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## The $p^*p$ -Injectors of a Finite Group.

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### 1. Introduction and notation.

All groups considered in this note are finite. In ([2], 5.4 Satz) Blessenohl and Laue gave the description of the  $\mathfrak{N}^*$ -injectors of a group  $G$ , where  $\mathfrak{N}^*$  is the class of the generalized nilpotent groups; these injectors are the subgroups  $VF^*(G)$ , where  $F^*(G)$  is the generalized Fitting subgroup of  $G$  and  $V$  describes the conjugacy class of the nilpotent injectors of the subgroup  $C_G(F^*(G)/F(G)) = C_G(E(G))$  where  $E(G)$  is the semisimple radical of  $G$ . In ([4], Proposition 8) it is shown that if  $\mathfrak{F}$  is a Fitting class between  $\mathfrak{N}$  (i.e. the class of nilpotent groups) and  $\mathfrak{N}^*$ , then in a group  $G$  such that  $F^*(G) \in \mathfrak{F}$  there is a unique conjugacy class of  $\mathfrak{F}$ -injectors that are precisely the  $\mathfrak{N}^*$ -injectors of  $G$ , and conversely.

The aim of this note is to give a description of the  $p^*$ -by- $p$  injectors and the  $p^*p$ -injectors of a group, by following the analogies between the class of semisimple groups and its radical  $E(G)$  and the class of  $p^*$ -groups and its radical  $O_{p^*}(G)$  (i.e. the generalized  $p'$ -core of  $G$ ) and those between the class of generalized nilpotent groups

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and its radical  $F^*(G)$  and the class of the  $p^*p$ -groups and its corresponding radical  $O_{p^*p}(G)$  as was developed by Bender in [1].

Given a fixed prime  $p$  we shall denote by  $\mathfrak{C}_p$  the class of all  $p$ -groups,  $\mathfrak{C}_{p'}$  the class of all  $p'$ -groups,  $\mathfrak{C}_{p^*}$  that of all  $p^*$ -groups and  $\mathfrak{C}_{p^*p}$  that of the  $p^*p$ -groups; the corresponding radicals in a group  $G$  are denoted, as usual, by  $O_p(G)$ ,  $O_{p'}(G)$ ,  $O_{p^*}(G)$  and  $O_{p^*p}(G)$ .  $O^p(G)$  is the  $p$ -residual of  $G$ . Finally if  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ ,  $C_G^*(H)$  is the generalized centralizer of  $H$  in  $G$ .

For all definitions we refer to Bender [1].

## 2. The injectors.

LEMMA 1. The class  $\mathfrak{C}_{p^*}\mathfrak{C}_p = (G: O^p(G) \in \mathfrak{C}_{p^*})$  is a Fitting class containing the Fitting class  $\mathfrak{C}_{p^*p}$ . The corresponding radical is  $O_{p^*p}(G)$ .

PROOF. The fact that  $\mathfrak{C}_{p^*}\mathfrak{C}_p$  is closed for normal subgroups is precisely ([3], Ch. X, 14.11). If  $G = N_1N_2$  such that  $N_i \trianglelefteq G$  and  $N_i \in \mathfrak{C}_{p^*}\mathfrak{C}_p$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , we have  $O_{p^*}(N_1)O_{p^*}(N_2) \leq O_{p^*}(G)$  and  $P \cap N_i$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $N_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , if  $P$  is such a subgroup of  $G$ , then  $N_i = (P \cap N_i)O_{p^*}(N_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , and finally we have  $G = PO_{p^*}(G)$ . For the remaining statements one can see ([1], 4.13) and ([1], 6.1 (iii), (iv)).

REMARKS. 1) The inclusion in the lemma is strict for every prime  $p$ , take for instance  $E$  a simple group with selfcentralizing Sylow  $p$ -subgroup  $P$  and  $C_p$  the cyclic group of order  $p$ , then the regular wreath product  $G = E \text{ wr } C_p$  does not belong to  $\mathfrak{C}_{p^*p}$  because  $C_G^*(P^p) \leq E^p$  (here  $E^p$  is the base group of  $G$  and  $P^p$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $E^p$ ).

