

# *S-C-Permutably Embedded Subgroups of Finite Groups*<sup>1</sup>

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## Abstract

We call a subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$   $s$ - $c$ -permutably embedded in  $G$  if for each prime  $p \in \pi(H)$ , every Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $H$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of some  $s$ -conditionally permutable subgroup of  $G$ . In this paper, we obtain some results on  $s$ - $c$ -permutably embedded subgroups and by using these results, we determine the structures of some groups.

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## 1 Introduction

All subgroups considered in this paper are finite.

Recall that a subgroup  $A$  of a group  $G$  is permutable with a subgroup  $B$  if  $AB = BA$ . If  $A$  is permutable with all subgroups of  $G$ , then  $A$  is called a permutable subgroup [3] (or quasinormal subgroup) [13] of  $G$ . The permutable subgroups have many interesting properties. For example, Ore [13] proved that every permutable subgroup of a group is subnormal. Itó and Szép [12] showed that  $H/H_G$  is nilpotent for every permutable subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$ . Kegel and Deskins [2] showed that the subgroups  $H$  of a group  $G$  which are permutable with all Sylow subgroups of  $G$  inherit a series of key properties of permutable subgroups. Recently, Guo, Shum and Skiba [8] introduce the concept of conditionally permutable subgroup. They say that a subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is conditionally permutable in  $G$  if for any subgroup  $T$  of  $G$ , there exists some  $x \in G$  such that  $HT^x = T^xH$ . Using the new idea, people have

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obtained a series of elegant results on the structure of groups (cf [6-10]). A subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is said to be  $s$ -conditionally permutable in  $G$  (cf. [10, 16]) if for every Sylow subgroup  $T$  of  $G$ , there exists  $x \in G$  such that  $HT^x = T^xH$ . By Sylow theorem, we know that a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is  $s$ -conditionally permutable if and only if for any  $p \in \pi(G)$ , there exists a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup  $P$  such that  $PH = HP$ . As a continuation, we now introduce the following concept:

**Definition 1.1** *Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a group  $G$ .  $H$  is said to be  $s$ - $c$ -permutable embedded in  $G$  if for every Sylow subgroup  $T$  of  $H$  is a Sylow subgroup of some  $s$ -conditionally permutable subgroup of  $G$ .*

Clearly, every  $s$ -conditionally permutable subgroup is a  $s$ - $c$ -permutable embedded subgroup of  $G$ . However, the following examples shows that an  $s$ - $c$ -permutable embedded subgroup is not necessarily  $s$ -conditionally permutable in  $G$ .

Example 1. Let  $N \triangleleft G$ . The every Sylow subgroup  $T$  of  $N$  is  $s$ - $c$ -permutable embedded in  $G$ , but clearly  $T$  is not necessarily be an  $s$ -conditionally permutable subgroup of  $G$  if  $G$  is non-soluble.

Example 2. Let  $G = S_5$  and  $P$  be a Sylow 3-subgroup of  $G$ . Then  $P$  is not an  $s$ -conditionally permutable subgroup. In fact, we know that  $S_5$  has no a subgroup of order 15. Hence  $P_3$  can not permute with any Sylow 5-subgroup of  $G$ . However,  $G$  is itself an  $s$ -conditionally permuted subgroup of  $G$ . Hence  $P_3$  is an  $s$ - $c$ -permutable embedded subgroup in  $G$ .

All unexplained notations and terminology are standard. The reader is referred to Huppert [11] or Guo [4].

## 2 Preliminaries

We first give some basic results on  $s$ -conditionally subgroups and  $s$ - $c$ -permutable embedded subgroups.

