

This paper has been published in *Journal of Group Theory*, 12(6):961–963 (2009).

Copyright 2009 by Walter de Gruyter.

The final publication is available at [www.degruyter.com](http://www.degruyter.com).

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1515/JGT.2009.026>

<http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/jgth.2009.12.issue-6/jgt.2009.026/jgt.2009.026.xml>

Corrigendum to  
“A Note on Finite  $\mathcal{PST}$ -Groups”<sup>\*</sup>  
[J. Group Theory 10 (2007), 205–210]

A. Ballester-Bolinches<sup>†</sup>   R. Esteban-Romero<sup>‡</sup>   M. Ragland<sup>§</sup>

23rd January 2013

Theorem A states that the finite groups in which all subnormal subgroups are S-permutable ( $\mathcal{PST}$ -groups) are exactly those groups in which subnormal subgroups of defect 2 are S-permutable ( $\mathcal{T}^*$ -groups). The proof of this result uses a characterization of finite  $\mathcal{PST}$ -groups in [4], namely the  $\mathcal{PST}$ -version of Theorem 3.1 (see Postscript). However, the hypothesis of this result was incorrectly stated: the inequality  $1 \leq r < k$  should read  $0 \leq r < k$ . Unfortunately, with the weaker hypothesis the result becomes false, as the following example shows:

**Example 1.** Let  $A$  be a group such that  $Z(A) = \Phi(A) \cong C_3$  and  $A/\Phi(A) \cong A_6$ , the alternating group on 6 letters (such a group exists because the Schur multiplier of  $A_6$  is isomorphic to  $C_6$ ). Let  $G = A \times \Sigma_3$ .

We see that  $G$  satisfies the condition of the  $\mathcal{PST}$ -version of Theorem 3.1 in [4, Postscript], but  $G$  is not a  $\mathcal{PST}$ -group. Consider  $D = A$ . Then  $D$  is a perfect normal subgroup of  $G$ . Moreover:

1.  $G/D \cong \Sigma_3$  is a soluble  $\mathcal{PST}$ -group.
2.  $D/Z(D) = U_1/Z(D) \cong A_6$  is simple and  $U_1 = D$  is normal in  $G$ .

---

<sup>\*</sup>This research has been supported by the grants MTM2004-08219-C02-02 and MTM2007-68010-C03-02 from MEC (Spanish Government) and FEDER (European Union) and GV/2007/243 from Generalitat (València)

<sup>†</sup>Departament d'Àlgebra, Universitat de València, Dr. Moliner, 50, E-46100 Burjassot, València, Spain, email: [Adolfo.Ballester@uv.es](mailto:Adolfo.Ballester@uv.es)

<sup>‡</sup>Institut Universitari de Matemàtica Pura i Aplicada, Universitat Politècnica de València, Camí de Vera, s/n, E-46022 València, Spain, email: [resteban@mat.upv.es](mailto:resteban@mat.upv.es)

<sup>§</sup>Department of Mathematics, School of Sciences, 213 Goodwyn Hall, Auburn University Montgomery, P.O. Box 244023, Montgomery, AL 36124-4023, USA, email: [mragland@mail.aum.edu](mailto:mragland@mail.aum.edu)

3. If  $\{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_r\} \subseteq \{1\}$ , where  $1 \leq r < 1$ , then  $G/U'_{i_1}U'_{i_2} \cdots U'_{i_r}$  satisfies  $\mathbf{N}_p$  for all  $p \in \pi(Z(D))$ .

This condition is trivially satisfied because there does not exist such a subset.

Consequently,  $G$  satisfies the conditions of the  $\mathcal{PST}$ -version of Theorem 3.1 in [4, Postscript], but  $G$  is not a  $\mathcal{PST}$ -group.

Careful examination the proof of Robinson's theorem shows that it uses not only that the quotients of  $G$  by the products  $U'_{i_1} \cdots U'_{i_r}$  satisfy the condition  $\mathbf{N}_p$ , where  $D/Z(D) = U_1/Z(D) \times \cdots \times U_n/Z(D)$ , but also  $G$  must satisfy the property  $\mathbf{N}_p$ , this being the case  $r = 0$ . With this change in the hypothesis, Theorem 3.1 (and Theorem 4.1) in [4] are correctly proved. In view of this situation, in order to complete the proof of our Theorem A we need only show that, with the hypothesis of that result, the group  $G$  satisfies the condition  $\mathbf{N}_p$  for each  $p \in \pi(Z(D))$ , where  $D$  is the soluble residual of  $G$ .this statement.

