

## ON THE LATTICE OF $\Pi_3$ -SUBNORMAL SUBGROUPS OF A FINITE GROUP

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### Abstract

Let  $\sigma = \{\sigma_i \mid i \in I\}$  be a partition of the set of all primes  $\mathbb{P}$ . Let  $\sigma_0 \in \Pi \subseteq \sigma$  and let  $\mathfrak{S}$  be a class of finite  $\sigma_0$ -groups which is closed under extensions, epimorphic images and subgroups. We say that a finite group  $G$  is  $\Pi_3$ -primary provided  $G$  is either an  $\mathfrak{S}$ -group or a  $\sigma_i$ -group for some  $\sigma_i \in \Pi \setminus \{\sigma_0\}$  and we say that a subgroup  $A$  of an arbitrary group  $G^*$  is  $\Pi_3$ -subnormal in  $G^*$  if there is a subgroup chain  $A = A_0 \leq A_1 \leq \dots \leq A_t = G^*$  such that either  $A_{i-1} \trianglelefteq A_i$  or  $A_i/(A_{i-1})_{A_i}$  is  $\Pi_3$ -primary for all  $i = 1, \dots, t$ . We prove that the set  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(G)$  of all  $\Pi_3$ -subnormal subgroups of  $G$  forms a sublattice of the lattice of all subgroups of  $G$  and we describe the conditions under which the lattice  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(G)$  is modular.

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### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper,  $G$  and  $G^*$  always denote a finite group and an arbitrary group, respectively. If  $N \trianglelefteq G^*$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{L}(G^*/N)$  the lattice of all subgroups  $H$  of  $G^*$  with  $N \leq H \leq G^*$ .

A classical theorem of Wielandt states that the set  $\mathcal{L}_{sn}(G)$  of all subnormal subgroups of  $G$  is a sublattice of the lattice  $\mathcal{L}(G)$  of all subgroups of  $G$ . A generalisation of the lattice  $\mathcal{L}_{sn}(G)$  was found by Kegel [9].

Let  $\mathfrak{F}$  be a class of groups. A subgroup  $A$  of  $G$  is called  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$  in the sense of Kegel [9] or  $K$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$  [3, Definition 6.1.4] if there is a subgroup chain  $A = A_0 \leq A_1 \leq \dots \leq A_t = G$  such that either  $A_{i-1} \trianglelefteq A_i$  or  $A_i/(A_{i-1})_{A_i} \in \mathfrak{F}$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, t$ .

In [9], Kegel proved that if the class  $\mathfrak{F}$  is closed under extensions, epimorphic images and subgroups, then the set  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathfrak{F}sn}(G)$  of all  $K$ - $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal subgroups of  $G$  is a sublattice of the lattice  $\mathcal{L}(G)$ . For every set  $\pi$  of primes, we may choose the class  $\mathfrak{F}$  of all  $\pi$ -groups. In this way we obtain infinitely many functors  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathfrak{F}sn}$  assigning to every

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group  $G$  a sublattice of  $\mathcal{L}(G)$  containing  $\mathcal{L}_{sn}(G)$ . This result has been generalised using the theory of formations (see [2, 14] and [3, Ch. 6]).

Here, we seek to generalise Kegel’s result without applying the theory of formations. Following Shemetkov [11],  $\sigma$  denotes some partition of the set of all primes  $\mathbb{P}$ . Thus,  $\sigma = \{\sigma_i \mid i \in I \subseteq \{0\} \cup \mathbb{N}\}$ , where  $\mathbb{P} = \bigcup_{i \in I} \sigma_i$  and  $\sigma_i \cap \sigma_j = \emptyset$  for all  $i \neq j$ . We denote by  $\Pi$  a subset of the set  $\sigma$  and set  $\Pi' = \sigma \setminus \Pi$ . We assume that  $0 \in I$  and  $\sigma_0 \in \Pi$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{S}$  denote a class of finite  $\sigma_0$ -groups which is closed under extensions, epimorphic images and subgroups. We will say that  $G$  is  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -primary provided  $G$  is either an  $\mathfrak{S}$ -group or a  $\sigma_i$ -group for some  $\sigma_i \in \Pi \setminus \{\sigma_0\}$ . We will omit the symbol  $\mathfrak{S}$  in the notation and definitions when  $\mathfrak{S}$  is the class of all  $\sigma_0$ -groups. Therefore, for example, we say that  $G$  is  $\Pi$ -primary provided  $G$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -group for some  $\sigma_i \in \Pi$ .

**DEFINITION 1.1.** We say that a subgroup  $A$  of  $G^*$  is  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -subnormal in  $G^*$  if there is a subgroup chain  $A = A_0 \leq A_1 \leq \dots \leq A_t = G^*$  such that either  $A_{i-1} \trianglelefteq A_i$  or  $A_i/(A_{i-1})_{A_i}$  is  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -primary for all  $i = 1, \dots, t$ .

Note that a subgroup  $A$  of  $G$  is  $K$ - $\mathfrak{S}$ -subnormal in  $G$  if and only if it is  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -subnormal in  $G$ , where  $\Pi = \{\sigma_0\}$ , and  $A$  is subnormal in  $G$  if and only if it is  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -subnormal in  $G$ , where  $\Pi = \sigma = \{\{2\}, \{3\}, \dots\}$ .

**EXAMPLE 1.2.** Consider  $C_{29} \rtimes C_7$ , a nonabelian group of order 203, and let  $P$  be a simple  $\mathbb{F}_{11}(C_{29} \rtimes C_7)$ -module which is faithful for  $C_{29} \rtimes C_7$ . Construct the group  $G = (P \rtimes (C_{29} \rtimes C_7)) \times A_5$ , where  $A_5$  is the alternating group of degree 5. Let  $\sigma = \{\sigma_0, \sigma_1, \sigma_2\}$ , where  $\sigma_0 = \{2, 3, 5\}$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \{11, 29\}$  and  $\sigma_2 = \{2, 3, 5, 11, 29\}$ . Let  $\Pi = \{\sigma_1, \sigma_2\}$ . Then a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  of order 4 is  $\sigma$ -subnormal in  $G$  but it is neither  $\Pi$ -subnormal in  $G$  nor  $\sigma_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -subnormal in  $G$ , where  $\mathfrak{S}$  is the class of all soluble  $\sigma_0$ -groups (see Lemma 2.1(1) below). The subgroup  $C_{29}$  is  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -subnormal in  $G$  but it is clearly not subnormal in  $G$ .

It is not difficult to show that the intersection of any two  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -subnormal subgroups of  $G$  is also  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -subnormal in  $G$  (see Lemma 2.1(3) below). It is well known that any partially ordered set with the greatest element 1 in which each nonempty subset has a greatest lower bound is a lattice. Hence, the set  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}}(G)$  of all  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -subnormal subgroups of  $G$  is a lattice.