**Lemma 2.1** [16, Lemma 2.1] *Let  $G$  be a group,  $K \triangleleft G$  and  $H \leq G$ . Then:*

- (1) *If  $H$  is  $s$ -conditionally permutable in  $G$ , then  $HK/K$  is  $s$ -conditionally permutable in  $G/K$ .*
- (2) *If  $K \leq H$  and  $H/K$  is  $s$ -conditionally permutable in  $G/K$ , then  $H$  is  $s$ -conditionally permutable in  $G$ .*
- (3) *Suppose that  $HK/K$  is  $s$ -conditionally permutable in  $G/K$  and  $(|H|, |K|) = 1$ . If  $G$  is soluble or  $K$  is nilpotent, then  $H$  is  $s$ -conditionally permutable in  $G$ .*
- (4) *If  $H$  is  $s$ -conditionally permutable in  $G$ , then  $H \cap K$  is  $s$ -conditionally permutable in  $K$ .*

**Lemma 2.2** *Suppose that  $G$  is a group,  $K \triangleleft G$  and  $H \leq G$ . Then:*

- (1) *If  $H$  is  $s$ -c-permutably embedded in  $G$ , then  $HK/K$  is  $s$ -c-permutably embedded in  $G/K$ .*
- (2) *If  $K \leq H$  and  $H/K$  is  $s$ -c-permutably embedded in  $G/K$ , then  $H$  is  $s$ -c-permutably embedded in  $G$ .*
- (3) *If  $HK/K$  is  $s$ -c-permutably embedded in  $G/K$  and  $(|H|, |K|) = 1$ , then  $H$  is  $s$ -c-permutably embedded in  $G$ .*
- (4) *If  $H$  is  $s$ -c-permutably embedded in  $G$ , then  $H \cap K$  is  $s$ -c-permutably embedded in  $K$ .*

**Proof.** (1) It is obvious.

(2) Let  $p \in \pi(H)$ . By the hypothesis, there exists an  $s$ -conditionally permutable subgroup  $N/K$  of  $G/K$  such that every Sylow  $p$ -subgroup  $P/K$  of  $H/K$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $N/K$ . Hence  $p \nmid |N/K : P/K|$ . If  $p \nmid |H/K|$ , then  $P = K$ . In this case, every Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $H$  is also a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $K$ . Since  $K \trianglelefteq G$ ,  $K$  is clearly  $s$ -conditionally permutable in  $G$ . Therefore  $H$  is  $s$ -c-permutably embedded in  $G$ . Now, suppose that  $p \mid |H/K|$ . By Lemma 2.1(2),  $N$  is  $s$ -conditionally permuted in  $G$ . Let  $P_1$  be a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $H$ . We need only to prove that  $P_1$  is also a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $N$ . Obviously,  $P/K = P_1K/K$  and  $|N : P_1| = |N : P| \mid |P_1K : P_1|$  is a  $p'$ -number. This means that  $P_1$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $N$ . Thus  $H$  is  $s$ -c-permutably embedded in  $G$ .

(3) By (2), we can see that  $HK$  is  $s$ -c-permutably embedded in  $G$ . Let  $p$  be an arbitrary prime dividing the order of  $H$ . Then  $p \mid |HK|$ . By the hypothesis, there exists an  $s$ -conditionally permutable subgroup  $N$  of  $G$  such that every Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $HK$  is also a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $N$ . Since  $(|H|, |K|) = 1$ , we have that every Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $H$  is also a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $N$ . Hence,  $H$  is  $s$ -c-permutably embedded in  $G$ .

(4) Let  $p \in \pi(H)$ . By the hypothesis, there exists a  $s$ -conditionally permutable subgroup  $N$  of  $G$  such that every Sylow  $p$ -subgroup  $P$  of  $H$  is also a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $N$ . Since  $K \trianglelefteq G$ , obviously  $N \cap K$  is also  $s$ -conditionally permutable in  $K$ . We now prove that every Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $H \cap K$  is also a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $N \cap K$ . In fact, since  $K \triangleleft G$ ,  $P \cap K$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $H \cap K$ . By Sylow theorem, we may assume without loss of generality that  $P \cap K$  is an arbitrary Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $H \cap K$ . Since  $|(N \cap K) : (P \cap K)| = |(N \cap K) : (P \cap N \cap K)| = |P(N \cap K) : P|$ ,  $p \nmid |(N \cap K) : (P \cap K)|$ . This shows that  $P \cap K$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $N \cap K$ . Hence  $H$  is  $s$ -c-permutably embedded in  $K$ .