2) The class of all groups that are a central product of a  $p^*$ -group and a  $p$ -group is not a Fitting class.

LEMMA 2. If  $\mathfrak{F}$  is any Fitting class such that  $\mathfrak{C}_{p^*p} \subseteq \mathfrak{F} \subseteq \mathfrak{C}_{p^*}\mathfrak{C}_p$ , then

i) The  $\mathfrak{F}$ -maximal subgroups of  $G$  containing  $G_{\mathfrak{F}}$  are the subgroups  $(O_{p^*}(G)P)_{\mathfrak{F}}$  where  $P$  describes the Sylow  $p$ -subgroups of  $G$ .

ii) If  $(O_{p^*}(G)P)_{\mathfrak{F}} \leq H \leq G$  then there is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup  $P_0$  of  $H$  such that  $(O_{p^*}(G)P)_{\mathfrak{F}} = (O_{p^*}(H)P_0)_{\mathfrak{F}}$ .

PROOF. i) Consider  $G_{\mathfrak{F}} \leq S \leq G$  then  $O_{p^*p}(G) \leq S$  allows us to use ([1], 4.22) and deduce that  $O_{p^*}(S) = O_{p^*}(G)$ ; but if, moreover,  $S$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{F}$ , we have  $S = O_{p^*}(G)Q$  where  $Q$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $S$ . By taking a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup  $P$  of  $G$  such that  $Q \leq P$ , we have  $S = O_{p^*}(G)Q \trianglelefteq O_{p^*}(G)P$ , so if  $S$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -maximal in  $G$ , clearly  $S = (O_{p^*}(G)P)_{\mathfrak{F}}$ .

ii) As before  $O_{p^*}(H) = O_{p^*}(G)$ , so if  $T$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $(O_{p^*}(G)P)_{\mathfrak{F}}$  and  $P_0$  is one of  $H$  containing  $T$  we can write

$$(O_{p^*}(G)P)_{\mathfrak{F}} = O_{p^*}(G)T \trianglelefteq O_{p^*}(H)P_0$$

therefore

$$(O_{p^*}(G)P)_{\mathfrak{F}} \leq (O_{p^*}(H)P_0)_{\mathfrak{F}}$$

both  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subgroups of  $G$ , so by (i), the equality is valid.

The first statement of this lemma means that the Fitting classes between  $\mathfrak{C}_{p^*p}$  and  $\mathfrak{C}_p \cdot \mathfrak{C}_p$  are dominant in the class of all finite groups, so it describes the injectors of every group (see [2], 5.1 Satz). On the other hand, by the second part of the lemma every injector of a group  $G$  is an injector of each subgroup containing it.

REMARK. A group  $G$  is  $p$ -constrained if and only if  $O_{p^*}(G) = O_{p^*}(G)$  (see [1], 6.12 or [3], Ch. X, 14.12 Theorem b)); so if we restrict ourselves to the Fitting class of all  $p$ -constrained groups we can deduce from Lemma 2 that the class  $\mathfrak{C}_{p^*} \cdot \mathfrak{C}_p$  of  $p$ -nilpotent groups is dominant in the class of  $p$ -constrained groups by obtaining a description for the  $p$ -nilpotent injectors of a  $p$ -constrained group  $G$  they are the subgroups of the form  $O_{p^*}(G)P$  where  $P$  describes the set of Sylow  $p$ -subgroups of  $G$  and such a subgroup is a  $p$ -nilpotent injector of every subgroup of  $G$  containing it.

But conversely, let us assume that  $G$  is a group having a unique conjugacy class of  $p$ -nilpotent injectors, then the same is true for  $\bar{G} = G/O_{p^*}(G)$ , therefore by [5]  $E(\bar{G})$  is  $p$ -nilpotent and due to the fact that  $O_{p^*}(\bar{G})$  is trivial,  $E(\bar{G})$  must be trivial too i.e.  $\bar{G}$  is  $p$ -constrained, so  $G$  itself is  $p$ -constrained.

