

## PROJECTORS WITH RESPECT TO SOME SPECIAL SCHUNCK CLASSES

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**Abstract.** Let  $\pi$  be a set of primes and  $\pi'$  the complement to  $\pi$  in the set of all primes. The paper deals with establishing the projectors with respect to some special Schunck classes: the class  $\underline{S}_\pi$  of all solvable  $\pi$ -groups, the class  $\underline{N}$  of all finite nilpotent groups and the class  $\underline{G}_{\pi'}$  of all  $\pi'$ -groups. A new proof is given for some of W. Gaschütz's results from [7] which show that, in any finite solvable group, the  $\underline{S}_\pi$ -projectors are the Hall  $\pi$ -subgroups and the  $\underline{N}$ -projectors are the Carter subgroups. Finally, we prove that, in any finite  $\pi$ -solvable group, the  $\underline{G}_{\pi'}$ -covering subgroups are exactly the Hall  $\pi'$ -subgroups. Hence, we deduce that, in any finite  $\pi$ -solvable group, the  $\underline{G}_{\pi'}$ -projectors coincide with the Hall  $\pi'$ -subgroups.

### 1. Preliminaries

All groups considered in the paper are finite. We denote by  $\pi$  an arbitrary set of primes and by  $\pi'$  the complement to  $\pi$  in the set of all primes.

We remind some useful definitions:

**Definition 1.1.** a) We call  $\underline{X}$  a class of groups if:

(1)  $\{1\} \in \underline{X}$ ;

(2) if  $G \in \underline{X}$  and  $f$  is an isomorphism of  $G$  then  $f(G) \in \underline{X}$ .

b) A class  $\underline{X}$  of groups is a homomorph if  $\underline{X}$  is closed under homomorphisms, i.e. if  $G \in \underline{X}$  and  $N$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  then  $G/N \in \underline{X}$ .

c) A group  $G$  is primitive if there is a maximal subgroup  $W$  of  $G$  with

$$\text{core}_G W = \{1\},$$

where

$$\text{core}_G W = \cap \{W^g / g \in G\}.$$

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d) A homomorph  $\underline{X}$  is a Schunck class if  $\underline{X}$  is primitively closed, i.e. if any group  $G$ , all of whose primitive factor groups are in  $\underline{X}$ , is itself in  $\underline{X}$ .

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $\underline{X}$  be a class of groups,  $G$  a group and  $H \leq G$ .

a)  $H$  is  $\underline{X}$ -maximal in  $G$  if:

- (1)  $H \in \underline{X}$ ;
- (2)  $H \leq K \leq G$ ,  $K \in \underline{X} \Rightarrow H = K$ .

b)  $H$  is an  $\underline{X}$ -projector of  $G$  if for any normal subgroup  $N$  of  $G$ ,  $HN/N$  is  $\underline{X}$ -maximal in  $G/N$ .

c)  $H$  is an  $\underline{X}$ -covering subgroup of  $G$  if:

- (1)  $H \in \underline{X}$ ;
- (2)  $H \leq K \leq G$ ,  $K_0 \trianglelefteq K$ ,  $K/K_0 \in \underline{X} \Rightarrow K = HK_0$ .

**Definition 1.3.** a) A group  $G$  is  $\pi$ -solvable if any chief factor of  $G$  is either a solvable  $\pi$ -group or a  $\pi'$ -group. If  $\pi$  is the set of all primes, we obtain the notion of solvable group.

b) A class  $\underline{X}$  of groups is  $\pi$ -closed if:

$$G/O_{\pi'}(G) \in \underline{X} \Rightarrow G \in \underline{X},$$

where  $O_{\pi'}(G)$  denotes the largest normal  $\pi'$ -subgroup of  $G$ . We shall call  $\pi$ -homomorph, respectively  $\pi$ -Schunck class a  $\pi$ -closed homomorph, respectively a  $\pi$ -closed Schunck class.