**Lemma 2.3** *Let  $G$  be a group and  $P$  a subgroup of  $G$  contained in  $O_p(G)$ . If  $P$  is  $s$ -c-permutably embedded in  $G$ , then  $P$  is  $s$ -conditionally permutable in  $G$ .*

**Proof.** Obviously,  $P$  is a subnormal subgroup of  $G$ . Since  $P$  is  $s$ - $c$ -permutably embedded in  $G$ , there exists an  $s$ -conditionally permutable subgroup  $A$  of  $G$  such that  $P$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $A$ . Hence, for any  $q \in \pi(G)$ , there exists a Sylow  $q$ -subgroup  $G_q$  of  $G$  such that  $AG_q = G_qA$ . If  $p = q$ , then  $P \leq G_p$  and so  $PG_p = G_pP$ . If  $p \neq q$ , then  $P$  is a subnormal Hall subgroup of  $AG_q = G_qA$  and consequently  $P$  is normal in  $AG_q$ . Hence  $PG_q = G_qP$ . This shows that  $P$  is  $s$ -conditionally permuted in  $G$ .

**Lemma 2.4** *Let  $P$  be a minimal normal  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ . If every subgroup of  $P$  with order  $p$  is  $s$ - $c$ -permutably embedded in  $G$ , then  $P$  is a group of order  $p$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $E$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ . Then  $P \cap Z(E) \neq 1$ . Let  $L$  be a subgroup of  $P \cap Z(E)$  of order  $p$ . By the hypothesis,  $L$  is  $s$ - $c$ -permutably embedded in  $G$ . Hence there exists a  $s$ -conditionally permutable subgroup  $N$  of  $G$  such that  $L$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $N$ . This means that for every  $q \in \pi(G)$  and  $p \neq q$ , there exists a Sylow  $q$ -subgroup  $Q$  of  $G$  such that  $NQ = QN$ . Since  $L = P \cap NQ \triangleleft NQ$ ,  $NQ \subseteq N_G(L)$ . On the other hand,  $E \leq N_G(L)$ . Thus  $L \triangleleft G$ . But since  $P$  is a minimal normal  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ , we have  $P = L$ . Thus  $P$  is a group of order  $p$ .

For the sake of convenience, we now list some known results for the proofs in this paper.

**Lemma 2.5** [8, Lemma 3.1]. *Let  $N$  and  $L$  be normal subgroups of a group  $G$ . Let  $P/L$  be a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $NL/L$  and  $M/L$  a maximal subgroup of  $P/L$ . If  $P_p$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $P \cap N$ , then  $P_p$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup in  $N$  such that  $D = M \cap N \cap P_p$  is a maximal subgroup in  $P_p$  and  $M = LD$ .*

### 3 Main Results

**Theorem 3.1** *Let  $p$  be a prime and  $G$  a  $p$ -soluble group. If every cyclic  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  is  $s$ - $c$ -permutably embedded in  $G$ , then  $G$  is  $p$ -supersoluble.*

**Proof.** Suppose that the theorem is false and let  $G$  be a counterexample of minimal order. Then:

(1) If  $N$  is a proper normal subgroup of  $G$ , then  $G/N$  is  $p$ -supersoluble.

In fact, for the cyclic  $p$ -subgroup  $K/N$  of  $G/N$ , we have  $K/N = \langle x \rangle N/N$ , where  $x \in K$ . By Sylow theorem, there exists a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup  $G_p$  such that  $KN/N \leq G_pN/N$  and so  $K \leq G_pN$ . Therefore, we may assume that  $x = gn$ , where  $g \in G_p$ ,  $n \in N$ . Then  $\langle x \rangle N = \langle g \rangle N$ . By the hypothesis,  $\langle g \rangle$  is  $s$ - $c$ -permutably embedded in  $G$ . It follows from Lemma 2.2 that  $K/N = \langle x \rangle N/N = \langle g \rangle N/N$  is  $s$ - $c$ -permutably embedded in  $G/N$ . Hence  $G/N$

satisfies the condition of the theorem. The choice of  $G$  implies that  $G/N$  is  $p$ -supersoluble.

