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1. INTRODUCTION. In this note all groups are finite and solvable. The letter  $G$  stands always for such a group. A. Mann constructed in [3], for any subgroup  $H$  of  $G$ , a subgroup  $Q(H)$  which gives a different characterization of the reducer  $R(H)$  in  $G$  of  $H$ , defined by B. Fischer, and he defined in [4] another subgroup  $M(H)$  by using a certain concept of equivalence introduced by R. Carter. In [5] he provided an alternative characterization of the Carter subgroups of  $G$  as nilpotent subgroups  $H$  of  $G$  satisfying  $H=M(H)$ .

In [1] C. J. Graddon introduced the concept of the  $\mathfrak{F}$ -reducer  $R(H; \mathfrak{F})$  in  $G$  of a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  by defining  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis of  $G$ , which gives an alternative characterization of  $Q(H; \mathfrak{F})$  which is a generalization of the work of A. Mann [3], and showed some of the basic properties of this subgroup, where  $\mathfrak{F}$  is the local (saturated) formation defined by a set of nonempty subgroup closed formations  $\{\mathfrak{F}(p)\}$ . He showed in [1] that the  $\mathfrak{F}$ -projector of  $G$  are characterized as the  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  satisfying  $H=R(H; \mathfrak{F})$ .

In this note we give, for a certain subgroup  $H$  of  $G$ , an alternative characterization of the  $\mathfrak{F}$ -reducer  $R(H; \mathfrak{F})$  of  $H$  in  $G$  as the subgroup  $M(H; \mathfrak{F})$  which is similar to the subgroup  $M(H)$  introduced by A. Mann, and show some properties of  $\mathfrak{F}$ -reducer  $R(H; \mathfrak{F})$  of  $H$  in  $G$ . In section 2 we give a brief resume of the definitions and properties which we require later in this note, and in section 3 we show some properties of  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal subgroups of  $G$ .

2. PRELIMINARIES. We shall wherever possible, adhere to the notation used in [1]. Throughout this note,  $\mathfrak{F}$  will denote the integrated formation defined locally by the nonempty subgroup closed formations  $\{\mathfrak{F}(p)\}$ . Let  $\{S^p\}$  be a set of Sylow  $p$ -complements of  $G$ , one for each prime  $p$  dividing  $|G|$ , and let  $\mathfrak{S}$  be a Sylow system of  $G$  generated by the  $S^p$ . Then the  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis of  $G$  associated with  $\mathfrak{S}$  is the collection  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S})=\{S^p \cap G_{\mathfrak{F}(p)}\}$  of subgroups of  $G$ , where for each prime  $p$ ,  $G_{\mathfrak{F}(p)}$  denotes the  $\mathfrak{F}(p)$ -residual of  $G$ , i.e., the smallest normal subgroup of  $G$  with the factor in  $\mathfrak{F}(p)$ . Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ , then, as in [1],  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S})$  reduces into  $H$  if for each prime  $p$ ,  $S^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)}=S^p \cap G_{\mathfrak{F}(p)} \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)}$  is a Sylow  $p$ -complement of  $H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)}$ , i.e., if  $\{S^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)}\}$  is an  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis of  $H$ .

Thus  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S})$  reduces into  $H$  if and only if there exists a Sylow system  $\mathfrak{S}_H=\{H^p\}$  of  $H$  such that  $S^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)}=H^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)}$  for each prime  $p$ . In [1] C. J. Graddon showed

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that there always exists at least one  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis of  $G$  which reduces into  $H$  and defined, for given such an  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{C})$ , the  $\mathfrak{F}$ -reducer of  $H$  in  $G$  to be the subgroup

$$R(H; \mathfrak{F}) = \langle g \in G ; \mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{C})^g \text{ reduces into } H \rangle$$

DEFINITION. A maximal subgroup  $M$  of  $G$ , of index powers of a prime  $p$  in  $G$ , is said to be  $\mathfrak{F}$ -normal in  $G$  if  $M/\text{Core}(M) \in \mathfrak{F}(p)$ .  $M$  is said to be  $\mathfrak{F}$ -abnormal otherwise. A subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -abnormal in  $G$  if every link in each maximal chain joining  $H$  to  $G$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -abnormal.  $H$  is said to be  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$  if every link in some maximal chain joining  $H$  to  $G$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -normal.

In [2] it is described that, for a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$

(2.1)  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$  if and only if every  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis of  $G$  reduces into  $H$ .

