

75. A Family of Finite Nilpotent Groups

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1. Introduction. The primary purpose of this paper is to show that Theorems 1 and 2 in our previous work [3] can be extended to a much wider class of p -genera of capitulation than of regular ones, as was mentioned there in Remark 3. But we shall be concerned here thoroughly with finite nilpotent groups.

As far as transfers of a p -group G to its normal subgroups are concerned, it was confirmed in [2] that we have

$$V_{G \rightarrow N}(g) = g^{[G:N]} \cdot [N, N]$$

for every $g \in G$ and every normal subgroup N of G if G is regular. Here $V_{G \rightarrow N}$ is the transfer of G to N and $[N, N]$ denotes the commutator subgroup of N . In this paper, we show that this phenomenon on transfers appears in the nilpotent groups of a wider family than that of regular groups. In fact, this new family is closed under the operation of taking direct products though the direct product of two regular p -groups is not necessarily regular in general (e.g. Weichsel [4]). It is also closed under the operation of taking quotient groups. But it should be noted that it is not closed under taking (normal) subgroups. We shall give a method of constructing members of the new family from a special type of p -groups which do not belong to the family, and see that there are a lot of irregular p -groups in the family even if $p=2$.

2. The property TNP of finite nilpotent groups. Let G be a finite nilpotent group.

Definition. G has the property TNP, or is a TNP-group if the transfer of G to every normal subgroup N of G coincides with the $[G:N]$ -th power map modulo $[N, N]$, or in other words, if we have

$$V_{G \rightarrow N}(g) = g^{[G:N]} \cdot [N, N] \quad \text{for } \forall g \in G$$

for every normal subgroup N of G .

Proposition 1. *A quotient group of a TNP-group is a TNP-group.*

Proof. Let G be a TNP-group, and M be a normal subgroup of G . Put $\bar{G} = G/M$. Then every normal subgroup \bar{N} of \bar{G} corresponds to a normal subgroup N of G containing M . Then $N \setminus G$ and $\bar{N} \setminus \bar{G}$ are canonically isomorphic. Therefore, by the definition of transfers, we have the commutative diagram,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G & \xrightarrow{V_{G \rightarrow N}} & N/[N, N] \\ \pi \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi' \\ \bar{G} = G/M & \xrightarrow{V_{\bar{G} \rightarrow \bar{N}}} & \bar{N}/[\bar{N}, \bar{N}] \end{array}$$

where π is the natural projection and π' is the homomorphism induced from π . The proposition is clear from the diagram.

Theorem 1. *Every regular p -group has the property TNP.*

Proof. Let G be a regular p -group and N be an arbitrary normal subgroup of G . Then $[N, N]$ is normal in G . Put $M = [N, N]$ and let us use the commutative diagram in the proof of Proposition 1. Then π' is the identity of $\bar{N} = N/[N, N]$. Since $\bar{G} = G/M$ is also a regular p -group, we can apply Theorem 4 of [2, I-1] to \bar{G} and its normal abelian subgroup \bar{N} , and obtain the theorem at once.

3. The construction of TNP-groups. We show a method of constructing a TNP-group using not only TNP-groups but also groups without the property TNP. First, we show

Proposition 2. *Let G be a finite nilpotent group, and M and X be its normal subgroups. Suppose that G/M has the property TNP. Then for each $g \in G$, we have*

$$V_{G \rightarrow X}(g) \equiv g^{[G:X]} \cdot [X, X] \text{ mod } V_{XM \rightarrow X}(M \cap [G, XM]) \cdot [X, M].$$