(2)  $\Phi(G) = 1$  and  $G$  has a unique minimal normal subgroup  $N$  such that  $N = C_G(N) = O_p(G)$  and  $G = [N]M$ , where  $M$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G$  with  $O_p(M) = 1$ .

Since the class of all  $p$ -supersoluble groups is a saturated formation, by (1), obviously,  $\Phi(G) = 1$  and  $G$  has a minimal normal subgroup  $N$ . Hence there exists a maximal subgroup  $M$  of  $G$  such that  $G = NM$ . Since  $G$  is  $p$ -soluble,  $N$  is a clearly  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  (Otherwise,  $N$  is a  $p'$  group and consequently  $G$  is  $p$ -supersoluble.) Thus  $N$  is an elementary abelian  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ . It follows that  $G = [N]M$ . Let  $C = C_G(N)$ . Obviously,  $C \cap M = 1$ . By the Dedekind identity,  $C = C \cap NM = N(C \cap M) = N$ . This shows that  $N = O_p(G) = C_G(N)$  and  $M \cong G/N$  is a supersoluble group with  $O_p(M) = 1$  (cf. [4, Lemma 1.7.11]).

(3) Final contradiction follows.

By Lemma 2.4,  $|N| = p$ . Then by (1),  $G$  is  $p$ -supersoluble. This is a contradiction. Thus, the proof of the theorem is completed.

**Corollary 3.1.1** *Let  $G$  be a  $p$ -soluble group and  $p$  a prime dividing the order of  $G$ .  $(|G|, p - 1) = 1$  and  $P$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ . If every maximal subgroup of  $P$  is  $s$ - $c$ -permutably embedded in  $G$ , then  $G$  is  $p$ -nilpotent.*

**Theorem 3.2** *Let  $G$  be a soluble group. If every maximal subgroup of every non-cyclic Sylow subgroup of  $G$  having no supersoluble supplement in  $G$  is  $s$ - $c$ -permutably embedded in  $G$ , then  $G$  is supersoluble.*

**Proof.** Suppose that the result is false and let  $G$  be a counterexample of minimal order. Then:

(1)  $G$  is not a simple group.

If  $G$  is a simple group, then  $G$  is a cyclic group of prime order and so  $G$  is supersoluble, a contradiction.

(2) For every minimal normal subgroup  $N$  of  $G$ ,  $G/N$  is supersoluble.

Let  $Q/N$  be a non-cyclic Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G/N$  and  $K/N$  a maximal subgroup of  $Q/N$ . Then there exists a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup  $P$  of  $G$  such that  $Q = PN$  and  $K = N(P \cap K)$ . Clearly,  $P \cap K$  is a maximal subgroup of  $P$  and  $P$  is non-cyclic. If  $P \cap K$  possesses a supersoluble supplement  $T$  in  $G$ , then  $TN/N \cong T/T \cap N$  is a supersoluble supplement to  $K/N$  in  $G/N$ . If  $P \cap K$  is  $s$ - $c$ -permutably embedded in  $G$ , then by Lemma 2.2,  $K/N = N(P \cap K)/N$  is  $s$ - $c$ -permutably embedded in  $G/N$ . These shows that  $G/N$  satisfies the hypothesis of the theorem. Thus, by the choice of  $G$ , we have that  $G/N$  is supersoluble.

(3)  $\Phi(G) = 1$  and  $G$  has a unique minimal normal subgroup  $H$  such that  $H = C_G(H) = O_p(G) = F(G)$  for some prime  $p$ , and  $G = [H]M$ , where  $M$  is

a maximal subgroup of  $G$  with  $O_p(M) = 1$ . (See the proof of (2) in Theorem 3.1.)