**Theorem 1.4.** ([6]) *Let  $\underline{X}$  be a homomorph,  $G$  a group and  $H \leq K \leq G$ . If  $H$  is an  $\underline{X}$ -covering subgroup of  $G$ , then  $H$  is an  $\underline{X}$ -covering subgroup of  $K$ .*

The connection between the special subgroups introduced above is given in [7] and in [4] and is resumed in the following theorem:

**Theorem 1.5.** *a) Let  $\underline{X}$  be a class of groups,  $G$  a group and  $H$  a subgroup of  $G$ . If  $H$  is an  $\underline{X}$ -covering subgroup or an  $\underline{X}$ -projector of  $G$  then  $H$  is  $\underline{X}$ -maximal in  $G$ .*

*b) Let  $\underline{X}$  be a homomorph,  $G$  a group and  $H$  a subgroup of  $G$ .  $H$  is an  $\underline{X}$ -covering subgroup of  $G$  if and only if  $H$  is an  $\underline{X}$ -projector in any subgroup  $K$  with  $H \leq K \leq G$ . Particularly, any  $\underline{X}$ -covering subgroup of  $G$  is an  $\underline{X}$ -projector of  $G$ .*

*c) Let  $\underline{X}$  be a Schunck class,  $G$  a finite solvable group,  $S$  and  $\underline{X}$ -projector of  $G$  and  $S \leq H \leq G$ . Then  $S$  is an  $\underline{X}$ -projector in  $H$ .*

d) Let  $\underline{X}$  be a Schunck class,  $G$  a finite solvable group and  $S$  a subgroup of  $G$ . The following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $S$  is an  $\underline{X}$ -projector of  $G$ ;
- (2)  $S$  is an  $\underline{X}$ -covering subgroup of  $G$ .

The following properties of projectors are also of special interest for this paper:

**Theorem 1.6.** ([7]) Let  $\underline{X}$  be a homomorph,  $G$  a group and  $H \leq G$ .

a)  $H$  is an  $\underline{X}$ -projector of  $G$  if and only if:

- (1)  $H$  is  $\underline{X}$ -maximal in  $G$ ;
- (2) for any minimal normal subgroup  $M$  of  $G$ ,  $HM/M$  is an  $\underline{X}$ -projector in  $G/M$ .

b) If  $H$  is an  $\underline{X}$ -projector of  $G$  and  $N$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ , then  $HN/N$  is an  $\underline{X}$ -projector of  $G/N$ . This property holds for  $\underline{X}$ -covering subgroups too.

**Theorem 1.7.** ([7]) Let  $\underline{X}$  be a Schunck class,  $G$  a solvable group and  $B$  a normal abelian subgroup of  $G$ . If:

- (1)  $SB/B$  is an  $\underline{X}$ -projector of  $G/B$ ;
- (2)  $S$  is  $\underline{X}$ -maximal in  $SB$ ,

then  $S$  is an  $\underline{X}$ -projector of  $G$ .

In [2], [3] and [4], we established for finite  $\pi$ -solvable groups the following result:

**Theorem 1.8.** ([2]) Let  $\underline{X}$  be a  $\pi$ -homomorph.

a)  $\underline{X}$  is a Schunck class if and only if any  $\pi$ -solvable group has  $\underline{X}$ -covering subgroups.

b) Any two  $\underline{X}$ -covering subgroups of a  $\pi$ -solvable group  $G$  are conjugate in  $G$ .

**Theorem 1.9.** ([3], [4]) Let  $\underline{X}$  be a  $\pi$ -homomorph. Then  $\underline{X}$  is a Schunck class if and only if any  $\pi$ -solvable group has  $\underline{X}$ -projectors.

**Corollary 1.10.** Let  $\underline{X}$  be a  $\pi$ -homomorph. The following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $\underline{X}$  is a Schunck class;
- (2) any  $\pi$ -solvable group has  $\underline{X}$ -covering subgroups;
- (3) any  $\pi$ -solvable group has  $\underline{X}$ -projectors.

**Theorem 1.11.** ([3]) *If  $\underline{X}$  is a  $\pi$ -Schunck class, then any two  $\underline{X}$ -projectors of a  $\pi$ -solvable group  $G$  are conjugate in  $G$ .*

Particularly, for  $\pi$  the set of all primes, theorems 1.8-1.11 give well-known results from [7] and [10] referring to finite solvable groups.

## 2. Projectors with respect to the class $\underline{S}_\pi$

Denote by  $\underline{S}_\pi$  the class of all solvable  $\pi$ -groups. We give a new proof for the following result given by W. Gaschütz in [7]: In any finite solvable group, the  $\underline{S}_\pi$ -projectors are exactly the Hall  $\pi$ -subgroups.