The following two results are showed by C. J. Graddon in [1] :

(2.2)  $H$  is an  $\mathfrak{F}$ -abnormal subgroup of  $G$  if and only if  $H = R(H; \mathfrak{F})$ .

(2.3) If  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ , then  $R(H; \mathfrak{F})$  is self  $\mathfrak{F}$ -reducing in  $G$ .

Let  $\mathcal{Q}$  be the collection of  $\mathfrak{F}$ -bases of  $G$  and let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be the set of elements of  $\mathcal{Q}$  which reduces into the subgroup  $H$  of  $G$ . Let  $\mathfrak{M}_0$  be the block generated by  $\mathfrak{M}$  in  $\mathcal{Q}$ . Then  $Q(H; \mathfrak{F})$  is defined to be the set stabilizer in  $G$  of  $\mathfrak{M}_0$ , i.e., the set of all elements  $g$  in  $G$  such that  $(\mathfrak{M}_0)^g = \mathfrak{M}_0$ .

C. J. Graddon showed in [2] that

(2.4) Every  $\mathfrak{F}$ -bases of  $G$  which reduces into the subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  also reduces into  $R(H; \mathfrak{F})$ .

(2.5)  $\mathfrak{M}_0$  is the set of  $\mathfrak{F}$ -bases of  $G$  which reduces into  $R(H; \mathfrak{F})$ .

and in [1] that

(2.6) For each subgroup  $H$  of  $G$ ,  $R(H; \mathfrak{F}) = Q(H; \mathfrak{F})$ .

Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Then an  $H$ -composition series of  $G$  is a series

$$1 = G_n < G_{n-1} < \dots < G_1 < G_0 = G$$

in which each subgroup  $G_i$  is a maximal  $H$ -invariant normal subgroup of  $G_{i-1}$ . We say that the factor  $G_i/G_{i+1}$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -central if  $A_H(G_i/G_{i+1})$ , the automorphism group induced by  $H$  on  $G_i/G_{i+1}$ , belongs to the formation  $\mathfrak{F}(p)$ . where  $G_i/G_{i+1}$  is an elementary abelian  $p$ -group. If this is not the case we say this factor is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -eccentric.

The following result is the structure theorem of  $R(H; \mathfrak{F})$ , which is obtained by C. J. Graddon in [2].

(2.7) Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Then (i)  $R(H; \mathfrak{F})$  covers each  $\mathfrak{F}$ -central  $H$ -composition factor of  $G$ . and (ii) if  $K$  is a subgroup of  $G$  which contains  $H$  and covers every  $\mathfrak{F}$ -central  $H$ -composition factor of  $G$ , then  $K$  contains  $R(H; \mathfrak{F})$ .

DEFINITION. Suppose that  $H \leq K \leq G$ . Then  $K$  is an  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormalizer of  $H$  in  $G$  if

(i)  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $K$ , and

(ii) Whenever  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in a subgroup  $L$  of  $G$ , then  $L$  is contained

in  $K$ .

The following facts follows from theorem 4.6 of [2].

(2.8) If  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  and the set of  $\mathfrak{F}$ -bases of  $G$  which reduce into  $H$  forms a block then  $R(H; \mathfrak{F})$  is an  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormalizer of  $H$  in  $G$ .

3.  $\mathfrak{F}$ -SUBNORMAL. We show some properties of  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal subgroups of  $G$ .

PROPOSITION 1. Suppose that  $H \leq K \leq G$ . If  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$ , then  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $K$ .

PROOF. Let  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S}_K)$  be an  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis of  $K$  associated with a Sylow system  $\mathfrak{S}_K = \{K^p\}$  of  $K$ . Then there exists a Sylow system  $\mathfrak{S} = \{S^p\}$  of  $G$  which is an extension of  $\mathfrak{S}_K$ , i.e,  $K^p = S^p \cap K$  for each prime  $p$ . Now  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S})$  is an  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis of  $G$ . Since  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$ ,  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S})$  reduces into  $H$  by (2.1). Then there exists a Sylow system  $\mathfrak{S}_H = \{H^p\}$  of  $H$  such that  $S^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)} = H^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)}$  for each prime  $p$ . Therefore we have that

$$K^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)} = (S^p \cap K) \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)} = S^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)} = H^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)}$$

for each prime  $p$ , and thus  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S}_K)$  reduces into  $H$ . This implies that  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $K$ .

PROPOSITION 2. Let  $H$  be a snbgroup of  $G$  and suppose that  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S})$  is an  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis of  $G$  which reduce into  $H$ . If  $K$  is an  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal subgroup of  $H$ , then  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S})$  reduces into  $K$ .