(4) Any Sylow subgroup of  $G$  is not normal subgroup in  $G$ .

Suppose that for some  $q \in \pi(G)$ ,  $G$  has a normal Sylow  $q$ -subgroup  $G_q$ . Then by (3)  $q = p$  and  $H = G_p$ . Since  $G = [H]M$ ,  $|G : M| = |H|$ . Assume that  $H_1$  is a maximal subgroup of  $H$ . By the hypothesis, either  $H_1$  possesses a supersoluble supplement  $T$  in  $G$  or  $H_1$  is  $s$ - $c$ -permutably embedded in  $G$ . In the first case, the choice of  $G$  implies that  $T \neq G$  and so  $G = [H_1]T$ , which contradicts the minimality of  $H$ . In the second case, there exists an  $s$ -conditionally permutable subgroup  $A$  of  $G$  such that  $H$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $A$ . Let  $q$  be an arbitrary prime divisor of  $|G|$  with  $q \neq p$ . Since  $A$  is  $s$ -conditionally permutable, there exists a Sylow  $q$ -subgroup  $Q$  of  $G$  such that  $AQ = QA$ . Then  $H_1 = H \cap AQ \trianglelefteq G$ . It follows that  $Q \leq N_G(H_1)$  for any  $q \neq p$  and  $q \in \pi(G)$ . On the other hand, since  $H_1 \triangleleft H = G_p$ ,  $G_p \leq N_G(H_1)$ . Hence  $H_1 \triangleleft G$ . But since  $H$  is a minimal normal subgroup, we have  $|H| = p$ . This induces that  $G$  is supersoluble, a contradiction.

(5) The number  $p$  is not the largest prime divisor of  $|G|$ .

Indeed, if  $p$  is the largest divisor of  $|G|$ , then (2) and (5) implies that  $O_p(G/N) \neq 1$  which contradicts to (4).

(6) Final contradiction.

By (3), we have that  $G = [H]M$ . Pick some Sylow  $p$ -subgroup  $M_p$  of  $M$  and let  $P$  be a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  including  $M_p$ . Let  $P_1$  be maximal subgroup of  $P$  such that  $M_p \leq P_1$ . Then  $H_1 = H \cap P_1$  is a maximal subgroup of  $H$ . By (2), it is clear that  $|H| > p$ . Hence  $P$  is not cyclic. By the hypothesis,  $P_1$  is  $s$ - $c$ -permutably embedded in  $G$  or  $P_1$  possesses a supersoluble supplement  $T$  in  $G$ . In the first case, there exists an  $s$ -conditionally permutable subgroup  $A$  of  $G$  such that  $P_1$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $A$ . This means that for an arbitrary prime divisor  $q$  of  $|G|$  with  $p \neq q$ , there exists a Sylow  $q$ -subgroup  $Q$  of  $G$  such that  $AQ = QA$ . Since  $H_1 < \cdot H$  and  $H_1 = H \cap P_1 \leq H \cap A \leq H \cap AQ \leq H$ ,  $H_1 = A \cap HQ$  or  $H = H \cap AQ$ . If  $H = H \cap AQ$ , then  $H \leq AQ$  and thereby  $P = P_1H \leq P_1AQ = AQ$ . This implies that  $P = P_1$ , which is impossible. Hence we may assume that  $H_1 = H \cap AQ$ . Because  $H \triangleleft G$ ,  $H_1 \triangleleft AQ$ . It follows that  $Q \leq N_G(H_1)$ . On the other hand, since  $H_1 \triangleleft H$  and  $H_1 \triangleleft P_1$ ,  $H_1 \triangleleft P_1H = P$ . This means that  $H_1 \triangleleft G$  and so  $|H| = p$ , a contradiction. Now assume the second case applies. Let  $q$  be the largest prime divisor of  $|T|$  and  $T_q$  a Sylow  $q$ -subgroup of  $T$ . Since  $T$  is supersoluble,  $T_q \triangleleft T$  where  $T_q$  is a Sylow  $q$ -subgroup of  $T$ . Obviously,  $T_q$  is also a Sylow  $q$ -subgroup of  $G$ . Since by (3),  $M$  is supersoluble,  $T_q \triangleleft M^x$  for some  $x \in G$ . It follows that  $M^x \subseteq N_G(T_q)$ . But since  $M < \cdot G$ , by (3) and (4),  $M^x = N_G(T_q)$  and consequently  $T \subseteq M^x$ . Thus  $G = P_1T = P_1M$ , which implies that  $P = P_1$ . This contradiction completes the proof.