A positive integer  $n$  is said to be a  $\pi$ -number if for any prime divisor  $p$  of  $n$  we have  $p \in \pi$ .

**Definition 2.1.** a) A finite group  $G$  is a  $\pi$ -group if  $|G|$  is a  $\pi$ -number.

b) A subgroup  $S$  of a group  $G$  is a  $\pi$ -subgroup if  $S$  is a  $\pi$ -group.

c) A subgroup  $S$  of a group  $G$  is an Hall  $\pi$ -subgroup if:

(1)  $S$  is a  $\pi$ -subgroup;

(2)  $(|S|, |G : S|) = 1$ , i.e.  $|G : S|$  is a  $\pi'$ -number.

We shall use the following properties of the Hall subgroups ([9]):

**Proposition 2.2.** If  $G$  is a group,  $S$  is an Hall  $\pi$ -subgroup of  $G$  and  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  such that  $S \leq H \leq G$ , then  $S$  is an Hall  $\pi$ -subgroup of  $H$ .

**Proposition 2.3.** If  $G$  is a group,  $S$  is an Hall  $\pi$ -subgroup of  $G$  and  $N$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ , then  $SN/N$  is an Hall  $\pi$ -subgroup of  $G/N$ .

The Hall subgroups were given in [8]. Ph. Hall studied them for finite solvable groups. In [5], S.A. Čunihin extended this study for finite  $\pi$ -solvable groups.

**Theorem 2.4.** (Ph. Hall, S.A. Čunihin, [9]) a) Any finite  $\pi$ -solvable group  $G$  has Hall  $\pi$ -subgroups and Hall  $\pi'$ -subgroups.

b) If  $G$  is a finite  $\pi$ -solvable group, then:

(i) any two Hall  $\pi$ -subgroups of  $G$  are conjugate in  $G$ ;

(ii) any two Hall  $\pi'$ -subgroups of  $G$  are conjugate in  $G$ .

Particularly, any finite solvable group  $G$  has Hall  $\pi$ -subgroups and they are conjugate in  $G$ .

In preparation to the main theorem of this section, we prove the following results:

**Theorem 2.5.**  $\underline{S}_\pi$  is a homomorph.

**Proof.** Let  $G \in \underline{S}_\pi$  and  $N$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$ .  $G$  being solvable,  $G/N$  is also solvable.  $G$  being a  $\pi$ -group, from  $|G/N|$  divides  $|G|$  we obtain that  $G/N$  is a  $\sqrt{\pi}$ -group too.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.6.** If  $G$  is a finite solvable group and  $S$  is an Hall  $\pi$ -subgroup of  $G$ , then  $S$  is  $\underline{S}_\pi$ -maximal in  $G$ .

**Proof.** By induction on  $|G|$ . We verify the two conditions from 1.2.a).

(1)  $S \in \underline{S}_\pi$ . Indeed,  $S$  is a  $\pi$ -group and  $S$  is solvable being a subgroup of a solvable group.

(2) Let  $S \leq H \leq G$  and  $H \in \underline{S}_\pi$ . We prove that  $S = H$ . By 2.2,  $S$  is an Hall  $\pi$ -subgroup of  $H$ . We consider two cases:

a)  $H = G$ . Then  $G \in \underline{S}_\pi$  and  $G$  is its own Hall  $\pi$ -subgroup. But  $S$  is also an Hall  $\pi$ -subgroup of  $G$ . Applying 2.4.b),  $S$  and  $G$  are conjugate in  $G$ , hence  $S = G = H$ .

b)  $H \neq G$ . By the induction,  $S$  is  $\underline{S}_\pi$ -maximal in  $H$ . But  $H \in \underline{S}_\pi$ . Hence  $S = H$ .  $\square$

The main theorem in this section is from [7] and we give here a new proof.

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $G$  be a finite solvable group and  $S$  a subgroup of  $G$ .  $S$  is an  $\underline{S}_\pi$ -projector of  $G$  if and only if  $S$  is an Hall  $\pi$ -subgroup of  $G$ .