First we prove a lemma.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $N$  be a normal  $p$ -subgroup of a group  $G$ ,  $p$  a prime. Then the  $p'$ -elements of  $G$  induce power automorphisms in  $N$  if and only if all chief factors of  $G$  below  $N$  are cyclic and  $G$ -isomorphic.*

*Proof.* Assume that all  $p'$ -elements of  $G$  induce power automorphisms in  $N$ . If a  $p'$ -element  $g$  of  $G$  does not centralize  $N$ , then  $N$  is abelian by [2, Hilfssatz 5]. In this event  $g$  induces a universal power automorphism in  $N$  by [3, 13.4.3]. It follows that  $p'$ -elements of  $G$  induce in  $N$  automorphisms that belong to the centre of  $\text{Aut}(N)$ . Consequently the  $p$ -elements of  $G/C_G(N)$  form a normal subgroup and hence centralize each chief factor of  $G$  below  $N$ . It follows that all chief factors of  $G$  below  $N$  are cyclic and  $G$ -isomorphic.

Assume now that all chief factors of  $G$  below  $N$  are cyclic and  $G$ -isomorphic. Let  $q$  be a prime different from  $p$  and let  $Q$  be a Sylow  $q$ -subgroup of  $G$ . Then  $X = NQ$  is a subgroup of  $G$ . Since  $G$ -chief factors of  $N$  have order  $p$ , all  $p$ -chief factors of  $X$  are cyclic and  $X$ -isomorphic. Therefore  $X$  satisfies  $\mathcal{U}_p^*$ , that is, all chief factors of  $X$  of order divisible by  $p$  are cyclic and isomorphic when regarded as  $X$ -modules. Since every subgroup  $H$  of  $N$  is subnormal and  $p'$ -perfect, it follows that  $H$  permutes with  $Q$  by [1]. Hence  $Q$  normalizes  $H$  and consequently all  $p'$ -elements of  $G$  induce power automorphisms in  $N$ .  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem A completed.* It suffices to show that if  $G$  is a  $\mathcal{T}^*$ -group, then it is a  $\mathcal{PST}$ -group. Suppose that  $G$  is a counterexample of minimum

order; then  $G$  is an  $\mathcal{SC}$ -group and all its proper quotients are  $\mathcal{PST}$ -groups. To complete the proof in the insoluble case, it is enough to show that  $G$  satisfies  $\mathbf{N}_p$  for each  $p \in \pi(\mathbf{Z}(G))$ . Since every quotient of  $G$  by every non-trivial soluble normal subgroup of  $G$  is a  $\mathcal{PST}$ -group, it is enough to show that for every prime  $p \in \pi(\mathbf{Z}(D))$  the  $p'$ -elements of  $G$  induce power automorphisms in  $\mathbf{O}_p(G)$ . The result is clear if  $|\mathbf{O}_p(G)| \leq p$ . Assume  $|\mathbf{O}_p(G)| > p$ . Let  $N$  be a minimal normal subgroup of  $G$  contained in  $\mathbf{O}_p(G)$ . Then all  $p'$ -elements of  $G/N$  induce power automorphisms in  $\mathbf{O}_p(G/N) = \mathbf{O}_p(G)/N$ . Lemma 1 implies that all chief factors of  $G/N$  below  $\mathbf{O}_p(G)/N$  are cyclic and  $G$ -isomorphic. Consider now a minimal normal subgroup  $A/N$  of  $G/N$  contained in  $\mathbf{O}_p(G)/N$ . Since  $G$  is an  $\mathcal{SC}$ -group, it follows that  $A$  is an abelian normal subgroup of  $G$  of order  $p^2$ . If  $H$  is a subgroup of  $A$ , then  $H$  is a subnormal subgroup of  $G$  of defect at most 2. Since  $G$  is a  $\mathcal{T}^*$ -group,  $H$  is  $S$ -permutable in  $G$ . It follows that every subgroup of  $A$  is normalized by all Sylow  $q$ -subgroups of  $G$  with  $q \neq p$ . In particular, the  $p'$ -elements of  $G$  act as power automorphisms on  $A$ . By Lemma 1, all chief factors of  $G$  below  $A$  are cyclic and  $G$ -isomorphic. Consequently all chief factors of  $G$  below  $\mathbf{O}_p(G)$  are cyclic and  $G$ -isomorphic and so the  $p'$ -elements of  $G$  induce power automorphisms on  $\mathbf{O}_p(G)$  by Lemma 1. Hence we can assume that the group is soluble and then the proof is exactly the same to the one appearing in our paper.  $\square$

## References

- [1] M. J. Alejandro, A. Ballester-Bolinches, and M. C. Pedraza-Aguilera. Finite soluble groups with permutable subnormal subgroups. *J. Algebra*, 240(2):705–722, 2001.
- [2] B. Huppert. Zur Sylowstruktur auflösbarer Gruppen. *Arch. Math.*, 12:161–169, 1961.
- [3] D. J. S. Robinson. *A course in the theory of groups*. Springer-Verlag, New-York, 1982.
- [4] D. J. S. Robinson. The structure of finite groups in which permutability is a transitive relation. *J. Aust. Math. Soc.*, 70(2):143–159, 2001.