**Corollary 3.2.1** *Let  $G$  be a soluble group. If every maximal subgroup of each*

*Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$  is  $s$ - $c$ -permutably embedded in  $G$ . Then  $G$  is supersoluble.*

**Corollary 3.2.2** [10] *Let  $G$  be a soluble group. If every maximal subgroup of each Sylow subgroup of  $G$  is  $s$ -conditionally permuted in  $G$ , then  $G$  is supersoluble.*

**Theorem 3.3** *Let  $\mathfrak{F}$  be a saturated formation containing the class  $\mathfrak{U}$  of all supersoluble group. A group  $G \in \mathfrak{F}$  if and only if  $G$  has a soluble normal subgroup  $H$  such that  $G/H \in \mathfrak{F}$  and every maximal subgroup of every Sylow subgroup of  $H$  is  $s$ - $c$ -permutably embedded in  $G$ .*

**Proof.** The necessary part is obvious and so we only need to prove the sufficient part. Suppose that the sufficient part is false and let  $G$  be a counterexample of minimal order, we proceed with our proof as follows:

(1) If  $R$  is a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$ , then  $G/R \in \mathfrak{F}$ .

In fact, if  $R = H$ , then, of course,  $G/R \in \mathfrak{F}$ . Now we assume that  $R \neq H$ . Then  $RH/R$  is a soluble normal subgroup of  $G/R$  such that the factor group  $(G/R)/(RH/R) \cong G/RH \cong (G/H)/(RH/R) \in \mathfrak{F}$ . Let  $P/R$  be a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup in  $RH/R$  and let  $M/R$  be a maximal subgroup in  $P/R$ . If  $P_p$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup in  $P \cap H$  then by Lemma 2.5,  $P_p$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup in  $H$  and  $D = M \cap H \cap P_p$  is a maximal subgroup in  $P_p$  and  $M = RD$ . Thus, by the hypothesis,  $D$  is  $s$ - $c$ -permutably embedded in  $G$ . It follows from Lemma 2.2 that  $M/R = LR/R$  is  $s$ - $c$ -permutably embedded in  $G/R$ . This shows that the conditions of the theorem are inherited on  $G/R$ . Hence, the choice of  $G$ , we have that  $G/R \in \mathfrak{F}$ .

(2)  $G$  has the unique minimal normal subgroup  $R$  and  $R = C_G(R) = O_p(G) = F(G) \not\subseteq$  for some  $p \in \pi(G)$  and  $\Phi(G) = 1$ .

Since  $\mathfrak{F}$  is a saturated formation, by (1) we see that (2) holds clearly.

(3)  $|R| = p$ .