**Proof.** By induction on  $|G|$ .

Let  $S$  be an  $\underline{S}_\pi$ -projector of  $G$ . We prove like in [7] that  $S$  is an Hall  $\pi$ -subgroup of  $G$ . Clearly  $S$  is a  $\pi$ -subgroup of  $G$ . We show that  $|G : S|$  is a  $\pi'$ -number. Let  $M$  be a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$ .  $G$  being solvable, we have  $|M| = p^k$ , where  $p$  is a prime. Put  $S' = SM$ . By 1.6,  $S'/M$  is an  $\underline{S}_\pi$ -projector of  $G/M$ . Hence, by the induction,  $S'/M$  is an Hall  $\pi$ -subgroup of  $G/M$ . Two cases are considered:

a)  $p \in \pi$ . Then  $S' \in \underline{S}_\pi$ . But, by 1.5.a),  $S$  is  $\underline{S}_\pi$ -maximal in  $G$ . So  $S = S'$ .

Then

$$|G : S| = |G : S'| = |G/M : S'/M| \text{ is a } \pi'\text{-number.}$$

b)  $p \notin \pi$ . Then  $M \cap S = \{1\}$ . So  $|G : S|$  is a  $\pi'$ -number, because:

$$|G : S| = |G : S'| |S' : S| = |G/M : S'/M| |SM : S|,$$

where  $|G/M : S'M|$  is a  $\pi'$ -number and  $|SM : S| = |M : M \cap S| = |M| = p^k$ , where  $p \notin \pi$ , hence  $p \in \pi'$ .

The converse has an original proof based on 1.6.a) and 2.6. Let  $S$  be an Hall  $\pi$ -subgroup of  $G$ . We shall prove that  $S$  is an  $\underline{S}_\pi$ -projector of  $G$ . We use 1.6.a).

(1)  $S$  is  $\underline{S}_\pi$ -maximal in  $G$ , by 2.6.

(2) Let  $M$  be a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$ . We prove that  $SM/M$  is an  $\underline{S}_\pi$ -projector of  $G/M$ . Indeed, by 2.3,  $SM/M$  is an Hall  $\pi$ -subgroup of  $G/M$ . Hence, by the induction, we obtain that  $SM/M$  is an  $\underline{S}_\pi$ -projector of  $G/M$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.8.**  $\underline{S}_\pi$  is a Schunck class.

**Proof.** From 1.9, 2.7 and 2.4.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.9.** Let  $G$  be a finite solvable group and  $S$  a subgroup of  $G$ . The following conditions are equivalent:

(1)  $S$  is an Hall  $\pi$ -subgroup of  $G$ ;

(2)  $S$  is an  $\underline{S}_\pi$ -projector of  $G$ ;

(3)  $S$  is an  $\underline{S}_\pi$ -covering subgroup of  $G$ .

**Proof.** From 2.7, 2.8 and 1.5.d).  $\square$

### 3. Projectors with respect to the class $\underline{N}$

Denote by  $\underline{N}$  the class of all finite nilpotent groups. We shall give a new proof for the following W. Gaschütz's result from [7]: In any finite solvable group, the  $\underline{N}$ -projectors are exactly the Carter subgroups.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $G$  be a group and  $S$  a subgroup of  $G$ .  $S$  is a Carter subgroup of  $G$  if:

(1)  $S$  is nilpotent;

(2)  $N_G(S) = S$ .

The following properties given in [1] are important for our considerations:

**Proposition 3.2.** If  $G$  is a group,  $S$  is a Carter subgroup of  $G$  and  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  such that  $S \leq H \leq G$ , then  $S$  is a Carter subgroup of  $H$ .

**Proposition 3.3.** If  $G$  is a group,  $S$  is a Carter subgroup of  $G$  and  $N$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ , then  $SN/N$  is a Carter subgroup of  $G/N$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** (R. Carter [1]) Let  $G$  be a finite solvable group. Then:

a)  $G$  has Carter subgroups;

b) any two Carter subgroups of  $G$  are conjugate in  $G$ .

**Theorem 3.5.**  $\underline{N}$  is a Schunck class.

**Proof.** Obviously  $\underline{N}$  is a homomorph. Further,  $\underline{N}$  is primitively closed. Indeed, if  $G$  is a group such that all primitive factor groups  $G/N \in \underline{N}$ , we can prove that  $G \in \underline{N}$ . For this, we use Wieland's criterium for finite groups to be nilpotent: we show that any maximal subgroup  $W$  of  $G$  is normal in  $G$ . Denote by  $N = \text{core}_G W$ . Then  $G/N$  is primitive, hence  $G/N \in \underline{N}$ . But  $W/N$  is maximal in  $G/N$ . Applying now Wieland's criterium for the nilpotent group  $G/N$ , we obtain that  $W/N$  is normal in  $G/N$ , hence  $W$  is normal in  $G$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.6.** If  $G$  is a finite solvable group and  $S$  is a Carter subgroup of  $G$ , then  $S$  is  $\underline{N}$ -maximal in  $G$ .

