong N$ . Clearly, N is nilpotent and  $\Omega_1(D(G))N \leq G$ . Since the ALPE-subgroups of  $A(P) = \Omega_1(D(G))$  are S-quasinormal in G, it follows by Lemma 1(b), that  $\Omega_1(D(G))$  is GSE in G. Then by Lemma 4,  $\Omega_1(D(G))$  is GSE in  $\Omega_1(D(G))N$ , i.e.,  $\Omega_1(D(G)) \leq genz_{\infty}(\Omega_1(D(G)N))$ . By Lemma 5,  $\Omega_1(D(G))N$  is supersolvable and so  $\Omega_1(D(G))N$  is p-nilpotent. Hence  $N \leq C_G(\Omega_1(D(G)))$  and since  $\Omega_1(D(G)) \leq Z(D(G))$ , it follows that  $\Omega_1(D(G)) \leq Z(D(G)N)$ . Then by Lemma 2, D(G)N is *p*-nilpotent. Hence N char D(G)N and since  $D(G)N \triangleleft G$ , it follows that  $N \triangleleft G$ , i.e., G is p-nilpotent; a contradiction. Thus we may assume that  $K \neq 1$ . Clearly, D(G/K) = D(G)/K. By hypothesis and Lemma 3(d), our hypothesis carries over to G/K. Then G/K is p-nilpotent, by the minimality of G. Hence G is p-nilpotent; a final contradiction.

(c)  $\Longrightarrow$  (a). Since  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P) \leq Z(P)$ , it follows that  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P)$  is elementary abelian. So  $A(P) = \Omega_1(D(G) \cap P)$  and since the ALPE-subgroups of A(P) are S-quasinormal in  $N_G(P)$ , it follows that every subgroup of  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P)$  is S-quasinormal in  $N_G(P)$ . Clearly,  $D(N_G(P)) \leq D(G)$ . So  $\Omega_1(D(N_G(P)) \cap P) \leq \Omega_1(D(G) \cap P)$ . Then every subgroup of  $\Omega_1(D(N_G(P) \cap P))$  is S-quasinormal in  $N_G(P)$ . Then every subgroup of  $\Omega_1(D(N_G(P) \cap P)) \leq \Omega_1(D(G) \cap P)$ . Then every subgroup of  $\Omega_1(D(N_G(P) \cap P))$  is S-quasinormal in  $N_G(P)$ . Hence  $N_G(P)$  is p-nilpotent, by the statement (b)  $\Longrightarrow$  (a). Therefore G is p-nilpotent, by Lemma 2.  $\Box$ 

Proof of Theorem 2. (a) Suppose that the ALPE-subgroups of A(P) are S-quasinormal in G. Theorem 1 implies that G is r-nilpotent, where r is the smallest prime dividing the order of G. Then G = RK, where R is a Sylow r-subgroup of G and K is a normal r'-Hall subgroup of G. Since  $G/K \cong R$ 

is nilpotent, it follows that  $D(G) \leq K$ . Hence D(G) is a group of odd order. Let H be any ALPE-subgroup of A(P). By hypothesis H is S-quasinormal in G. Then by Lemma 3(c),  $O^p(G) \leq N_G(H)$ , where A(P) is a p-group. Since  $D(G) \leq O^p(G)$ , it follows that  $H \triangleleft D(G)$ . So the ALPE-subgroups of A(P) are normal in D(G). Then by Lemma 1(a),  $A(P) \leq Q_{\infty}(D(G))$ , for each Sylow subgroup P of G. Hence by Lemma 6, D(G) is supersolvable. Thus  $D(G) \cap P \triangleleft D(G)$ , where  $D(G) \cap P$  is a Sylow p-subgroup of D(G) and p is the largest prime dividing the order of D(G). Since  $D(G) \cap P$  char D(G) and  $D(G) \triangleleft G$ , it follows that  $D(G) \cap P \triangleleft G$ . Clearly,  $D(G/D(G) \cap P) = D(G)/D(G) \cap P$ . By hypothesis and Lemma 3(d), our hypothesis carries over to  $G/D(G) \cap P$ . Then  $G/D(G) \cap P$  is supersolvable, by the induction on the order of G. Since  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P)$  char  $D(G) \cap P$  and  $D(G) \cap P \triangleleft G$ , it follows that  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P) \triangleleft G$ . By hypothesis and Lemma 1(b),  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P) \leq genz_{\infty}(G)$ . Hence G is supersolvable, by Lemma 7(b).

(b) Suppose that  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P) \leq Z(P)$  and the ALPE-subgroups of A(P) are S-quasinormal in  $N_G(P)$ . Theorem 1 implies that G is r-nilpotent, where r is the smallest prime dividing the order of G. Then G = RK, where R is a Sylow r-subgroup of G and K is a normal r'-Hall subgroup of G. Since  $G/K \cong R$  is nilpotent, it follows that  $D(G) \leq K$ . Hence D(G) is a group of odd order. Since  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P) \leq Z(P)$ , it follows that  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P)$ is elementary abelian and so  $A(P) = \Omega_1(D(G) \cap P)$ . Then each subgroup of  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P)$  is S-quasinormal in  $N_G(P)$ , for each Sylow subgroup P Clearly,  $D(K) \leq D(G)$ . Then by Lemma 3(a), each subgroup of of G.  $\Omega_1(D(K) \cap P)$  is S-quasinormal in  $N_G(P) \cap K = N_K(P)$ , for each Sylow subgroup P of K. Hence K is supersolvable by the induction on the order of G. Then Q char K, where Q is a Sylow q-subgroup of K and q is the largest prime dividing the order of K, and since  $K \triangleleft G$ , it follows that  $Q \triangleleft G$ . Now consider the factor group G/Q. Put D(G/Q) = L/Q. Since  $G/L \cong (G/Q)/(L/Q)$  is nilpotent, it follows that  $D(G)Q \leq L$  and since  $(G/Q)/(D(G)Q/Q) \cong G/D(G)Q$  is nilpotent, it follows that  $L \leq D(G)Q$ . Hence L = D(G)Q, i.e., D(G/Q) = D(G)Q/Q. For each Sylow subgroup P of *G*, if (|P|, q) = 1, then  $|P \cap Q| = 1$  and  $|D(G)P \cap Q| = |D(G) \cap Q|$ . So