Modifying the concept of  $\sigma$ -nilpotency in [6], we say that  $G$  is  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -nilpotent if  $G = A_1 \times \dots \times A_t \times A$  for some  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -primary groups  $A_1, \dots, A_t$  and a nilpotent group  $A$ . Note that  $G$  is nilpotent if and only if it is  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -nilpotent, where  $\Pi = \sigma = \{\{2\}, \{3\}, \dots\}$ .

Our main goal is to prove the following theorem.

**THEOREM 1.3.** *The lattice  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}}(G)$  is modular if and only if the following two conditions hold:*

- (a) *if  $T, S \in \mathcal{L}_{\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}}(G)$ , where  $T$  is a normal subgroup of  $S$  and either  $S/T$  is  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -primary or  $|S/T| = p^3$  ( $p$  a prime), then  $\mathcal{L}(S/T)$  is modular;*
- (b)  *$\langle A, B \rangle / (A \cap B)_{\langle A, B \rangle}$  is  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -nilpotent for each  $A, B \in \mathcal{L}_{\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}}(G)$  such that  $A$  and  $B$  cover  $A \cap B$  (in  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}}(G)$ ) and  $A \cap B$  is not normal in both  $A$  and  $B$ .*

Twice applying Theorem 1.3, first with  $\Pi = \sigma = \{\{2\}, \{3\}, \dots\}$  and then with  $\Pi = \{\sigma_0\}$  and with  $\mathfrak{S}$  the class of all identity groups, gives the following corollary.

**COROLLARY 1.4** (Cf. [15] and [10, Theorem 9.2.3]). *The following statements are equivalent.*

- (i)  $\mathcal{L}_{sn}(G)$  is modular.
- (ii) If  $T \leq S$  are subnormal subgroups of  $G$ , where  $T$  is normal in  $S$  and  $S/T$  is a  $p$ -group,  $p$  a prime, then  $\mathcal{L}(S/T)$  is modular.
- (iii) If  $T \leq S$  are subnormal subgroups of  $G$ , where  $T$  is normal in  $S$  and  $|S/T| = p^3$  ( $p$  a prime), then  $\mathcal{L}(S/T)$  is modular.

We say that  $G$  is  $\mathfrak{S}$ -nilpotent if  $G = A \times B$ , where  $A \in \mathfrak{S}$  and  $B$  are Hall subgroups of  $G$  and  $B$  is nilpotent. Note, in passing, that every subgroup of  $G$  is  $K$ - $\mathfrak{S}$ -subnormal in  $G$  if and only if  $G$  is  $\mathfrak{S}$ -nilpotent [9]. Now we can characterise groups with modular lattice  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathfrak{S}sn}(G)$ .

**COROLLARY 1.5.** *The lattice  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathfrak{S}sn}(G)$  is modular if and only if the following two conditions hold:*

- (a) if  $T, S \in \mathcal{L}_{\mathfrak{S}sn}(G)$ , where  $T$  is a normal subgroup of  $S$  and either  $S/T \in \mathfrak{S}$  or  $|S/T| = p^3$  ( $p$  a prime), then  $\mathcal{L}(S/T)$  is modular;
- (b)  $\langle A, B \rangle / (A \cap B)_{\langle A, B \rangle}$  is  $\mathfrak{S}$ -nilpotent for each  $A, B \in \mathcal{L}_{\mathfrak{S}sn}(G)$  such that  $A$  and  $B$  cover  $A \cap B$  (in  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathfrak{S}sn}(G)$ ) and  $A \cap B$  is not normal in both  $A$  and  $B$ .

The proof of Theorem 1.3 is based on many properties of  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -subnormal subgroups, which we study in Section 2. In particular, we give the proof of the following two results, which are the key steps in the proof of Theorem 1.3.

**PROPOSITION 1.6.** *Let  $A$  be a  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -subnormal subgroup of  $G$ . If  $A$  is  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -nilpotent, then the normal closure  $A^G$  of  $A$  in  $G$  is also  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -nilpotent. Moreover, if  $A$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -group for some  $\sigma_i \in \Pi$ , then  $A^G$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -group; if  $A$  is a  $\Pi'$ -group, then  $A^G$  is also a  $\Pi'$ -group.*

**THEOREM 1.7.** *The lattice  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}}(G)$  is a sublattice of the lattice  $\mathcal{L}(G)$  of all subgroups of  $G$ .*

These two results may be of independent interest since they generalise known results. First, in the case  $\Pi = \sigma = \{\{2\}, \{3\}, \dots\}$ , Proposition 1.6 and Theorem 1.7 yield the following well-known result (see, for example, [4, Ch. A, Theorem 8.8]).

**COROLLARY 1.8.** *If  $A_1, \dots, A_t$  are nilpotent subnormal subgroups of  $G$ , then  $\langle A_1, \dots, A_t \rangle$  is also a nilpotent subnormal subgroup of  $G$ .*

In the case  $\Pi = \sigma = \{\{2\}, \{3\}, \dots\}$ , or when  $\Pi = \{\sigma_0\}$ , Theorem 1.7 yields the result of Wielandt mentioned above.

**COROLLARY 1.9.** *The set of all subnormal subgroups of  $G$  forms a sublattice of the lattice of all subgroups of  $G$ .*

Another special case of Theorem 1.7 was also proved in [13].

**COROLLARY 1.10.** *The set of all  $\sigma$ -subnormal subgroups of  $G$  forms a sublattice of the lattice of all subgroups of  $G$ .*

### 2. $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -subnormal subgroups

Let  $n$  be an integer. We write  $\sigma(n) = \{\sigma_i \mid \sigma_i \cap \pi(n) \neq \emptyset\}$  and  $\sigma(G) = \sigma(|G|)$ . We say that  $n$  is a  $\Pi$ -number if  $\sigma(n) \subseteq \Pi$  and  $G$  is a  $\Pi$ -group if  $|G|$  is a  $\Pi$ -number.

We use  $(G^*)^{\mathfrak{S}}$  and  $O^{\sigma_i}(G^*)$  respectively to denote the intersection of all normal subgroups  $N$  of  $G$  with  $G^*/N \in \mathfrak{S}$  and with the property that  $G^*/N$  is a finite  $\sigma_i$ -group. We say that  $G^*$  is  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -perfect if  $G^* = (G^*)^{\mathfrak{S}}$  and  $O^{\sigma_i}(G^*) = G^*$  for all  $\sigma_i \in \Pi$  with  $i \neq 0$ .