**Proof.** By induction on  $|G|$ .

(1)  $S \in \underline{N}$ , because  $S$  is a Carter subgroup.

(2) Let  $S \leq H \leq G$  with  $H \in \underline{N}$ . We prove that  $S = H$ . Indeed, we have by 3.2 that  $S$  is a Carter subgroup of  $H$ . Consider two cases:

a)  $H = G$ . Then  $G \in \underline{N}$  and so  $G$  is its own Carter subgroup. Applying 3.4.b),  $S$  and  $G$  are conjugate in  $G$ . It follows that  $S = G = H$ .

b)  $H \neq G$ . By the induction,  $S$  is  $\underline{N}$ -maximal in  $H$ . But  $H \in \underline{N}$ . Hence  $S = H$ .  $\square$

The main result is:

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $G$  be a finite solvable group and  $S$  a subgroup of  $G$ .  $S$  is an  $\underline{N}$ -projector of  $G$  if and only if  $S$  is a Carter subgroup of  $G$ .

**Proof.** Let  $S$  be an  $\underline{N}$ -projector of  $G$ . We prove that  $S$  is a Carter subgroup of  $G$  like in [7]. Clearly  $S$  is nilpotent. In order to show that  $N_G(S) = S$ , let us suppose that  $S \neq N_G(S)$ . Then  $S$  is maximal in  $H$ , where  $H \leq N_G(S)$ . So  $S$  is a normal subgroup in  $H$ . Now  $H$  solvable and  $S$  maximal in  $H$  imply  $|H : S| = p^k$ , with  $p$  prime. So  $H/S$  is a finite  $p$ -group, hence  $H/S$  is nilpotent. By 1.5.c),  $S$  is an  $\underline{N}$ -projector in  $H$ . From  $S$  normal in  $H$ , follows by 1.6.b) that  $SS/S$  is an  $\underline{N}$ -projector in  $H/S$ , hence  $SS/S$  is  $\underline{N}$ -maximal in  $H/S \in \underline{N}$ . So  $S = H$ , in contradiction with the choice of  $H$ .

The converse has an original proof, based on 1.7 and 3.6. Let  $S$  be a Carter subgroup of  $G$ . We prove that  $S$  is an  $\underline{N}$ -projector of  $G$  by using 1.7. Let  $B$  be

a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$ .  $G$  being solvable,  $B$  is abelian. By 3.5,  $\underline{N}$  is a Schunck class. By 3.6 we have that  $S$  is  $\underline{N}$ -maximal in  $G$  and so  $S$  is  $\underline{N}$ -maximal in  $SB$ . Further, because, by 3.3,  $SB/B$  is a Carter subgroup of  $G/B$ , we can use the induction for  $G/B$  and so  $SB/B$  is an  $\underline{N}$ -projector of  $G/B$ . We apply now 1.7 and so  $S$  is an  $\underline{N}$ -projector of  $G$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.8.** *Let  $G$  be a finite solvable group and  $S$  a subgroup of  $G$ . The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $S$  is a Carter subgroup of  $G$ ;
- (2)  $S$  is an  $\underline{N}$ -projector of  $G$ ;
- (3)  $S$  is an  $\underline{N}$ -covering subgroup of  $G$ .

**Proof.** From 3.7 and 1.5.d).  $\square$

#### 4. Projectors with respect to the class $\underline{G}_{\pi'}$

In this section we establish the  $\underline{G}_{\pi'}$ -projectors of a finite  $\pi$ -solvable group, proving that they coincide with the Hall  $\pi'$ -subgroups.

Remind that  $\pi$  is an arbitrary set of primes and  $\pi'$  is the complement to  $\pi$  in the set of all primes. Denote by  $\underline{W}_{\pi}$  the class of all finite  $\pi$ -solvable groups and by  $\underline{G}_{\pi'}$  the class of all  $\pi'$ -groups. Obviously

$$\underline{G}_{\pi'} \subseteq \underline{W}_{\pi}.$$

All groups considered in this section are finite  $\pi$ -solvable groups.