PROOF. Since  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S}) = \{S^p \cap G_{\mathfrak{F}(p)}\}$  reduce into  $H$ , there exists a Sylow system  $\mathfrak{S}_H = \{H^p\}$  of  $H$  such that  $S^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)} = H^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)}$  for each prime  $p$ . Therefore if  $K$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $H$ ,  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S}_H)$  reduces into  $K$  by (2.1), i.e., there exists a Sylow system  $\mathfrak{S}_K = \{K^p\}$  of  $K$  such that  $H^p \cap K_{\mathfrak{F}(p)} = K^p \cap K_{\mathfrak{F}(p)}$  for each prime  $p$ . Since  $\mathfrak{F}(p)$  is subgroup closed, we know that  $K \leq H$  implies  $K_{\mathfrak{F}(p)} \leq H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)}$ . Now we have that, for each prime  $p$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} S^p \cap K_{\mathfrak{F}(p)} &= (S^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)}) \cap K_{\mathfrak{F}(p)} = (H^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)}) \cap K_{\mathfrak{F}(p)} \\ &= H^p \cap K_{\mathfrak{F}(p)} = K^p \cap K_{\mathfrak{F}(p)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S})$  reduces into  $K$ .

PROPOSITION 3. Let  $H$  be a subgroup and  $N$  a normal subgroup of  $G$ . Suppose that  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$ . Then  $HN/N$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G/N$  and  $HN$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$ .

PROOF. Now each  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis of  $G/N$  is  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S}N/N)$  for some Sylow system  $\mathfrak{S}$  of  $G$ , where  $\mathfrak{S}N/N = \{S^pN/N\}$  is a Sylow system of  $G/N$  for the Sylow system  $\mathfrak{S} = \{S^p\}$  of  $G$ . Suppose that  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$ . Then every  $\mathfrak{F}$ -bases  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S})$  of  $G$  reduce into  $H$ . Therefore we have that  $S^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)} = H^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)}$  for each Sylow  $p$ -complement  $H^p$  of  $H$ , and so by (2.5) and (2.6) of [1],

$$\begin{aligned} (S^p N/N) \cap (HN/N)_{\mathfrak{F}(p)} &= (S^p N/N) \cap (H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)} N/N) = (S^p N \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)} N)/N \\ &= (S^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)}) N/N = (H^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)}) N/N \\ &= (H^p N/N) \cap (H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)} N/N) = (HN/N)^p \cap (HN/N)_{\mathfrak{F}(p)}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore every  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S}N/N)$  of  $G/N$  reduces into  $HN/N$ . Hence  $HN/N$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G/N$  by (2.1).

Let

$$HN/N = G_r/N < \cdots < G_0/N = G/N$$

be a maximal chain joining  $HN/N$  to  $G/N$  such that  $G_i/N$  is an  $\mathfrak{F}$ -normal maximal subgroup of  $G_{i-1}/N$ . Now  $G_i$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G_{i-1}$  if and only if  $G_i/N$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G_{i-1}/N$ . On the other hand, since  $\text{Core}_{G_{i-1}/N}(G_i/N) = \text{Core}_{G_{i-1}}(G_i)/N$ , it follows that  $G_i$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -normal in  $G_{i-1}$  if and only if  $G_i/N$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -normal in  $G_{i-1}/N$ . Therefore we have a maximal chain joining  $HN$  to  $G$  such that every normal link is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -normal :

$$HN = G_r < \cdots < G_0 = G.$$

Thus  $HN$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$ .

4.  $\mathfrak{F}$ -REDUCER. Suppose that  $\mathfrak{F}$  is an integrated formation defined locally by the nonempty subgroup closed formations  $\{\mathfrak{F}(p)\}$ .

LEMMA 4. Let  $H \leq K \leq G$  and  $\mathfrak{S}_K = \{K^p\}$  be a Sylow system of  $K$ . Suppose that  $\mathfrak{S} = \{S^p\}$  is a Sylow system of  $G$  which is an extension of  $\mathfrak{S}_K$ , i.e.,  $S^p \cap K = K^p$  for each prime  $p$ . Then the  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S}_K)$  of  $K$  reduces into  $H$  if and only if the  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S})$  of  $G$  reduces into  $H$ .