**LEMMA 2.1.** *Let  $A, K$  and  $N$  be subgroups of  $G^*$ . Suppose that  $A$  is  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -subnormal in  $G^*$  and  $N$  is normal in  $G^*$ .*

- (1)  $A \cap K$  is  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -subnormal in  $K$ .
- (2) If  $K$  is a  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -subnormal subgroup of  $A$ , then  $K$  is  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -subnormal in  $G^*$ .
- (3) If  $K$  is  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -subnormal in  $G^*$ , then  $A \cap K$  is  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -subnormal in  $G^*$ .
- (4) If  $N \leq K$  and  $K/N$  is  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -subnormal in  $G^*/N$ , then  $K$  is  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -subnormal in  $G^*$ .
- (5)  $AN/N$  is  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -subnormal in  $G^*/N$ .
- (6) If  $K \leq A$  and  $A$  is  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -primary, then  $K$  is  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -subnormal in  $G^*$ .
- (7) If  $A$  is  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -perfect, then  $A$  is subnormal in  $G^*$ .
- (8) If  $|G^* : A|$  is a  $\Pi'$ -number, then  $A$  is subnormal in  $G^*$ .

**PROOF.** See the proof of [1, Lemma 2.2]. □

Recall that  $O^{\Pi}(G)$  denotes the subgroup of  $G$  generated by all its  $\Pi'$ -subgroups [13]. A subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is called a *Hall  $\Pi$ -subgroup* of  $G$  if  $|H|$  is a  $\Pi$ -number and  $|G : H|$  is a  $\Pi'$ -number, and a  *$\sigma$ -Hall subgroup* of  $G$  if  $H$  is a Hall  $\Pi$ -subgroup of  $G$  for some  $\Pi \subseteq \sigma$  [12, 13].

**LEMMA 2.2.** *Let  $\Pi_1 \subseteq \Pi$  and  $A$  be a  $\Pi$ -subnormal subgroup of  $G$ .*

- (1) If  $H \neq 1$  is a Hall  $\Pi_1$ -subgroup of  $G$  and  $A$  is not a  $\Pi'_1$ -group, then  $A \cap H \neq 1$  is a Hall  $\Pi_1$ -subgroup of  $A$ .
- (2) If  $A$  is a Hall  $\Pi_1$ -subgroup of  $G$ , then  $A$  is normal in  $G$ .
- (3) If  $|G : A|$  is a  $\Pi_1$ -number, then  $O^{\Pi_1}(A) = O^{\Pi_1}(G)$ .
- (4) If  $N$  is a normal  $\Pi_1$ -subgroup of  $G$ , then  $N \leq N_G(O^{\Pi_1}(A))$ .

**PROOF.** Assume that the lemma is false and let  $G$  be a counterexample of minimal order. By hypothesis, there is a subgroup chain  $A = A_0 < A_1 < \dots < A_r = G$  such that either  $A_{i-1}$  is normal in  $A_i$  or  $A_i/(A_{i-1})_{A_i}$  is  $\Pi_{\mathfrak{S}}$ -primary for all  $i = 1, \dots, r$ . Let  $M = A_{r-1}$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $M < G$ .

(1) First we show that  $M \cap H \neq 1$  is a Hall  $\Pi_1$ -subgroup of  $M$ . If either  $H \leq M$  or  $M$  is normal in  $G$ , it is evident. Assume that  $K = M_G \neq M$  and  $H \not\leq M$ . Then  $|G : K|$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -number for some  $\sigma_i \in \Pi$ . Moreover,  $\sigma_i \in \sigma(H) \subseteq \Pi_1$  since otherwise

we have  $H \leq K \leq M$ . Therefore, if  $K = 1$ , then  $G$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -group and so  $H = G$ . But then  $M = M \cap H$  is a Hall  $\Pi_1$ -subgroup of  $M$ . Now assume that  $K \neq 1$ . Then  $HK/K \neq 1$  is a Hall  $\Pi_1$ -subgroup of  $G/K$  since  $H \not\leq M$ , and  $M/K$  is a  $\Pi$ -subnormal subgroup of  $G/K$  such that  $M/K$  is not a  $\Pi'_1$ -group since  $K < M$  and  $|G/K|$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -number, where  $\sigma_i \in \sigma(H) \subseteq \Pi_1$ . Therefore, the choice of  $G$  implies that  $(HK/K) \cap (M/K) = (H \cap M)K/K \neq 1$  is a Hall  $\Pi_1$ -subgroup of  $M/K$ . Hence,  $|M : K(H \cap M)|$  is a  $\Pi'$ -number. On the other hand,  $H \cap K$  is a Hall  $\Pi_1$ -subgroup of  $K$  since  $K$  is normal in  $G$ . Therefore,  $|M : H \cap M| = |M : K(H \cap M)| |K : K \cap H|$  is a  $\Pi'_1$ -number. Hence,  $M \cap H \neq 1$  is a Hall  $\Pi_1$ -subgroup of  $M$ . Since  $A$  is  $\Pi$ -subnormal in  $M$  and  $|M| < |G|$ , the choice of  $G$  implies that  $H \cap A = (H \cap M) \cap A$  is a Hall  $\Pi_1$ -subgroup of  $A$ .

(2) If  $A = 1$ , it is clear. Now assume that  $A \neq 1$ . Then, for any  $x \in G$ ,  $A \cap A^x \neq 1$  is a Hall  $\Pi_1$ -subgroup of  $A$  by Assertion (1). Therefore,  $A = A^x$  for all  $x \in G$ , giving (2).

(3) It is clear that  $|M : A|$  and  $|G : M|$  are  $\Pi_1$ -numbers. Moreover,  $A$  is  $\Pi$ -subnormal in  $M$  by Lemma 2.1(1). The choice of  $G$  implies that  $O^{\Pi_1}(A) = O^{\Pi_1}(M)$ . Since  $|G : M|$  is a  $\Pi_1$ -number,  $G/M_G$  is a  $\Pi_1$ -number. Therefore, every  $\Pi'_1$ -subgroup of  $G$  is contained in  $M_G$ , so  $O^{\Pi_1}(G) = O^{\Pi_1}(M) = O^{\Pi_1}(A)$ .

(4) It is clear that  $|AN : A|$  is a  $\Pi_1$ -number. On the other hand,  $A$  is  $\Pi$ -subnormal in  $AN$  by Lemma 2.1(1). Hence,  $N \leq N_{AN}(O^{\Pi_1}(AN)) = N_{AN}(O^{\Pi_1}(A))$  by Assertion (3).