**Theorem 4.1.** *The class  $\underline{G}_{\pi'}$  is a  $\pi$ -homomorph.*

**Proof.** Let  $G \in \underline{G}_{\pi'}$  and  $N$  a normal subgroup of  $G$ . Then  $|G/N|/|G|$ , hence  $G/N \in \underline{G}_{\pi'}$ . So  $\underline{G}_{\pi'}$  is a homomorph.  $\underline{G}_{\pi'}$  is  $\pi$ -closed. Indeed, if  $G/O_{\pi'}(G) \in \underline{G}_{\pi'}$ , then

$$|G| = |G/O_{\pi'}(G)||O_{\pi'}(G)|$$

is a  $\pi'$ -number and so  $G \in \underline{G}_{\pi'}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $G$  be a finite  $\pi$ -solvable group and  $H$  a subgroup of  $G$ .  $H$  is a  $\underline{G}_{\pi'}$ -covering subgroup of  $G$  if and only if  $H$  is an Hall  $\pi'$ -subgroup of  $G$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $H$  be a  $\underline{G}_{\pi'}$ -covering subgroup of  $G$ . We prove by induction on  $|G|$  that  $H$  is an Hall  $\pi'$ -subgroup of  $G$ .

- (1)  $H$  is a  $\pi'$ -subgroup of  $G$ , because  $H \in \underline{G}_{\pi'}$ .

(2)  $(|H|, |G : H|) = 1$ . Indeed, let  $M$  be a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$ .  $H$  being a  $\underline{G}_{\pi'}$ -covering subgroup of  $G$ ,  $HM/M$  is by 1.6.b) a  $\underline{G}_{\pi'}$ -covering subgroup of  $G/M$ , hence, by the induction,  $HM/M$  is an Hall  $\pi'$ -subgroup of  $G/M$ . Being a minimal normal subgroup of the  $\pi$ -solvable group  $G$ ,  $M$  is either a solvable  $\pi$ -group or a  $\pi'$ -group. We consider now two cases:

a)  $G/M \in \underline{G}_{\pi'}$ . Then,  $HM/M$  being  $\underline{G}_{\pi'}$ -maximal in  $G/M$  (see 1.5.a)), we have  $HM/M = G/M$  and so  $HM = G$ . Let us suppose now that  $M$  is a solvable  $\pi$ -group. Then

$$|G : H| = |HM : H| = |M : H \cap M|/|M|$$

is a  $\pi$ -number. Suppose that  $M$  is a  $\pi'$ -group. We know that  $G/M = HM/M \in \underline{G}_{\pi'}$ . Then  $|G| = |G/M||M|$  is a  $\pi'$ -number. So  $G \in \underline{G}_{\pi'}$ . But  $H$  is  $\underline{G}_{\pi'}$ -maximal in  $G$ . Hence  $H = G$  is its own Hall  $\pi'$ -subgroup.

b)  $G/M \notin \underline{G}_{\pi'}$ . Then  $HM/M \neq G/M$ , hence  $HM \neq G$ . By 1.4,  $H$  is a  $\underline{G}_{\pi'}$ -covering subgroup in  $HM$  and it follows, by the induction, that  $H$  is a Hall  $\pi'$ -subgroup of  $HM$ . Then  $|HM : H|$  is a  $\pi$ -number and  $|G : HM| = |G/M : HM/M|$  is also a  $\pi$ -number. It follows that

$$|G : H| = |G : HM||HM : H|$$

is a  $\pi$ -number.

Conversely, let  $H$  be an Hall  $\pi'$ -subgroup of  $G$ . We shall prove that  $H$  is an  $\underline{G}_{\pi'}$ -covering subgroup of  $G$ .

(1)  $H \in \underline{G}_{\pi'}$  is clear.

(2)  $H \leq L \leq G$ ,  $L_0 \trianglelefteq L$ ,  $L/L_0 \in \underline{G}_{\pi'}$  imply  $L = HL_0$ . We prove this by induction on  $|G|$ . Two cases are considered:

(i)  $L \neq G$ . By 2.2,  $H$  is an Hall  $\pi'$ -subgroup of  $L$ . Applying the induction, from  $H \leq L = L$ ,  $L_0 \trianglelefteq L$ ,  $L/L_0 \in \underline{G}_{\pi'}$  follows  $L = HL_0$ .