PROOF. Suppose that  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S}_K) = \{K^p \cap K_{\mathfrak{F}(p)}\}$  reduces into  $H$ . Then there exists a Sylow system  $\mathfrak{S}_H = \{H^p\}$  of  $H$  such that  $K^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)} = H^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)}$  for each prime  $p$ . Thus we have that

$$S^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)} = S^p \cap K \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)} = K^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)} = H^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)}$$

for each prime  $p$ . Therefore  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S})$  reduces into  $H$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S}) = \{S^p \cap G_{\mathfrak{F}(p)}\}$  reduces into  $H$ . Then there exists a Sylow system  $\mathfrak{S}_H = \{H^p\}$  of  $H$  such that  $S^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)} = H^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)}$  for each prime  $p$ . Thus we have that

$$K^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)} = S^p \cap K \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)} = S^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)} = H^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)}$$

for each prime  $p$ . Therefore  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S}_K)$  reduces into  $H$ .

DEFINITION. Two subgroups  $H, K$  of  $G$  are termed  $\mathfrak{F}$ -equivalent, denoted  $H \sim K$ , if the set of  $\mathfrak{F}$ -bases of  $G$  reducing into  $H$  is the same as the set of  $\mathfrak{F}$ -bases of  $G$  reducing into  $K$ .

Remark. If we take  $\mathfrak{F}(p) =$  the class of unit groups, for all primes  $p$ , then  $\mathfrak{F} = \mathfrak{N}$ , where  $\mathfrak{N}$  is the class of finite nilpotent groups, and the above definition is just the definition due to R. Carter, of equivalency of two subgroups of  $G$ . (see,

Definition in [4]).

PROPOSITION 5. *Let  $H$  and  $K$  be two subgroups of  $G$ . If  $H \sim K$  in  $G$ , then  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $\langle H, K \rangle$ .*

PROOF. If every  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis of  $G$  reduces into  $H$ , then  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$  by (2.1). Therefore  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $\langle H, K \rangle$  by proposition 1. Thus, if  $\mathfrak{M}$  is the set of every  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis of  $G$  reducing into  $H$ , we can assume that  $\mathfrak{M}$  does not contain all  $\mathfrak{F}$ -bases of  $G$ . Let  $L$  be the stabilizer of  $\mathfrak{M}$  in  $G$ , i.e.,

$$L = \{g \in G \mid \mathfrak{M} = \mathfrak{M}^g\}.$$

Now let  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S})$  be an  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis of  $G$  reducing into  $H$ , i.e.,  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S}) \in \mathfrak{M}$ . For  $h \in H$ , since  $(S^p)^h \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)} = (S^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)})^h = (H^p \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)})^h = (H^p)^h \cap H_{\mathfrak{F}(p)}$  for each prime  $p$ , where  $S^p \in \mathfrak{S}$  and  $H^p$  is Sylow  $p$ -complement of  $H$ ,  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S})^h = \mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S}^h)$  reduces into  $H = H^h$ . Therefore  $\mathfrak{M} = \mathfrak{M}^h$  and hence  $H$  is a subgroup of  $L$ . Since  $H \sim K$  in  $G$ ,  $\mathfrak{M}$  is the set of all  $\mathfrak{F}$ -bases of  $G$  reducing into  $K$  and hence, by the same reason as above,  $K$  is a subgroup of  $L$ . Let  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S}')$  be any  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis of  $G$ . Then, since any two  $\mathfrak{F}$ -bases of  $G$  are conjugate in  $G$ , there is  $g$  in  $G$  such that  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S}') = \mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S})^g$ . Now suppose that  $L = G$ . Then  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S}')$  reduces into  $H$  which contradicts the hypotheses of  $\mathfrak{M}$ , since  $L$  is the stabilizer of  $\mathfrak{M}$ . Thus  $L \neq G$ .

If  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S}_L)$  is an  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis of  $L$  reducing into  $H$ , then, for a Sylow system  $\mathfrak{S}$  of  $G$  which is the extension of  $\mathfrak{S}_L$ ,  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S})$  is an  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis of  $G$  reducing into  $H$  by lemma 4. Since  $H \sim K$  in  $G$ ,  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S})$  reduces into  $K$ . Hence  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S}_L)$  reduces into  $K$  by lemma 4. Similarly, if  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S}_L)$  is an  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis of  $L$  reducing into  $K$ , then  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S}_L)$  reduces into  $H$ . Therefore  $H \sim K$  in  $L$ . We will prove the proposition by using induction on the group order. Since  $|L| < |G|$ , we see that, by working on  $L$ ,  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $\langle H, K \rangle$ .