The lemma is proved. □

**LEMMA 2.3.** *Let  $A$  be a  $\Pi_3$ -subnormal subgroup of  $G$ .*

- (1) *If  $R$  is a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$  and not  $\Pi_3$ -primary, then  $R \leq N_G(A)$ .*
- (2) *If  $N \leq H \leq G$ , where  $N$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  such that  $G/N \in \mathfrak{S}$ , then  $H^{\mathfrak{S}} = G^{\mathfrak{S}}$ .*
- (3) *If  $G = AB$  for some subgroup  $B$  of  $G$  contained in  $\mathfrak{S}$ , then  $A^{\mathfrak{S}} = G^{\mathfrak{S}}$ .*
- (4) *If a normal subgroup  $R$  of  $G$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{S}$ , then  $R \leq N_G(A^{\mathfrak{S}})$ .*

**PROOF.** Assume that the lemma is false and let  $G$  be a counterexample of minimal order. By hypothesis, there is a subgroup chain  $A = A_0 < A_1 < \dots < A_r = G$  such that either  $A_{i-1}$  is normal in  $A_i$  or  $A_i/(A_{i-1})_{A_i}$  is  $\Pi_3$ -primary for all  $i = 1, \dots, r$ . Let  $M = A_{r-1}$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $M < G$ .

(1) First assume that  $R$  is abelian. If  $R$  is a  $\Pi'$ -group, then  $|RA : A|$  is a  $\Pi'$ -number and so  $A$  is subnormal in  $RA$  by Lemma 2.1(1),(8). Hence,  $R \leq N_G(A)$  by [4, Ch. A, 14.3]. Now suppose that  $R$  is a  $p$ -group for some  $p \in \sigma_i \in \Pi$ . Then  $i = 0$  and  $R \notin \mathfrak{S}$  since otherwise  $R$  is  $\Pi_3$ -primary, contrary to the hypothesis. Since  $\mathfrak{S}$  is closed under extensions and subgroups, every group  $S \in \mathfrak{S}$  is a  $p'$ -group. But  $A$  is  $\Pi_3$ -subnormal in  $RA$ . Hence,  $A$  is subnormal in  $RA$  since  $|AR : A|$  is a power of  $p$  (from the proof of Lemma 2.1(8)). Hence,  $R \leq N_G(A)$ . Finally, suppose that  $R$  is nonabelian. Consider the group  $AR$ . Clearly,  $R$  is the product of some minimal normal subgroup of  $AR$ . If  $AR < G$ , then the choice of  $G$  implies that  $R \leq N_G(A)$ . Now assume that  $G = AR$ . Then  $R \not\leq M$  since  $M < G$ . If  $M$  is not normal in  $G$ , then  $G/M_G$  is  $\Pi_3$ -primary and so  $RM_G/M_G \simeq R/R \cap M_G \simeq R$  is  $\Pi_3$ -primary, contrary to the hypothesis. Hence,  $M$  is normal in  $G$ . Then  $R = (R \cap M) \times R_0$ , where  $R \cap M$  and  $R_0$  are normal

in  $G$  and  $R_0 \cap M = 1$ . Hence,  $R \cap M \leq \text{Soc}(M)$  and  $M = M \cap AR = A(R \cap M)$ . The choice of  $G$  implies that  $R \cap M \leq N_M(A) \leq N_G(A)$ . On the other hand,  $R_0 \cap M = 1$ , so  $R_0 \leq C_G(M) \leq C_G(A)$ . Thus,  $R \leq N_G(A)$ . Hence, we have (1).

(2) Clearly,  $G^\mathfrak{S} \leq N$  and also  $N/G^\mathfrak{S} \in \mathfrak{S}$ . Hence,  $N^\mathfrak{S} \leq G^\mathfrak{S}$ . Since  $N^\mathfrak{S}$  is a characteristic subgroup of  $N$ , it is normal in  $G$ . Thus,  $G/N^\mathfrak{S} \in \mathfrak{S}$  since the class  $\mathfrak{S}$  is closed under extensions. It follows that  $G^\mathfrak{S} \leq N^\mathfrak{S}$  and so  $N^\mathfrak{S} = G^\mathfrak{S}$ . Since  $N$  is normal in  $H$  and  $H/N \in \mathfrak{S}$ , we have also that  $N^\mathfrak{S} = H^\mathfrak{S}$ . Hence,  $H^\mathfrak{S} = G^\mathfrak{S}$ .

(3) It is clear that  $|M : A|$  and  $|G : M|$  are  $\pi(B)$ -numbers, so  $|M : A|$  and  $|G : M|$  are  $\sigma_0$ -numbers. Moreover, as  $A$  is  $\Pi_\mathfrak{S}$ -subnormal in  $M$  and  $M = A(M \cap B)$ , the choice of  $G$  implies that  $A^\mathfrak{S} = M^\mathfrak{S}$ . Note that  $G/M_G \in \mathfrak{S}$ . Indeed, if  $M$  is normal in  $G$ , this follows from the isomorphism  $BM/M \simeq B/B \cap M$  since in this case  $M_G = M$ . Assume that  $M$  is not normal in  $G$ . Then either  $G/M_G$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -group for some  $i \neq 0$  or  $G/M_G \in \mathfrak{S}$ . But the former case is impossible since  $|G : M|$  is a  $\sigma_0$ -number. Hence,  $G/M_G \in \mathfrak{S}$ . It follows from (2) that  $A^\mathfrak{S} = M^\mathfrak{S} = G^\mathfrak{S}$ .

(4) By Lemma 2.1(1),  $A$  is  $\Pi_\mathfrak{S}$ -subnormal in  $AR$ , so  $A^\mathfrak{S} = (AR)^\mathfrak{S}$  by (3). It follows that  $R \leq N_{AR}(A^\mathfrak{S}) \leq N_G(A^\mathfrak{S})$ .

The lemma is proved. □

**LEMMA 2.4.** *If  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  and  $\pi = \pi(H/H \cap \Phi(G))$ , then  $H$  has a Hall  $\pi$ -subgroup  $E$  and  $E$  is normal in  $G$ . Moreover, if  $H/H \cap \Phi(G) \in \mathfrak{S}$ , then  $E \in \mathfrak{S}$ .*

**PROOF.** See the proof of [13, Lemma 2.5]. □

**PROOF OF PROPOSITION 1.6.** We use  $G_\mathfrak{S}$  to denote the product of all normal subgroups of  $G$  belonging to  $\mathfrak{S}$ . Since the class  $\mathfrak{S}$  is closed under extensions and subgroups, every subgroup of  $G_\mathfrak{S}$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{S}$ .