Assume  $|R| = p^\alpha$  for some natural number  $\alpha > 1$ . Let  $P$  be a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ . Since  $R \not\subseteq \Phi(G)$ ,  $R \not\subseteq \Phi(P)$ . Hence, there exists a maximal subgroup  $P_1$  of  $P$  such that  $R \not\subseteq P_1$ . Since  $R \subseteq H$ ,  $P_1 \cap H$  is a maximal subgroup of some Sylow  $p$ -subgroups of  $H$ . By the hypothesis, there exists an  $s$ -conditionally permutable subgroup  $A$  of  $G$  such that  $P_1 \cap H$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $A$ . Then, for arbitrary  $q \in \pi(G)$  with  $p \neq q$ , there exists a Sylow  $q$ -subgroup  $Q$  of  $G$  such that  $AQ = QA$ . Hence  $R \cap P_1 = R \cap (P_1 \cap H) \subseteq R \cap AQ \trianglelefteq AQ$  and thereby  $Q \subseteq N_G(R \cap P_1)$  for any  $q \neq p$ . On the other hand,  $R \cap P_1 \trianglelefteq P$ . This shows that  $R \cap P_1 \trianglelefteq G$ . Consequently  $R \cap P_1 = 1$ , that is,  $|R| = p$ .

(4) Final contradiction.

Since  $\mathfrak{F}$  is a saturated formation containing  $\mathfrak{U}$ ,  $\mathfrak{F}$  has a formation function  $f$  such that  $\mathfrak{A}(p - 1) \subseteq f(p)$  for all prime  $p$ , where  $\mathfrak{A}(p - 1)$  is the formation

of all abelian group with exponents dividing  $p - 1$  (see [4, p. 98]). By (2) and (3),  $G/R = G/C_G(R) \in \mathfrak{A}(p - 1) \subseteq f(p)$ . Then since  $G/R \in \mathfrak{F}$ , we obtain that  $G \in \mathfrak{F}$ . This contradiction completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.4** *Let  $\mathfrak{F}$  be a saturated formation containing the class  $\mathfrak{A}$  of all supersoluble groups. A group  $G \in \mathfrak{F}$  if and only if  $G$  has a soluble normal subgroup  $H$  such that  $G/H \in \mathfrak{F}$  and every maximal subgroup of each Sylow subgroup of  $F(H)$  is  $s$ - $c$ -permutably embedded in  $G$ .*

**Proof.** The necessary part is clear, we only need to prove the sufficiency part.

Suppose that the assertion is false and let  $G$  be a counterexample of minimal order. Let  $P$  be a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $F(H)$  for an arbitrary prime divisor  $p$  of  $|G|$ . Then  $P \text{ char } F(H) \triangleleft G$  and so  $P \triangleleft G$ . We proceed with our proof as follows:

$$(1) P \cap \Phi(G) = 1.$$

Assume that  $R = P \cap \Phi(G) \neq 1$ . Then  $(G/R)/(H/R) \in \mathfrak{F}$ . Let  $F(H/R) = T/R$ . Obviously  $F(H) \subseteq T$ . On the other hand, since  $R \subseteq \Phi(G)$ ,  $T$  is nilpotent. Thus  $T \subseteq F(H)$  and so  $F(H)/R = F(H/R)$ . Let  $P_1/R$  be a maximal subgroup of  $P/R$ . Then  $P_1$  is a maximal subgroup of  $P$ . By the hypothesis,  $P_1$  is  $s$ - $c$ -permutably embedded in  $G$ . It follows from Lemma 2.2 that  $P_1/R$  is  $s$ - $c$ -permutably embedded in  $G/R$ . Now let  $Q/R$  be a maximal subgroup of a Sylow  $q$ -subgroup of  $F(H)/R$ , where  $q \neq p$ . Then  $Q = Q_1R$ , where  $Q_1$  is a Sylow  $q$ -subgroup of  $F(G)$ . By the hypothesis,  $Q_1$  is  $s$ - $c$ -permutably embedded in  $G$  and so  $Q/R = Q_1R/R$  is  $s$ - $c$ -permutably embedded in  $G/R$  by Lemma 2.2. This shows that  $G/R$  satisfies the hypothesis. Thus, by the choice of  $G$ , we have  $G/R \in \mathfrak{F}$ . Since  $G/\Phi(G) \cong (G/R)/(\Phi(G)/R)$  and  $\mathfrak{F}$  is a saturated formation, we have that  $G \in \mathfrak{F}$ , a contradiction.