(ii)  $L = G$ . Again two cases are considered. If  $L_0 = 1$ , then  $G = L \cong L/L_0 \in \underline{G}_{\pi'}$  and  $G$  is its own Hall  $\pi'$ -subgroup. By 2.4.b),  $H$  and  $G$  are conjugate in  $G$ . Then

$$L = G = H = HL_0.$$

If  $L_0 \neq 1$ , we have that there is a minimal normal subgroup  $M$  of  $G$  such that  $M \leq L_0$ . From 2.3,  $HM/M$  is an Hall  $\pi'$ -subgroup of  $G/M$ . We apply the induction

for  $G/M$ . Then, from

$$HM/M \leq G/M = G/M, L_0/M \trianglelefteq G/M, (G/M)/(L_0/M) \cong G/L_0 = L/L_0 \in \underline{G}_{\pi'},$$

it follows that

$$G/M = (HM/M)(L_0/M).$$

Hence  $L = G = HML_0 = HL_0$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 4.3.** *The class  $\underline{G}_{\pi'}$  is a  $\pi$ -Schunck class.*

**Proof.** Follows from 1.10, 4.1, 4.2 and 2.4.a).  $\square$

**Corollary 4.4.** *Let  $G$  be a finite  $\pi$ -solvable group and  $H \leq G$ . If  $H$  is an Hall  $\pi'$ -subgroup of  $G$ , then  $H$  is a  $\underline{G}_{\pi'}$ -projector in  $G$ .*

**Proof.**  $H$  being a Hall  $\pi'$ -subgroup of  $G$ ,  $H$  is by 4.2 a  $\underline{G}_{\pi'}$ -covering subgroup of  $G$ . Then,  $H$  is by 1.5.b) a  $\underline{G}_{\pi'}$ -projector in  $G$ .  $\square$

The main theorem in this section is the following:

**Theorem 4.5.** *Let  $G$  be a finite  $\pi$ -solvable group and  $H$  a subgroup of  $G$ .  $H$  is a  $\underline{G}_{\pi'}$ -projector of  $G$  if and only if  $H$  is an Hall  $\pi'$ -subgroup of  $G$ .*

**Proof.** If  $H$  is an Hall  $\pi'$ -subgroup of  $G$ , then  $H$  is by 4.4 a  $\underline{G}_{\pi'}$ -projector of  $G$ .

Conversely, let  $H$  be a  $\underline{G}_{\pi'}$ -projector of  $G$ . We prove by induction on  $|G|$  that  $H$  is an Hall  $\pi'$ -subgroup of  $G$ .

(1)  $H$  is a  $\pi'$ -subgroup of  $G$  because,  $H$  being  $\underline{G}_{\pi'}$ -maximal in  $G$  (see 1.5.a)), we have  $H \in \underline{G}_{\pi'}$ .

(2)  $|G : H|$  is a  $\pi$ -number. Indeed, let  $M$  be a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$ .  $HM/M$  is by 1.6.b) a  $\underline{G}_{\pi'}$ -projector in  $G/M$ , hence by the induction  $HM/M$  is an Hall  $\pi'$ -subgroup of  $G/M$ . It follows that

$$|G : HM| = |G/M : HM/M|$$

is a  $\pi$ -number.  $M$  being a minimal normal subgroup of the  $\pi$ -solvable group  $G$ ,  $M$  is either a solvable  $\pi$ -group or a  $\pi'$ -group.

a) If  $M$  is a solvable  $\pi$ -group, then  $|G : H| = |G : HM||HM : H|$ , where  $|HM : H| = |M : H \cap M|/|M|$  is a  $\pi$ -number. It follows that  $|G : H|$  is a  $\pi$ -number.

b) If  $M$  is a  $\pi'$ -group, using that  $HM/M$  is a  $\pi'$ -group we notice that  $HM$  is a  $\pi'$ -group. But  $H$  being a  $\underline{G}_{\pi'}$ -projector in  $G$ ,  $H$  is by 1.5.a)  $\underline{G}_{\pi'}$ -maximal in  $G$ .

Hence from  $H \leq HM \leq G$  and  $HM \in \underline{G}_\pi$ , follows that  $H = HM$ . Then

$$|G : H| = |G : HM| = |G/M : HM/M|$$

is a  $\pi$ -number.  $\square$

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