If  $A = 1$  or  $A = G$ , then  $A = A^G$  is  $\Pi_\mathfrak{S}$ -nilpotent by hypothesis. Now assume that  $1 \neq A \neq G$ . By hypothesis,  $A = B_1 \times \cdots \times B_t \times B$  for some  $\Pi_\mathfrak{S}$ -primary groups  $B_1, \dots, B_t$  and a nilpotent group  $B$ . Then  $A^G = (B_1)^G \cdots (B_t)^G B^G$ . Without loss of generality, we can assume that  $B_1 \in \mathfrak{S}$ ,  $B_i$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -group for all  $i = 2, \dots, t$  and  $B$  is a  $\Pi'$ -subgroup of  $G$ . Therefore, in order to prove that  $A^G$  is  $\Pi_\mathfrak{S}$ -nilpotent, it is enough to prove the following three claims.

**Claim 1.**  $B_1^G \in \mathfrak{S}$ . It is enough to show that  $B_1 \leq G_\mathfrak{S}$ . Assume that this false and let  $G$  be a counterexample of minimal order. Let  $D = G_\mathfrak{S}$ . Then  $B_1 \neq 1$  and  $G \neq D$ . Let  $R$  be a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$ . Clearly,  $B_1$  is  $\Pi_\mathfrak{S}$ -subnormal in  $G$  and  $B_1$  is  $\Pi_\mathfrak{S}$ -nilpotent. The choice of  $G$  and Lemma 2.1(5) imply that  $B_1R/R \leq O/R = (G/R)_\mathfrak{S}$  since  $B_1R/R$  is a  $\sigma_0$ -group. Therefore,  $R \not\leq D$ , so  $D = 1$  and  $B_1 \cap R < R$ . Suppose that  $L = B_1 \cap R \neq 1$ . Then  $L$  is  $\Pi_\mathfrak{S}$ -subnormal in  $G$  by Lemma 2.1(3) and so  $L$  is  $\Pi_\mathfrak{S}$ -subnormal in  $R$  by Lemma 2.1(1). If  $R < G$ , then the choice of  $G$  implies that  $L \leq R_\mathfrak{S} \leq D$ . But then  $R \leq D$ , which is a contradiction. Hence,  $R = G$  is a simple group, which is impossible since  $B_1 \neq 1$  and  $G \neq D$ . Therefore,  $R \cap B_1 = 1$ .

If  $O < G$ , then the choice of  $G$  implies that  $B_1 \leq O_\mathfrak{S} \leq G_\mathfrak{S}$ , contrary to our assumption on  $B_1$ . Hence,  $G/R = O/R \in \mathfrak{S}$ . It follows from [8, Ch. I, Hilfssatz 9.6] that  $R$  is the unique minimal normal subgroup of  $G$ . If  $R \leq \Phi(G)$ , then  $G$  has a normal Hall

subgroup  $E_0 \in \mathfrak{S}$  by Lemma 2.4. It follows that  $E_0 \leq D = 1$ , which is a contradiction. Thus,  $R \not\leq \Phi(G)$ , which implies that  $C_G(R) \leq R$ .

Now we show that  $R \leq N_G(B_1)$ . First assume that  $R$  is  $\Pi_3$ -primary. Then  $R$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -group for some  $i \neq 0$  and so  $O^{\sigma_i}(B_1) = B_1$ . Therefore,  $R \leq N_G(B_1)$  by Lemma 2.2(4). On the other hand, if  $R$  is not  $\Pi_3$ -primary, then  $R \leq N_{RB_1}(B_1)$  by Lemma 2.3(1). Therefore,  $B_1R = B_1 \times R$  and so  $B_1 \leq C_G(R) \leq R$ . This contradiction completes the proof of Claim 1.

**Claim 2.** If  $i > 1$ , then  $B_i^G$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -group. This claim can be proved similarly to Claim 1 using Lemma 2.2 instead of Lemma 2.3.

**Claim 3.**  $B^G$  is a nilpotent  $\Pi'$ -group. Assume that the claim is false and let  $G$  be a counterexample of minimal order. Then  $B \neq G$ . It is clear that  $B$  is  $\Pi_3$ -subnormal in  $G$ . Hence, there is a subgroup chain  $B = A_0 < A_1 < \dots < A_r = G$  such that either  $A_{i-1}$  is normal in  $A_i$  or  $A_i/(A_{i-1})_{A_i}$  is  $\Pi_3$ -primary for all  $i = 1, \dots, r$ . Let  $M = A_{r-1}$ . Without loss of generality, we can assume that  $M < G$ . Then  $B^M$  is a nilpotent  $\Pi'$ -group by the choice of  $G$ . If  $M$  is normal in  $G$ , then  $B^M$  is subnormal in  $G$ . Using Claim 2 with  $\Pi = \sigma = \{2, 3, \dots\}$ , we conclude that  $B^G = (B^M)^G$  is a nilpotent  $\Pi'$ -group. Finally, if  $M$  is not normal in  $G$ , then  $M/M_G$  is a  $\Pi$ -group and so  $B^M \leq M_G$ . Hence, as above, we conclude that  $B^G = (B^M)^G$  is a nilpotent  $\Pi'$ -group.  $\square$

**PROPOSITION 2.5.** Let  $\mathfrak{N}_{\Pi_3}$  be the class of all  $\Pi_3$ -nilpotent groups.

- (1) The class  $\mathfrak{N}_{\Pi_3}$  is closed under products of normal subgroups, homomorphic images and subgroups. Moreover, if  $G/\Phi(G)$  is  $\Pi_3$ -nilpotent, then  $G$  is  $\Pi_3$ -nilpotent.
- (2)  $G \in \mathfrak{N}_{\Pi_3}$  if and only if every subgroup of  $G$  is  $\Pi_3$ -subnormal in  $G$ .

**PROOF.** Assertion (1) follows from Lemma 2.4. For Assertion (2), see the proof of [7, Proposition 3.4].  $\square$

**PROOF OF THEOREM 1.7.** In view of Lemma 2.1(3), we only need to show that if  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\Pi_3$ -subnormal subgroups of  $G$ , then  $\langle A, B \rangle$  is  $\Pi_3$ -subnormal in  $G$ . Assume that this is false and let  $G$  be a counterexample of minimal order. Then  $A \neq 1 \neq B$  and  $\langle A, B \rangle \neq G$ . Let  $R$  be a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$ .