Proof. For $g \in G$, take $t \in G$ so that $V_{G \rightarrow XM}(g) = t \cdot [XM, XM]$. Then $V_{G \rightarrow X}(g) = V_{XM \rightarrow X}(t)$ by Huppert [1, Ch. IV, 1.6]. Put $y = g^{-[G:XM]} \cdot t$. This is an element of $M \cdot [XM, XM] = M \cdot [X, X]$ because G/M is a TNP-group by the assumption. It is clear by [1, Ch. IV, 1.7] that y belongs to $[G, XM]$. Therefore we have $y \in M \cdot [X, X] \cap [G, XM] = (M \cap [G, XM]) \cdot [X, X]$. Replacing t by $t \cdot u$ with $u \in [X, X]$ if necessary, we may assume that $V_{G \rightarrow XM}(g) = t \cdot [XM, XM]$ and $y = g^{-[G:XM]} \cdot t \in M \cap [G, XM]$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} V_{G \rightarrow X}(g) &= V_{XM \rightarrow X}(t) = V_{XM \rightarrow X}(g^{[G:XM]}) \cdot V_{XM \rightarrow X}(y) \\ &\equiv (g^{[G:XM]})^{[XM:X]} \cdot V_{XM \rightarrow X}(y) \text{ mod } [XM, X] \\ &\equiv g^{[G:X]} \cdot V_{XM \rightarrow X}(y) \text{ mod } [XM, X]. \end{aligned}$$

Since $[XM, X] = [X, M] \cdot [X, X]$, we have the desired result.

Corollary. *Let G be a p -group, and $K_1(G) = G \supset K_2(G) \supset \dots \supset K_n(G) \supset \dots$ be the lower central series of G . Let X be a normal subgroup of G . Then for each $g \in G$, we have*

$$V_{G \rightarrow X}(g) \equiv g^{[G:X]} \cdot [X, X] \text{ mod } V_{XK_p(G) \rightarrow X}(K_p(G) \cap [G, X]K_{p+1}(G)) \cdot [X, K_p(G)].$$

Proof. Since the class of $G/K_p(G)$ is less than p , it is a regular p -group (see Huppert [1, Ch. III, 10.2 a]). The corollary follows from Theorem 1 and Proposition 2 at once if we take $M = K_p(G)$.

Theorem 2. *Let G and H be finite nilpotent groups, and M and N be normal subgroups of G and H , respectively. Suppose that G/M and H/N have the property TNP. Then the quotient group $(G \times H)/D$*

of the direct product of G and H is a TNP-group if the normal subgroup D satisfies the following conditions (1) and (2):

- (1) $M \cap [G, G] \subset D \cdot [H, H]$; (2) $N \cap [H, H] \subset D \cdot [G, G]$.

Here G and H are considered naturally embedded in $G \times H$.

Proof. Put $S = G \times H$ and $\bar{S} = S/D$, and let $\pi : S \rightarrow \bar{S}$ be the natural projection. Every normal subgroup \bar{U} of \bar{S} corresponds to a normal subgroup U of S containing D by π . Let $V = V_{S \rightarrow U}$ and $\bar{V} = V_{\bar{S} \rightarrow \bar{U}}$ be the transfers. As is in the proof of Proposition 1 in § 2, we have $\bar{V} \circ \pi = \pi' \circ V$ where $\pi' : U/[U, U] \rightarrow \bar{U}/[\bar{U}, \bar{U}]$ is the homomorphism induced from π . Therefore, it is sufficient to show that

$$(*) \quad V(a) \equiv a^{[S:U]} \cdot [U, U] \pmod{D \cdot [U, U]} \quad \text{for } \forall a \in S.$$

It is enough to show (*) for each $g \in G$ and for each $h \in H$. In fact, if it be done, then for $a = g \cdot h \in S$ with $g \in G$ and $h \in H$, we have

$$V(a) = V(gh) = V(g) \cdot V(h) \equiv g^{[S:U]} \cdot h^{[S:U]} \cdot [U, U] \pmod{D \cdot [U, U]}.$$

Since g and h commute with each other, we have

$$g^{[S:U]} \cdot h^{[S:U]} = (gh)^{[S:U]} = a^{[S:U]}.$$

Now, we show (*) for $a = g \in G$. Put $T = U \cdot H$ and $X = G \cap T$. Then T and X are normal in S . Since a set of representatives for $X \setminus G$ is also that of $T \setminus S$, we see $V_{S \rightarrow T}(g) = V_{G \rightarrow X}(g) \cdot [T, T]$ by the definition. Since G/M is a TNP-group, we can find, by Proposition 2, an element u of $M \cap [G, G]$ such that $V_{G \rightarrow X}(g) = g^{[G:X]} \cdot u \cdot [X, X]$. (Note that $V_{XM \rightarrow X}(M \cap [G, XM]) \cdot [X, M] \subset M \cap [G, G]$ because X and M are normal in G .) Then by Huppert [1, Ch. IV, 1.6], we have

$$V_{S \rightarrow U}(g) = V_{T \rightarrow U}(g^{[G:X]}) \cdot V_{T \rightarrow U}(u).$$