$$|(D(G) \cap Q)(P \cap Q)| = \frac{|D(G) \cap Q| |P \cap Q|}{|D(G) \cap Q \cap P|} = |D(G) \cap Q| = |D(G)P \cap Q|.$$

Also, if (|P|, q) = q, then P = Q as  $Q \triangleleft G$  and so

$$|(D(G) \cap Q)(P \cap Q)| = |Q| = |D(G)P \cap Q|.$$

Hence, for each Sylow subgroup P of G,  $|(D(G) \cap Q)(P \cap Q)| = |D(G)P \cap Q|$ and since  $(D(G) \cap Q)(P \cap Q) \leq D(G)P \cap Q$ , it follows that

$$(D(G) \cap Q)(P \cap Q) = D(G)P \cap Q.$$

Then by [8; Lemma 1.2, p. 2],  $D(G)Q \cap PQ = (D(G) \cap P)Q$ . Hence  $\Omega_1(D(G/Q) \cap PQ/Q) = \Omega_1(D(G)Q/Q \cap PQ/Q) = \Omega_1((D(G)Q \cap PQ)/Q)$  $= \Omega_1((D(G) \cap P)Q/Q) = \Omega_1(D(G) \cap P)Q/Q \le Z(P)Q/Q \le Z(PQ/Q).$ 

Clearly, A(P)Q/Q is an ALPE-subgroup of  $\Omega_1(D(G/Q) \cap PQ/Q)$  of maximal order. By hypothesis and Lemma 3(d), the ALPE-subgroups of A(P)Q/Qare S-quasinormal in  $N_G(P)Q/Q = N_{G/Q}(PQ/Q)$ . Then our hypothesis carries over to G/Q. Hence G/Q is supersolvable by the induction on the order of G. So  $G/D(G) \cap Q$  is supersolvable.

Since each subgroup H of  $A(Q) = \Omega_1(D(G) \cap Q)$  is S-quasinormal in  $N_G(Q) = G$ , it follows by Lemma 3(c), that  $O^q(G) \leq N_G(H)$  and since  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap Q) \leq Z(Q)$ , it follows that  $H \triangleleft G$ . Then by Lemma 1(a),  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap Q) \leq Q_\infty(G)$  and so  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap Q) \leq genz_\infty(G)$ . Hence G is supersolvable, by Lemma 7(b).  $\square$ 

Proof of Theorem 3. By Theorem 2, K is supersolvable. Then P char K, where P is a Sylow p-subgroup of K and p is the largest prime dividing the order of K, and since  $K \triangleleft G$ , it follows that  $P \triangleleft G$ . Since G/K is supersolvable, it follows that  $G/D(G) \cap K$  is supersolvable. Then

 $(G/D(G) \cap P)/(D(G) \cap K/D(G) \cap P) \cong G/D(G) \cap K$ 

is supersolvable. By hypothesis and Lemma 3(d), our hypothesis carries over to  $G/D(G) \cap P$ . Then  $G/D(G) \cap P$  is supersolvable by the induction on the order of G. Since  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P)$  char  $D(G) \cap P$ , it follows that  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P) \triangleleft G$ . By the hypothesis (a) and (b), the ALPE-subgroups of A(P) are S-quasinormal in  $G = N_G(P)$ . Then by Lemma 1(b),  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P) \leq genz_{\infty}(G)$ . If p > 2, then G is supersolvable, by Lemma 7(b). Thus, we may assume that p = 2. So K = P is a 2-subgroup of G. Since G/P is supersolvable, it follows that G/P is 2-nilpotent. Then G/P possesses a normal 2'-Hall subgroup LP/P, where L is a 2'-Hall subgroup of G and so  $LP \lhd G$ . Since  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P) \lhd G$ , it follows that  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P)L \le G$ . Since  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P)L$ . Then by Lemma 7(a),  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P)L = \Omega_1(D(G) \cap P) \times L$ . Then  $L \le C_G(\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P))$ . So each subgroup of  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P)$  is S-quasinormal in LP.

Since  $\Omega_1(D(LP) \cap P) \leq \Omega_1(D(G) \cap P)$  and each subgroup of  $\Omega_1(D(G) \cap P)$ is S-quasinormal in LP, it follows by Theorem 1, that LP is 2-nilpotent. Then L char LP and since  $LP \lhd G$ , it follows that  $L \lhd G$ . Hence  $D(G) \leq L$ . Therefore  $G \cong G/D(G) \cap P$  is supersolvable.  $\Box$ 

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