**Claim 1.**  $\langle A, B \rangle R = G$  and so  $\langle A, B \rangle_G = 1$ .

Suppose that  $L = \langle A, B \rangle R \neq G$ . Lemma 2.1(1) implies that  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\Pi_3$ -subnormal in  $L$ . Hence, the choice of  $G$  implies that  $\langle A, B \rangle$  is  $\Pi_3$ -subnormal in  $L$ . On the other hand,  $L/R = \langle A, B \rangle R/R = \langle AR/R, BR/R \rangle$ , where  $AR/R$  and  $BR/R$  are  $\Pi_3$ -subnormal in  $G/R$  by Lemma 2.1(5), so the choice of  $G$  implies that  $L/R$  is  $\Pi_3$ -subnormal in  $G/R$  and so  $L$  is  $\Pi_3$ -subnormal in  $G$  by Lemma 2.1(4). But then  $\langle A, B \rangle$  is  $\Pi_3$ -subnormal in  $G$  by Lemma 2.1(2). This contradiction proves Claim 1.

**Claim 2.** If  $S$  is a nonidentity characteristic subgroup of  $C$ , where  $C \in \{A, B\}$ , then  $R \not\leq N_G(S)$ . In particular,  $R \not\leq N_G(C)$ .

Indeed, if  $R \leq N_G(S)$ , then  $S^G = S^{\langle A, B \rangle R} = S^{\langle A, B \rangle} \leq \langle A, B \rangle_G = 1$ , which is a contradiction.

*Claim 3.*  $R$  is  $\Pi_3$ -primary. Hence,  $R$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -group for some  $\sigma_i \in \Pi$ .

This follows from Claim 2 and Lemma 2.3(1).

*Claim 4.*  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\Pi_3$ -primary.

Claim 3 implies that  $R$  is a  $\Pi_3$ -primary  $\sigma_i$ -group for some  $\sigma_i \in \Pi$ . First assume that  $i = 0$ . Then  $R$  belongs  $\mathfrak{S}$ , so  $R \leq N_G(A^3)$  by Lemma 2.3(2). Hence,  $A/A^3 = A/1 \simeq A \in \mathfrak{S}$  by Claim 2. It follows that  $A$  is an  $\mathfrak{S}$ -group. Now assume that  $R$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -group for  $i \neq 0$ . Then  $R \leq N_G(O^{\sigma_i}(A))$  by Lemma 2.2(4). But  $O^{\sigma_i}(A)$  is characteristic in  $A$ , so  $O^{\sigma_i}(A) = 1$  by Claim 2. Hence,  $A$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -group. This shows that  $A$  is  $\Pi_3$ -primary. Similarly, we can see that  $B$  is  $\Pi_3$ -primary.

*Final contradiction.* From Claim 4, we know that  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\Pi_3$ -primary. Consequently,  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\Pi_3$ -nilpotent. Hence,  $A^G$  and  $B^G$  are  $\Pi_3$ -nilpotent by Proposition 1.6. It follows from Proposition 2.5(1) that  $A^G B^G$  is  $\Pi_3$ -nilpotent. Therefore, by Proposition 2.5(2),  $\langle A, B \rangle$  is  $\Pi_3$ -subnormal in  $G$ . This contradiction completes the proof. □

### 3. Proof of Theorem 1.3

First suppose that  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(G)$  is modular. We derive (a) and (b).

(a) If  $T$  and  $S$  are  $\Pi_3$ -subnormal subgroups of  $G$ , where  $T$  is normal in  $S$ , and either  $S/T$  is  $\Pi_3$ -primary or  $|S/T| = p^3$  ( $p$  a prime), then  $\mathcal{L}(S/T) = \mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(S/T)$  by Lemma 2.1(6). Hence,  $\mathcal{L}(S/T)$  is modular.

(b) Now assume that  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\Pi_3$ -subnormal subgroups of  $G$  such that  $A$  and  $B$  cover  $A \cap B$  (in  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(G)$ ) and also  $A \cap B$  is not normal in both  $A$  and  $B$ . We show that  $\langle A, B \rangle / (A \cap B)_{\langle A, B \rangle}$  is  $\Pi_3$ -nilpotent. In view of Theorem 1.7,  $\langle A, B \rangle$  is  $\Pi_3$ -subnormal in  $G$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(\langle A, B \rangle)$  is a sublattice of the modular lattice  $L_{\Pi_3}(G)$ , so  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(\langle A, B \rangle)$  is modular. Then, in case  $\langle A, B \rangle < G$ , we see that  $\langle A, B \rangle / (A \cap B)_{\langle A, B \rangle}$  is  $\Pi_3$ -nilpotent by induction. Finally, suppose that  $\langle A, B \rangle = G$ . Then, since  $A$  and  $B$  cover  $A \cap B$  and the lattice  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(G)$  is modular,  $A$  and  $B$  are coatoms in the lattice  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(G)$  by [10, Theorem 2.1.10]. Therefore, either  $A$  is normal in  $G$  or  $G/A_G$  is  $\Pi_3$ -primary. In the former case  $A \cap B$  is normal in  $B$ , contrary to our choice of  $A$  and  $B$ . Hence,  $G/A_G$  is  $\Pi_3$ -primary, so it is  $\Pi_3$ -nilpotent. Similarly,  $G/B_G$  is  $\Pi_3$ -nilpotent. Therefore,  $G/A_G \cap B_G$  is  $\Pi_3$ -nilpotent by Proposition 2.5, so  $G/A_G \cap B_G = G/(A \cap B)_G = \langle A, B \rangle / (A \cap B)_{\langle A, B \rangle}$  is  $\Pi_3$ -nilpotent.

The sufficiency of (a) and (b) follows from the following proposition.

**PROPOSITION 3.1.** *The lattice  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(G)$  is modular if the following two conditions hold.*

- (a) *If  $T \leq S$  are  $\Pi_3$ -subnormal subgroups of  $G$ , where  $T$  is normal in  $S$  and either  $S/T$  is  $\Pi_3$ -primary or  $|S/T| = p^3$  ( $p$  a prime), then  $\mathcal{L}(S/T)$  is modular.*
- (b)  *$\langle A, B \rangle / (A \cap B)_{\langle A, B \rangle}$  is  $\Pi_3$ -nilpotent for each  $A, B \in L_{\Pi_3}(G)$  such that  $A$  and  $B$  cover  $A \cap B$ ,  $A \cap B$  is not normal in both  $A$  and  $B$  and also  $|A : A \cap B|$  and  $|B : A \cap B|$  are  $\sigma$ -coprime, that is,  $\sigma(|A : A \cap B|) \cap \sigma(|B : A \cap B|) = \emptyset$ .*

**PROOF.** Suppose that the proposition is false and let  $G$  be a counterexample of minimal order. Then  $G$  is neither  $\Pi_3$ -primary nor a group of order  $p^3$  ( $p$  a prime) (otherwise,  $\mathcal{L}(G) = \mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(G)$  is modular by hypothesis).

(i) If  $A, B \in \mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(G)$ , where  $A$  covers  $B$  and  $B$  is not normal in  $A$ , then  $A/B_A$  is a nonabelian  $\Pi_3$ -primary group of order  $pq$  for some primes  $p$  and  $q$ . Hence,  $|A : B|$  is a prime.