Put $x = g^{[G:X]}$. It commutes with every element of H . Since $T = U \cdot H$, we can choose a set of representatives of $U \setminus T$ from H . Then it is easy to see that each $\langle x \rangle$ -orbit in $U \setminus T$ consists of $[\langle x \rangle U : U]$ cosets, and that $V_{T \rightarrow U}(x) = x^{[T:U]} \cdot [U, U]$ by [1, Ch. IV, 1.7]. Since $[G : X] = [S : T]$, we have $V_{T \rightarrow U}(g^{[G:X]}) = (g^{[G:X]})^{[T:U]} \cdot [U, U] = g^{[S:U]} \cdot [U, U]$. As for $V_{T \rightarrow U}(u)$, we can find $d \in D$ and $e \in [H, H]$ such that $u = d \cdot e$ by the assumption (1). Since $T = UH$, e belongs to $[T, T]$. Therefore $V_{T \rightarrow U}(u) = V_{T \rightarrow U}(d)$. Because D is normal in T , we have $V_{T \rightarrow U}(d) \in D \cdot [U, U] / [U, U]$ by [1, Ch. IV, 1.7]. Thus we have shown (*) for $a = g \in G$. For $a = h \in H$, we can similarly show (*) replacing the roles of G and H in the above argument by each other and the condition (1) by (2). Then the proof of the theorem is completed.

As the special case where $M = N = D = 1$, we have

Corollary 1. *The direct product of two TNP-groups is also a TNP-group.*

Corollary 2. *Let G be a finite nilpotent group, and M be a normal subgroup of G . Suppose that G/M is a TNP-group, and that $M \cap [G, G]$ lies in the center $Z(G)$ of G . Let $\text{Inn}(G)$ be the group of*

all the inner automorphisms of G . Then the semi-direct product $\text{Inn}(G) \cdot G$ has the property TNP.

Proof. Take a copy H of G and fix an isomorphism $\iota: G \rightarrow H$. Put $S = G \times H$ and $D = \{(g, \iota(g)) \mid g \in Z(G)\}$. Then D is a normal subgroup of S . We consider G and H embedded in S . Therefore, for example, $(g, \iota(g)) = g \cdot \iota(g)$. It is easy to see that the conditions (1) and (2) of Theorem 2 are satisfied if we take $N = \iota(M)$. Therefore $\bar{S} = S/D$ is a TNP-group. Put $\tilde{G} = \{g \cdot \iota(g) \mid g \in G\}$. Since $g \in G$ and $\iota(g') \in H$ commute each other in S , \tilde{G} is a subgroup of S and contains D as its center $Z(\tilde{G})$. Furthermore, S is the semi-direct product of \tilde{G} and G where \tilde{G} acts on G through inner automorphisms of S . It is now clear that $\bar{S} = S/D = (\tilde{G}/D) \cdot G$ is isomorphic to the semi-direct product $\text{Inn}(G) \cdot G$. Hence this is a TNP-group by Theorem 2. Q.E.D.

Corollary 3. *Let G be a finite nilpotent group. If either one of the following conditions (a) and (b) is satisfied, then $\text{Inn}(G) \cdot G$ is a TNP-group:*

- (a) $G/Z(G)$ is a TNP-group;
- (b) G is a p -group, the class of which is less than or equal to p .

Proof. On either case, we can take $M = Z(G)$ to apply Corollary 2 because a p -group of class less than p is regular and a TNP-group.

Remark. For each prime p , there is a p -group G of class p which does not have the property TNP. (Cf. [1, Ch. III, 10.15] and [2, II-3, 6].) But $\text{Inn}(G) \cdot G$ is a TNP-group by Corollary 3. This shows that the family of TNP-groups is not closed under the operation of taking (normal) subgroups. It seems very interesting to find a p -group which cannot be a (normal) subgroup of any TNP-groups.

Finally, we state an immediate consequence of Proposition 1 and Corollary 1 to Theorem 2.

Theorem 3. *A finite nilpotent group has the property TNP if and only if every Sylow subgroup is a TNP-group.*

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