

## AMBIVALENT GROUPS HAVING STRONGLY EMBEDDED SUBGRUOPS

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**Summary :** In this note we shall prove that in an ambivalent solvable group having a strongly embedded subgroup, a Sylow 2-subgroup is either a cyclic group or a generalized quaternion group.

## KUVVETLİ YATIRILMIŞ ALT GRUPLARI HAİZ AMBİVALANT GRUPLAR

**Özet :** Bu çalışmada, kuvvetli yatırılmış bir alt grubu haiz bir ambivalent çözülebilir grupta bir 2-Sylow alt grubun ya bir devresel grup veya bir genelleştirilmiş kuaterniyon grubu olduğu ispat edilmektedir.

**Definition.** Let  $G$  be a finite group. A subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is said to be strongly embedded in  $G$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1)  $H$  is a proper subgroup of even order.
- (2) For any element  $x \in G - H$ , the order of  $H \cap H^x$  is odd (see [3], pg. 391).

**Theorem 1** (Bender, see [3], pg. 391). Let  $G$  be a group having a strongly embedded subgroup  $H$ . Then, we have one of the following alternatives:

(1) Every Sylow 2-subgroup of  $G$  contains exactly one element of order 2. Thus a Sylow 2-subgroup of  $G$  is either a cyclic group or a generalized quaternion group.

(2) The group  $G$  possesses a normal series  $G > L > M > \{1\}$  such that both  $G/L$  and  $M$  are groups of odd order, and such that the factor group  $L/M$  is isomorphic to one of the simple groups  $PSL(2, q)$ ,  $Sz(q)$ , or  $PSU(3, q)$ , where  $q$  is a power of 2.

In the first case (1), let  $t$  be any element of order two. Then,  $C_G(t)$  is a proper subgroup of  $G$ , and any proper subgroup of  $G$  containing  $C_G(t)$  is strongly embedded in  $G$ . In the second case (2), every strongly embedded subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is of the form  $H = N_G(S) O_2(G)$  for some Sylow 2-subgroup  $S$  of  $G$ .

**Theorem 2** (see [3], pg. 393). Let  $H$  be a strongly embedded subgroup of a group  $G$ . Let  $u$  be an element of  $I(H)$ , and let  $C = C_G(u)$ . Then, the following propositions hold:

(1) The set  $I(G) = \{x \in G \mid x^2 = 1, x \neq 1\}$  is a conjugacy class of  $G$ . In other words, all involutions of  $G$  are conjugate.

(2) The set  $I(H)$  is a conjugacy class of  $H$ . Furthermore, if  $b = a^x$  for  $a, b \in I(H)$  and  $x \in G$ , then we have  $x \in H$ .

**Theorem 3** (see [1]): In the conditions of Theorem 1-part 2, a Sylow 2-subgroup of  $G$  is either homocyclic or a Suzuki 2-group (see [2]) and  $G/O_2(G)$  is a 2-normal group.

**Definition.** An ambivalent group is a finite group all whose characters are real valued.

**Theorem 4.** Let  $G$  be a solvable ambivalent group having a strongly embedded subgroup. Then:

- i) A Sylow 2-subgroup of  $G$  is either  $Z_2$  or a generalized quaternion group.
- ii)  $G$  is 2-nilpotent and  $G = O_2(G) \rtimes S$  where  $S \in \text{Syl}_2(G)$  inverts all elements of  $O_2(G)$ .

**Proof.** To find the Sylow 2-subgroups of  $G$  we can suppose that  $O_2(G)$  is trivial.

Let  $A = \langle I(G) \rangle$ . Then  $A$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  and because  $G$  is solvable, it contains an abelian minimal normal subgroup of  $G$ . Since  $O_2(G)$  is trivial it follows that  $A = I(G) \cup \{1\}$  and  $A$  is abelian. Let  $H$  be a strongly embedded subgroup of  $G$  such that  $A < H$ . Let  $S \in \text{Syl}_2(G)$  such that  $A \subseteq S \subseteq H$ . Since  $H$  is a strongly embedded subgroup of  $G$  and  $A$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  it follows that  $S$  is the single Sylow 2-group of  $G$  and  $S$  is normal in  $G$ .

Since the irreducible characters of  $G/S$  are in fact irreducible characters of  $G$ , it follows that  $G/S$  is also an ambivalent group. Since no odd order group is ambivalent it follows that  $G = S$ . Clearly  $Z(S) \neq 1$ . Since  $I(S)$  must be a single conjugacy class, we have that  $|I(S)| = 1$ , hence  $G = S$  contains only one involution. Therefore  $S$  is either a cyclic group or a quaternion group. Since  $S$  is an ambivalent group it follows that  $S$  is isomorphic either to  $Z_2$  or to a generalized quaternion group. If  $O_2(G) \neq 1$ , it follows that  $G = O_2(G) \rtimes S$  (semidirect product) and  $S$  inverts all elements of  $O_2(G)$ .

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