Since  $B$  is not normal in  $A$  and  $A$  covers  $B$  (in  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(G)$ ),  $A/B_A$  is  $\Pi_3$ -primary. Therefore, every subgroup of  $A/B_A$  is  $\Pi_3$ -subnormal in  $A/B_A$  by Lemma 2.1(6), so  $B$  is a maximal subgroup of  $A$ . Thus,  $A/B_A$  is a primitive group. On the other hand, by hypothesis,  $\mathcal{L}(A/B_A)$  is modular. Therefore,  $A/B_A$  is a nonabelian  $\Pi_3$ -primary group of order  $pq$  with  $p$  and  $q$  distinct primes, by the Iwasawa theorem [10, Theorem 2.4.4] (see also [10, Lemma 2.4.3]).

(ii)  $L_{\Pi}(G)$  is lower semimodular.

We need to show that if  $A, B \in \mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(G)$  are such that  $\langle A, B \rangle$  covers  $A$  (in  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(G)$ ), then  $B$  covers  $A \cap B$  (in  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi}(G)$ ). Suppose that this is false. Then  $G = \langle A, B \rangle$ . Indeed, assume that  $\langle A, B \rangle < G$ . In view of Theorem 1.7, the hypothesis holds for  $\langle A, B \rangle$ . The choice of  $G$  implies that  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi}(\langle A, B \rangle)$  is modular. Hence, this lattice is lower semimodular by [10, Theorem 2.1.10] and so  $B$  covers  $A \cap B$ , which is a contradiction. Hence,  $G = \langle A, B \rangle$ . We show that  $A$  is not a conjugate of  $B$ . Indeed, assume that  $A = B^x$ . Then  $A_G = B_G$ . Lemma 2.1(4),(5) implies that the hypothesis holds for  $G/A_G$ . The choice of  $G$  implies that the lattice  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(G/A_G)$  is modular. It is clear also that in this lattice  $G/A_G = \langle A/A_G, B/A_G \rangle$  covers  $A/A_G$ . Hence,  $B/A_G$  covers  $(A/A_G) \cap (B/B_G) = (A \cap B)/A_G$  and so  $B$  covers  $A \cap B$  (in  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi}(G)$ ), which is a contradiction. Hence,  $A \neq B^x$  for all  $x \in G$ . Now we show that  $A$  is not normal in  $G$ . Assume that  $A \trianglelefteq G$ . Then  $AB = G$ . Assume that  $T$  is a  $\Pi_3$ -subnormal subgroup of  $G$  such that  $A \cap B \leq T \leq B$ . Then  $AT$  is  $\Pi_3$ -subnormal in  $G$  by Theorem 1.7. Hence, from  $A \leq AT \leq AB = G$ , it follows that either  $A = AT$  or  $AT = AB$ . In the former case,  $T \leq A$  and so  $A \cap B = T$ . In the second case,  $B = T(B \cap A) = T$ . Hence,  $B$  covers  $A \cap B$ . This contradiction shows that  $A$  is not normal in  $G$ . Assume that  $AB \neq G$ . Then  $AB/A_G \neq G/A_G$ . Since  $G = \langle A, B \rangle$  and  $G$  covers  $A$ , it follows that  $B \not\leq A$ . Hence,  $G/A_G$  is a nonabelian group of order  $pq$  for some primes  $p$  and  $q$  and  $|G : A|$  is a prime by (i). Since  $A$  is not a conjugate of  $B$ ,  $A/A_G$  is not a conjugate of  $A_G B/A_G$  in  $G/A_G$ , so  $G/A_G = (A_G B/A_G)(A/A_G) = AB/A_G$ , which is a contradiction. Thus,  $AB = G$ . Then, by (i) again,  $|G : A| = |B : A \cap B|$  is a prime. This implies that  $B$  covers  $A \cap B$ , which is a contradiction. Hence, we have proved (ii).

(iii)  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(G)$  is upper semimodular.

In view of [5, page 173], it is enough to show that if  $A, B \in \mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(G)$  are such that  $A$  and  $B$  cover  $A \cap B$  (in  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(G)$ ), then  $\langle A, B \rangle$  covers  $A$  (in  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(G)$ ). Suppose that this is false.

**Claim 1.**  $G = \langle A, B \rangle$ . Assume that  $\langle A, B \rangle < G$ . Then the choice of  $G$  implies that  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(\langle A, B \rangle)$  is modular. Hence, this lattice is upper semimodular by [10, Theorem 2.1.10] and so  $\langle A, B \rangle$  covers  $A$ , which is a contradiction. Hence, we have Claim 1.

**Claim 2.**  $AB \neq BA$ . Indeed, if  $AB = BA$ , then  $G = AB$  by Claim 1. Hence, for every subgroup  $T \in \mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(G)$  satisfying  $A \leq T \leq G$ , we have  $T = A(T \cap B)$ . On the other hand, since  $B$  covers  $A \cap B$ , from  $A \cap B = T \cap A \cap B \leq T \cap B \leq B$  it follows that either  $A \cap B = T \cap B$  or  $T \cap B = B$ . In the former case,  $T = A(T \cap B) = A(A \cap B) = A$ . In the second case,  $T = G$ . Hence,  $G = \langle A, B \rangle = AB$  covers  $A$ , which is a contradiction. Hence, we have Claim 2.

**Claim 3.**  $(A \cap B)_G = 1$ . Assume that  $(A \cap B)_G \neq 1$ . Then, by Lemma 2.1(4),(5), the hypothesis holds for  $G/(A \cap B)_G$ . The choice of  $G$  implies that  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(G/(A \cap B)_G)$  is modular. Since  $B$  covers  $A \cap B$  (in  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(G)$ ),  $B/(A \cap B)_G$  covers  $(A \cap B)/(A \cap B)_G$  (in  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(G/(A \cap B)_G)$ ). Hence,  $\langle A, B \rangle/(A \cap B)_G$  covers  $A/(A \cap B)_G$  (in  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(G/(A \cap B)_G)$ ), which implies that  $\langle A, B \rangle$  covers  $A$  (in  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(G)$ ). This contradiction proves Claim 3.