LEMMA 3. Let  $G$  be an  $\mathfrak{C}_{p^*} \cdot \mathfrak{C}_p$ -group and  $Q$  a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $O_{p^*}(G)$ , then  $O_{p^*p}(G) = O_{p^*}(G)T$  where  $T$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $C_G^*(Q)$ .

PROOF. Let us write  $X = O_{p^*p}(G)$ ,  $Y = O_{p^*}(G)$ ,  $Z$  a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $O_{p^*p}(C_g^*(Q))$ , and  $T$  a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $C_g^*(Q)$  such that  $Z \leq T$ . Put  $S = YT$  and observe that  $Y$  and  $S/Y$  are  $p^*p$ -groups; on the other hand  $S \leq YC_g^*(Q)$  implies

$$S = Y(C_g^*(Q) \cap S) \leq YC_g^*(Q) \leq S$$

so  $S = YC_g^*(Q)$  and by ([1], 4.10) we have that  $S$  is a  $p^*p$ -group. But on the other hand by using ([1], 4.18) and ([1], 6.10) or ([3], Ch. X, 14.13) we can write

$$X = YO_{p^*p}(C_g^*(Q)) = YO_{p^*}(C_g^*(Q))Z = YZ \leq YT = S.$$

But  $G$  is an  $\mathfrak{C}_{p^*}\mathfrak{C}_p$ -group, so  $S = X$ .

From the last two lemmas we can assure

THEOREM. The  $\mathfrak{C}_{p^*p}$ -injectors of a group  $G$  are the subgroups of the conjugacy class  $O_{p^*}(G)T$  where  $T$  describes the set of all Sylow  $p$ -subgroups of  $C_{O_{p^*}(G)P}^*(Q)$  where  $P$  describes the set of such subgroups of  $G$  and  $Q$  those of  $O_{p^*}(G)$ .

If one follows the notation and the unified approach given by Bender ([1], § 4), namely taking for  $\pi$  either the set of all primes or a set consisting of a single one we can give a unified formula for the  $\mathfrak{N}^*$ -injectors and the  $\mathfrak{C}_{p^*p}$ -injectors of  $G$ ; in an abridged form

$$\text{Inj}_{\mathfrak{C}_{p^*p}}(G) = \{O_{\pi^*}(G)T : T \in \text{Inj}_{\mathfrak{N}_{\pi}}(C_{O_{\pi^*}(G)G_{\pi}}^*(O_{\pi^*}(G)_{\pi}))\}$$

where if  $X$  is any group  $X_{\pi}$  stands for a Sylow  $\pi$ -subgroup of  $X$  in the above explained sense.

The  $p^*p$ -counterpart of ([4], Proposition 8) is the following

PROPOSITION. Let  $\mathfrak{F}$  be a Fitting class such that  $\mathfrak{F} \subseteq \mathfrak{C}_{p^*}\mathfrak{C}_p$  and  $\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{C}_p = \mathfrak{F}$ , then if  $G$  is a group such that  $O_{p^*p}(G)$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{F}$ , then  $G$  has a unique conjugacy class of  $\mathfrak{F}$ -injectors, namely the  $\mathfrak{C}_{p^*}\mathfrak{C}_p$ -injectors. Conversely, if  $G$  is a group whose  $\mathfrak{C}_{p^*}\mathfrak{C}_p$ -injectors belong to  $\mathfrak{F}$ , then  $O_{p^*p}(G) \in \mathfrak{F}$ .

PROOF. It is easy to prove that each  $\mathfrak{C}_{p^*}\mathfrak{C}_p$ -injector of  $G$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{F}$ ; on the other hand given any  $\mathfrak{F}$ -injector  $H$  of  $G$ , then  $H$  contains  $G_{\mathfrak{F}} = O_{p^*p}(G)$  so there is an  $\mathfrak{C}_{p^*}\mathfrak{C}_p$ -injector  $V$  of  $G$  containing  $H$ , therefore  $H = V$ ; finally use the dominance of  $\mathfrak{C}_{p^*}\mathfrak{C}_p$  to deduce the existence of such injectors. The converse is trivial.

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