LEMMA 6. *Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be the set of all  $\mathfrak{F}$ -bases of  $G$  reducing into  $H$  and  $L$  be the stabilizer of  $\mathfrak{M}$ . Then  $H$  is an  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal subgroup of  $L$ .*

PROOF. In the proof of above proposition, we showed that  $H$  is a subgroup of  $L$ . Let  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S}_L)$  be any  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis of  $L$ . Then there exists a Sylow system  $\mathfrak{S}$  of  $G$  which is an extension of the Sylow system  $\mathfrak{S}_L$  of  $L$ . Now  $\mathfrak{S}_L$  reduces into some conjugate of  $H$  in  $L$ , say  $H^t$ . Hence  $\mathfrak{S}$  reduces into  $H^t$  by lemma 4. Therefore  $\mathfrak{S}^{t^{-1}}$  reduces into  $H$  and  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S})^{t^{-1}} = \mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S}^{t^{-1}})$  reduces into  $H$ . Since  $L$  is the stabilizer of  $\mathfrak{M}$ ,  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S})$  reduces into  $H$  and hence  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S}_L)$  reduces into  $H$  by lemma 4. Thus  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $L$  by (2.1).

We need the following result of H. Wielandt. A subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is said to be subnormal in  $G$  if  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $G$  for  $\mathfrak{F} = \mathfrak{N}$ .

LEMMA 7. [6, THEOREM 6.5] *If  $H$  and  $K$  are subnormal subgroups of  $G$ , then  $\langle H, K \rangle$  is a subnormal subgroup of  $G$ .*

PROPOSITION 8. *Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be the set of all  $\mathfrak{F}$ -bases of  $G$  reducing into  $H$  and  $L$  be the stabilizer in  $G$  of  $\mathfrak{M}$ . Suppose that  $\mathfrak{M}$  forms a block. Then if  $H$  is subnormal in  $L$ , the equivalence class which contains  $H$  has a maximal element.*

PROOF. We will show that, if  $H \sim K$  in  $G$ , then  $H \sim \langle H, K \rangle$  in  $G$ . Then it follows that  $M(H; \mathfrak{F}) = \langle K; H \sim K \text{ in } G, K \text{ is a subgroup of } G \rangle$  is a maximal element in the equivalence class which contains  $H$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{C})$  be any  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis of  $G$  reducing into  $\langle H, K \rangle$ . Since  $H \sim K$  in  $G$ ,  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $\langle H, K \rangle$  by proposition 5 and hence  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{C})$  reduces into  $H$  by proposition 2. Therefore we need show that any  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis reducing into  $H$  reduces into  $\langle H, K \rangle$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{C})$  be any  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis of  $G$  reducing into  $H$ , i. e.,  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{C}) \in \mathfrak{M}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{C})$  reduces into  $L^g$  for some  $g$  in  $G$ . Since  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $L$  by lemma 6,  $H^g$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $L^g$ . Therefore  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{C})$  reduces into  $H^g$  and  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{C}) \in \mathfrak{M} \cap \mathfrak{M}^g$ . Thus, since  $\mathfrak{M}$  is a block,  $\mathfrak{M} = \mathfrak{M}^g$  and hence  $g$  is in  $L$  and so  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{C})$  reduces into  $L$ . Since  $H$  is a subnormal subgroup of  $L$ ,  $K$  is a subnormal subgroup of  $L$  and hence  $\langle H, K \rangle$  is subnormal in  $L$  by lemma 7. Therefore  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{C})$  reduces into  $\langle H, K \rangle$  by proposition 2.

LEMMA 9. *Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Suppose that the set of all  $\mathfrak{F}$ -bases of  $G$  reducing into  $H$  forms a block. Then  $H \sim R(H; \mathfrak{F})$  in  $G$ .*

PROOF. This lemma follows from the definition of  $\mathfrak{F}$ -equivalent and (2.5).

PROPOSITION 10. *Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be the set of all  $\mathfrak{F}$ -bases of  $G$  reducing into  $H$  and  $L$  be the stabilizer in  $G$  of  $\mathfrak{M}$ . Suppose that  $H$  is subnormal in  $L$  and  $\mathfrak{M}$  forms a block. Then we have that  $M(H; \mathfrak{F}) = R(H; \mathfrak{F})$ .*

PROOF. Since  $\mathfrak{M}$  is a block, we have  $R(H; \mathfrak{F}) = Q(H; \mathfrak{F}) = L$  by (2.6). Now by lemma 9,  $H \sim R(H; \mathfrak{F})$  in  $G$ , and hence we have  $R(H; \mathfrak{F}) \subseteq M(H; \mathfrak{F})$  by the construction of  $M(H; \mathfrak{F})$ . On the other hand, since  $M(H; \mathfrak{F})$  is a subgroup of  $L$ , it follows that  $M(H; \mathfrak{F}) \subseteq R(H; \mathfrak{F})$ . Therefore  $M(H; \mathfrak{F}) = R(H; \mathfrak{F})$ .