**Claim 4.**  $A$  and  $B$  are not both  $\Pi_3$ -primary. Assume, for example, that  $A$  is  $\Pi_3$ -primary. First suppose that  $A \in \mathfrak{S}$ . Then  $A^G \in \mathfrak{S}$  by Proposition 1.6. By Claim 1,  $G = A^G B$  and so  $B^3 = G^3$  is normal in  $G$  by Lemma 2.3(3). Since  $G$  is not  $\Pi_3$ -primary,  $B^3 \neq 1$ . Let  $R$  be a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$  contained in  $B^3$ . By Claim 3,  $R \not\leq A$ , so  $(A \cap B)R = B$  since  $B$  covers  $A \cap B$ . Hence,  $AB = A(A \cap B)R = AR = BA$ , contrary to Claim 2. Hence,  $A$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -group for some  $i \neq 0$ . Then  $A^G$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -group by Proposition 1.6. Hence,  $|G : B| = |A^G B : B|$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -number. By Lemma 2.2(3),  $O^{\sigma_i}(B) = G^{\sigma_i}(B)$  is normal in  $G$ . Since  $G$  is not  $\Pi_3$ -primary,  $O^{\sigma_i}(B) \neq 1$  and so, as above,  $AB = BA$ , contrary to Claim 2. Hence, we have Claim 4.

**Claim 5.**  $A \cap B \neq 1$ . Assume that  $A \cap B = 1$ . Then  $A$  and  $B$  are minimal  $\Pi_3$ -subnormal subgroups of  $G$ , that is,  $A$  and  $B$  are atoms in  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(G)$ . Hence,  $A$  and  $B$  are simple groups. By Claim 4,  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\Pi_3$ -perfect, so  $A$  and  $B$  are subnormal in  $G$  by Lemma 2.1(7). If one of these subgroups, say  $A$ , is nonabelian, then  $R = A^G$  is a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$  and  $R \leq N_G(B)$  by Lemma 2.3(1) since  $A$  is not  $\Pi_3$ -primary by Claim 4. But then  $AB = BA$ , contrary to Claim 2. Hence,  $|A| = p$  and  $|B| = q$  for some primes  $p$  and  $q$ . Proposition 1.6 (using the case when  $\Pi = \sigma = \{\{2\}, \{3\}, \dots\}$ ) implies that  $A \leq O_p(G)$  and  $B \leq O_q(G)$ . Therefore, by Claim 2,  $p = q$ , so  $G = O_p(G)$ . But then  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(G) = L(G)$  is modular by [10, Lemma 2.3.3] and Condition (a), which is a contradiction. Hence, we have Claim 5.

**Claim 6.** Neither  $A \leq N_G(A \cap B)$  nor  $B \leq N_G(A \cap B)$ . Assume, for example, that  $B \leq N_G(A \cap B)$ . If also  $A \leq N_G(A \cap B)$ , then  $A \cap B$  is normal in  $G$  by Claim 1, which is impossible in view of Claims 3 and 5. Therefore,  $A \not\leq N_G(A \cap B)$ . Then  $A/(A \cap B)_A$  is a  $\Pi_3$ -primary  $\sigma_i$ -group for some  $\sigma_i \in \Pi$  by (i). First suppose that  $A/(A \cap B)_A \in \mathfrak{S}$ . Then  $(A \cap B)^3 = A^3$  is normal in  $A$  by Lemma 2.3(2). On the other hand, since  $B \leq N_G(A \cap B)$  and  $(A \cap B)^3$  is characteristic in  $A \cap B$ , we have  $B \leq N_G((A \cap B)^3)$ . Hence,  $(A \cap B)^3$  is normal in  $G$ , which in view of Claim 3 implies that  $(A \cap B)^3 = 1$ . But then  $A$  is  $\Pi_3$ -primary, contrary to Claim 4. Therefore,  $A/(A \cap B)_A$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -group for some  $\sigma_i \in \Pi \setminus \{\sigma_0\}$ . But in this case we see similarly that  $A$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -group. Thus,  $A$  is  $\Pi_3$ -primary, contrary to Claim 4. This contradiction completes the proof of Claim 6.

*Final contradiction for (iii).* From (i) and Claim 6,  $A/(A \cap B)_A$  and  $B/(A \cap B)_B$  are  $\Pi_3$ -primary. First suppose that these two groups are  $\sigma_i$ -groups for the same  $\sigma_i \in \Pi$ . Assume that  $i \neq 0$ . Then  $O^{\sigma_i}(A \cap B) = O^{\sigma_i}(A) = O^{\sigma_i}(B)$  by Lemma 2.2(3), so  $O^{\sigma_i}(A \cap B)$  is normal in  $G$  by Claim 1. Hence, from Claim 3,  $O^{\sigma_i}(A \cap B) = 1$ . It follows that  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\sigma_i$ -groups. But then  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\Pi_3$ -primary, which contradicts Claim 4. Therefore,  $i = 0$ , that is,  $A/(A \cap B)_A \in \mathfrak{S}$  and  $B/(A \cap B)_B \in \mathfrak{S}$ . Then  $A^{\mathfrak{S}} = (A \cap B)^{\mathfrak{S}} = B^{\mathfrak{S}}$  by Lemma 2.3(2). From Claims 1 and 3,  $(A \cap B)^{\mathfrak{S}} = 1$ , which also implies that  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\Pi_3$ -primary. This contradiction shows that  $A/(A \cap B)_A$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -group and  $B/(A \cap B)_B$  is a  $\sigma_j$ -group for distinct  $\sigma_i$  and  $\sigma_j$  in  $\sigma$ . By Claim 3 and the hypothesis,  $G/(A \cap B)_G = \langle A, B \rangle / (A \cap B)_G = G/1$  is  $\Pi_3$ -nilpotent by Condition (b). Thus,  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(G) = \mathcal{L}(G)$  by Proposition 2.5(ii) and  $G = A_1 \times \cdots \times A_t \times A_{t+1} \times \cdots \times A_n$  is the direct product of some  $\Pi_3$ -primary groups  $A_1, \dots, A_t$  and primary (that is, of prime power order) groups  $A_{t+1}, \dots, A_n$ . Note that  $\mathcal{L}(A_1), \dots, \mathcal{L}(A_t)$  are modular by Condition (a) and  $\mathcal{L}(A_{t+1}), \dots, \mathcal{L}(A_n)$  are also modular by Condition (a) and [10, Lemma 2.3.3]. Therefore,  $\mathcal{L}(A_1) \times \cdots \times \mathcal{L}(A_n)$  is modular. But  $\mathcal{L}(G) \simeq \mathcal{L}(A_1) \times \cdots \times \mathcal{L}(A_n)$  by [10, Lemma 1.6.4]. Therefore,  $\mathcal{L}_{\Pi_3}(G) = \mathcal{L}(G)$  is modular, which is a contradiction, proving (iii).

From (ii) and (iii) and [10, Theorem 2.1.10], the lattice  $L_{\Pi_3}(G)$  is modular, contrary to the choice of  $G$ . The proposition is proved.  $\square$

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