

# ON F-SUPPLEMENTS OF GROUPS

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**Abstract** In 2000, L. C. Kappe and J. Kirtland obtained useful results for arbitrary, normal, characteristic subgroups to have supplements with some properties in their work 'Supplementation in Groups'. In this work, we will discuss the existence of such supplement that we will call F-supplement, and we will obtain some properties of an F-group.

## 1 Introduction

The *Frattini subgroup* of an arbitrary group  $G$  is defined to be the intersection of all the maximal subgroups, with the stipulation that it shall equal  $G$  if  $G$  should prove to have no maximal subgroups. This subgroup, which is evidently characteristic, is written as  $Frat(G)$

The Frattini subgroup has the remarkable property that it is the set of all nongenerators of the group; here an element  $g$  is called a *nongenerator* of  $G$  if  $G = \langle g, X \rangle$  always implies that  $G = \langle X \rangle$  when  $X$  is a subset of  $G$  [1].

A subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is *supplemented* in  $G$  if there is a subgroup  $K$  of  $G$  such that  $G = HK$ . If  $H \cap K = \{1\}$  then  $K$  is said to be *complement* of  $H$  in  $G$ .

A group  $G$  is called *xP - group* if every nontrivial *x - subgroup* satisfies the condition  $P$ , where  $x$  and  $P$  can have the following values:

- $x = a$  (arbitrary subgroup);
- $= n$  (normal subgroup);
- $= c$  (characteristic subgroup);
- $P = D$  (is a direct factor);
- $= C$  (has a complement);
- $= S$  (has a proper supplement);
- $= PNS$  (has a proper normal supplement);
- $= CS$  (has a proper characteristic supplement) [3].

We say a group is *elementary* if the group and all its subgroups have trivial Frattini Subgroup.

We call  $G' = \langle a^{-1}b^{-1}ab \mid a, b \in G \rangle$  the commutator subgroup of a group  $G$ .

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $G$  be a group,  $N$  be a subgroup of  $G$  and let  $G = NS$  for some  $S \leq G$ . If  $N \cap S \leq Frat(S)$ , then  $S$  is called an *F - supplement* of  $N$  in  $G$ .  $G$  is called an *F - group* if every subgroup of  $G$  has *F - supplement* in  $G$ .

**Example 1.2.** (1)  $G$  itself is *F - supplement* of  $1_G$  since  $G = 1_G G$  and  $1_G \cap G \leq Frat(G)$ . So the *F - supplement* of  $1_G$  is  $G$ .

(2) Let  $G$  be a group and  $N$  be a minimal subgroup of  $G$ . Then  $G$  is *F - supplement* of  $N$ .

(3) For generalized quaternion group  $Q_{2^n} = \langle x, y \mid x^{2^{n-1}} = 1, y^2 = x^{2^{n-2}}, y^{-1}xy = x^{-1} \rangle$  ( $n \geq 3$ ),  $\langle y \rangle$  is *F - supplement* of the normal subgroup  $\langle x \rangle$  in  $Q_{2^n}$ .

## 2 F-groups

**Corollary 2.1.** Let  $G$  be a finite group. If  $G$  is nilpotent then  $G$  is the *F - supplement* of  $G'$

**Proof.** Since  $G$  is nilpotent  $G \cap G' = G' \leq Frat(G)$  by [1, 5.2.16] and so,  $G$  is the *F - supplement* of  $G'$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.2.** Let  $G$  be an elementary group. If  $G$  is an *F - group* then for every  $H \leq G$ ,  $H$  has a complement in  $G$ .

**Proof.** Since  $G$  is an  $F$ -group, for every  $H \leq G$  there exists a subgroup  $S$  of  $G$  such that  $G = HS$  and  $H \cap S \leq \text{Frat}(S)$ . Hence  $H \cap S = \{1\}$  because  $G$  is elementary and  $\text{Frat}(S) = \{1\}$ . Therefore  $H$  has a complement in  $G$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.3.** *Let  $G$  be a torsion  $aCS$ -group. Then every subgroup of  $G$  has a complement in  $G$ .*

**Proof.**  $G$  is abelian by [2, Theorem 4.4] and [2, Proposition 1.3]. Then by [2, Theorem 5.1]  $G$  is the direct sum of cyclic groups of prime order for distinct primes  $p$  and by [1, 3.3.12] if  $G = \text{Dr}_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda$  where  $G_\lambda$  is simple then for a normal subgroup  $N$  of  $G$ ,  $G = N \times \text{Dr}_{\mu \in M} G_\mu$  for some  $M \subseteq \Lambda$ . Hence  $N$  has a complement in  $G$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.4.** *Let  $G$  be a finite group. If  $G$  is an  $aCS$ -group then  $G$  is an  $F$ -group.*

**Proof.** By [2, Theorem 5.1]  $G$  is the direct sum of cyclic groups of prime order for distinct primes  $p$  and by Proposition 5,  $G$  is an  $F$ -group.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $G$  be an abelian  $aD$ -group then;*

*i) For every  $N \leq G$ ,  $N$  is an  $F$ -group. In particular if  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism of  $G$  then  $\varphi(G)$  is an  $F$ -group.*

*ii) If  $H$  is an abelian  $aD$ -group then  $G \times H$  is an  $F$ -group.*

**Proof.** (i) By [2, Proposition 7.1(i)] every subgroup of  $G$  is an  $aD$ -group. Then for every  $N \leq G$  if  $M$  is a subgroup of  $N$  then  $M$  has a  $F$ -supplement in  $N$ . Hence  $N$  is an  $F$ -group. For a homomorphism  $\varphi$  of  $G$ , then  $\varphi(G) \leq G$  and so  $\varphi(G)$  is an  $F$ -group.

(ii) Since  $G$  and  $H$  are  $nD$ -groups,  $G \times H$  is an  $nD$ -group by [2, Proposition 7.1(v)]. Therefore  $G \times H$  is an  $F$ -group by (i).  $\square$

**Proposition 2.6.** *Let  $G$  be an  $aC$ -group. Then every subgroup of  $G$  is an  $F$ -group.*

**Proof.** By [2, Proposition 7.1(ii)] every subgroup of  $G$  is an  $aC$ -group. Hence obviously for each  $H \leq G$ , every subgroup of  $H$  has an  $F$ -supplement in  $H$  and  $H$  is an  $F$ -group.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let  $G$  be a group and  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . If  $G$  is an  $F$ -supplement of  $H$  in  $G$  then  $H$  has no other  $F$ -supplement in  $G$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $S$  be an  $F$ -supplement of  $H$  in  $G$ . Then  $G = HS$  and  $H \cap S \leq \text{Frat}(S)$ . Since  $G$  is an  $F$ -supplement of  $H$  in  $G$ ,  $H = H \cap G \leq \text{Frat}(G)$ . This means that  $H$  is a group of some nongenerators of  $G$ . So we get  $G = \langle S \rangle = S$ .

$\square$

**Proposition 2.8.** *Let  $G$  be an  $aS$ -group and  $N$  be a nontrivial subgroup of  $G$ . Then  $G$  can not be an  $F$ -supplement of  $N$  in  $G$ .*

**Proof.**  $\text{Frat}(G) = \{1\}$  by [2, Proposition 3.4]. Suppose  $G$  is the  $F$ -supplement of  $N$  in  $G$ . Then  $N \cap G = N \leq \text{Frat}(G) = \{1\}$  and  $N = \{1\}$  which is a contradiction.

$\square$

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