PROPOSITION 11. *Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Suppose that the set of all  $\mathfrak{F}$ -bases of  $G$  reducing into  $H$  forms a block. Then we have that  $N_c(R(H; \mathfrak{F})) = R(H; \mathfrak{F})$ .*

PROOF. By (2.8),  $R(H; \mathfrak{F})$  is an  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormalizer of  $H$  in  $G$ . Therefore  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $R(H; \mathfrak{F})$  and hence  $H$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subnormal in  $N_c(R(H; \mathfrak{F}))$  since  $R(H; \mathfrak{F})$  is normal in  $N_c(R(H; \mathfrak{F}))$ . Thus we have  $N_c(R(H; \mathfrak{F})) \subseteq R(H; \mathfrak{F})$ , so that  $N_c(R(H; \mathfrak{F})) = R(H; \mathfrak{F})$ .

PROPOSITION 12. *Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Suppose that the set of all  $\mathfrak{F}$ -bases of  $G$  reducing into  $H$  forms a block. Then  $R(H; \mathfrak{F})$  is the least  $\mathfrak{F}$ -abnormal subgroup  $K$  of  $G$  such that every  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis of  $G$  reducing into  $H$  reduces also into  $K$ .*

PROOF. It follows from (2.2), (2.3) and (2.4) that  $R(H; \mathfrak{F})$  is the  $\mathfrak{F}$ -abnormal

subgroup of  $G$  such that every  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis of  $G$  reducing into  $H$  reduces also into  $R(H; \mathfrak{F})$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S})$  be any  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis of  $G$  which reduces into  $H$  and let  $a$  be any element of  $R(H; \mathfrak{F})$ . Then, by lemma 9,  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S})^a$  is an  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis of  $G$  which reduces into  $H$ . Now suppose  $K$  as in the theorem. Then  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S})^a$  reduces into  $K$  and thus  $a$  is in  $R(K; \mathfrak{F})$ . Therefore,  $R(H; \mathfrak{F}) \subseteq R(K; \mathfrak{F})$ . Hence we have  $R(H; \mathfrak{F}) \leq K$  by (2.2) since  $K$  is  $\mathfrak{F}$ -abnormal and the proof is complete.

**PROPOSITION 13.** *Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$  and let  $K$  be a subgroup of  $G$  which contains  $R(H; \mathfrak{F})$ . Suppose that the set of all  $\mathfrak{F}$ -bases of  $G$  reducing into  $H$  forms a block. Then  $R(H; \mathfrak{F})$  is the  $\mathfrak{F}$ -reducer of  $H$  in  $K$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $A/B$  be an  $\mathfrak{F}$ -central  $H$ -composition factor of  $G$ . Then, by (2.7),  $R(H; \mathfrak{F})$  covers  $A/B$  and hence  $K$  covers  $A/B$ . Now  $A/B$  is isomorphic to  $A \cap K / B \cap K$  as  $H$ -groups, so therefore  $A \cap K / B \cap K$  is an  $\mathfrak{F}$ -central  $H$ -composition factor of  $K$ . Thus  $R_K(H; \mathfrak{F})$  covers  $A \cap K / B \cap K$  by (2.7), where  $R_K(H; \mathfrak{F})$  denote the  $\mathfrak{F}$ -reducer of  $H$  in  $K$ . Therefore  $R_K(H; \mathfrak{F})$  covers  $A/B$ . Hence  $R(H; \mathfrak{F}) \subseteq R_K(H; \mathfrak{F})$  by (2.7).

Conversely, now let  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S}_K)$  be any  $\mathfrak{F}$ -basis of  $K$  which reduces into  $H$ . Then there exists a Sylow system  $\mathfrak{S}$  of  $G$  which is extension of  $\mathfrak{S}_K$  and  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S})$  reduces into  $H$  by lemma 4. Therefore  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S})$  reduces into  $R(H; \mathfrak{F})$  by (2.4), and so  $\mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{S}_K)$  reduces into  $R(H; \mathfrak{F})$  by lemma 4. Thus by Proposition 12,  $R_K(H; \mathfrak{F}) \subseteq R(H; \mathfrak{F})$  and the proof is complete.

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