(2)  $P = R_1 \times R_2 \times \cdots \times R_m$ , where  $R_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ) is a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$  with order  $p$ .

Since  $P \triangleleft G$  and  $P \cap \Phi(G) = 1$ , it is easy to see that  $P = R_1 \times R_2 \times \cdots \times R_m$ , where  $R_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ) is a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$  (cf. [4, Theorem 1.8.17]). We now prove that  $|R_i| = p$ . Since  $R \not\subseteq \Phi(G)$ , there exists a maximal subgroup  $M$  of  $G$  such that  $G = MR_i$  and clearly  $M \cap R_i = 1$ . Let  $M_p$  be a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $M$ . Then  $G_p = M_p R_i = M_p P$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ . Let  $H_1$  be a maximal subgroup of  $G_p$  containing  $M_p$ . Then  $P_1 = H_1 \cap P$  is a maximal subgroup of  $P$ . By the hypothesis,  $P_1$  is  $s$ - $c$ -permutably embedded in  $G$ . Hence, there exists a subgroup  $s$ -conditionally permutable subgroup  $N$  of  $G$  such that  $P_1$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $N$ . Hence, for any  $q \in \pi(G)$  with  $p \neq q$ , there exists a Sylow  $q$ -subgroup  $Q$  of  $G$  such that  $NQ = QN$ . Similar to the proof of Theorem 3.3, we obtain that  $P_1 \triangleleft G$  and so  $P_1 \cap R_i \triangleleft G$ . But since  $R_i \not\subseteq P_1$  and  $R_i$  is a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$ ,  $P_1 \cap R_i = 1$ . Hence,  $|R_i| = |R_i : P_1 \cap R_i| = |R_i : H_1 \cap P \cap R_i| = |R_i : H_1 \cap R_i| = |R_i H_1 : H_1| =$



$|G_p : H_1| = |PH_1 : H_1| = |P : P_1 \cap H_1| = |P : P_1| = p$ . This shows that  $R_i$  is a cyclic group of order  $p$ .

(3) Final contradiction follows.

By (2),  $F(H) = N_1 \times N_2 \cdots \times N_m$ , where  $N_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ) is a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$  of prime order. Since  $G/C_G(N_i)$  is isomorphic to a subgroup of  $Aut(N_i)$ ,  $G/C_G(N_i)$  is cyclic. It follows that  $G/\bigcap_{i=1}^n C_G(N_i) = G/C_G(F(H)) \in \mathfrak{U} \subseteq \mathfrak{F}$ , and consequently  $G/C_H(F(H)) = G/(H \cap C_G(F(H))) \in \mathfrak{F}$ . Since  $F(H)$  is abelian,  $F(H) = C_H(F(H))$ . Therefore  $G/F(H) \in \mathfrak{F}$ . Then, by Theorem 3.3, we obtain that  $G \in \mathfrak{F}$ . This contradiction complete the proof.

**Corollary 3.4.1** *Let  $G$  be a group with a soluble normal subgroup  $E$  such that  $G/E$  is supersoluble. If every maximal subgroup of every Sylow subgroup of  $F(E)$  is  $s$ -conditionally permutable in  $G$ , then  $G$  is supersoluble.*

**Remark 3.4.1** *Theorem 3.4 and corollary 3.4.1 can not necessarily hold for non-soluble groups. For example, let  $G = SL(2, 5)$ . Then  $F(G)$  is a cyclic group of order 2. Thus each maximal subgroup of Sylow Subgroup of  $F(G)$  is  $s$ -c-permutably embedded in  $G$ . However  $G$  is not a supersoluble group.*

**Remark 3.4.2** *Theorem 3.4 and corollary 3.4.1 are not necessarily hold if the saturated formation  $\mathfrak{F}$  does not contain the class  $\mathfrak{U}$  of all supersoluble subgroups. For example, let  $\mathfrak{F}$  be a nilpotent formation. Then the symmetric group of degree 3 is a counterexample.*

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