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**NON-PERIODIC GROUPS WITH THE RESTRICTIONS ON  
THE NORM OF CYCLIC SUBGROUPS OF NON-PRIME ORDER**

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One of the main directions in group theory is the study of the impact of characteristic subgroups on the structure of the whole group. Such characteristic subgroups include different  $\Sigma$ -norms of a group. A  $\Sigma$ -norm is the intersection of the normalizers of all subgroups of a system  $\Sigma$ . The authors study non-periodic groups with the restrictions on such a  $\Sigma$ -norm, the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  of cyclic subgroups of non-prime order, which is the intersection of the normalizers of all cyclic subgroups of composite or infinite order of  $G$ . It was proved that if  $G$  is a mixed non-periodic group, then its norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  of cyclic subgroups of non-prime order is either Abelian (torsion or non-periodic) or non-periodic non-Abelian. Moreover, a non-periodic group  $G$  has the non-Abelian norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  of cyclic subgroups of non-prime order if and only if  $G$  is non-Abelian and every cyclic subgroup of non-prime order of a group  $G$  is normal in it, and  $G = N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$ . Additionally the relations between the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  of cyclic subgroups of non-prime order and the norm  $N_G(C_{\infty})$  of infinite cyclic subgroups, which is the intersection of the normalizers of all infinite cyclic subgroups, in non-periodic groups are studied. It was found that in a non-periodic group  $G$  with the non-Abelian norm  $N_G(C_{\infty})$  of infinite cyclic subgroups norms  $N_G(C_{\infty})$  and  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  coincide if and only if  $N_G(C_{\infty})$  contains all elements of composite order of a group  $G$  and does not contain non-normal cyclic subgroups of order 4. In this case  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) = N_G(C_{\infty}) = G$ .

**1. Introduction.** One of the main directions in group theory is the study of the impact of characteristic subgroups on the structure of the whole group. Such characteristic subgroups include different  $\Sigma$ -norms of the group. A  $\Sigma$ -norm is the intersection of the normalizers of all subgroups of a system  $\Sigma$  (assuming that the system  $\Sigma$  is non-empty). It is clear that when the  $\Sigma$ -norm coincides with a group, then all subgroups of the system  $\Sigma$  are normal in the last one.

For the first time, R. Baer [1] considered the  $\Sigma$ -norm as a proper subgroup of a group in 1935 for the system of all subgroups of this group. He called it the norm of a group and denoted by  $N(G)$ . Narrowing the system of subgroups one can get different  $\Sigma$ -norms which can be considered as generalizations of the norm  $N(G)$ . Recently the interest to study the  $\Sigma$ -norms does not decrease in view of series of papers [2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13].

The authors investigate the generalized norm of a group, which is closely related to the properties of some systems of cyclic subgroups of a group. Let us note that the Baer norm  $N(G)$  is the intersection of the normalizers of all cyclic subgroups of a group. That is why the natural question arises, to investigate  $\Sigma$ -norms of a group for systems  $\Sigma$  consisting of

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some subsystems of cyclic subgroups, in particular, consider the case when the system  $\Sigma$  contains only cyclic subgroups of infinite or composite order. The corresponding  $\Sigma$ -norm is called the norm of cyclic subgroups of non-prime order of  $G$  and denoted by  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$ .

The authors focused on the study of the properties of the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  of cyclic subgroups of non-prime order in non-periodic groups, its impact on group properties and relations with the norm  $N_G(C_\infty)$  of infinite cyclic subgroups, which is the intersection of normalizers of all infinite cyclic subgroups of a group  $G$  (see, [9, 12]).

As will be shown below, a non-periodic group  $G$  with the non-Abelian norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  coincides with this norm. In this case, a group  $G$  is the semi-direct product of a normal Abelian subgroup  $A$ , which contains all elements of non-prime order of this group, and a cyclic subgroup of order 2, which induces an irreducible automorphism of order 2 on  $A$ .

Let us note that some results concerning the properties of the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  were announced in [2, 11, 12].

## 2. Preliminary results.

**Definition 1.** The norm of cyclic subgroups of non-prime order of non-periodic group  $G$  is the intersection of the normalizers of all cyclic subgroups of composite or infinite order of  $G$  and is denoted by  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$ .

It is clear that in a non-periodic group  $G$  coinciding with its norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  all cyclic subgroups of composite or infinite order are normal. Such non-Dedekind groups were studied in [6] and were called almost Dedekind groups. The structure of non-periodic almost Dedekind groups is described in the following proposition.

**Proposition 1.** A non-periodic group  $G$  is almost Dedekind if and only if  $G = C \rtimes \langle b \rangle$ , where  $C$  is a non-periodic Abelian group,  $|b| = 2$ ,  $b^{-1}cb = c^{-1}$  for any element  $c \in C$ .

**Corollary 1.** The center of a non-periodic almost Dedekind group is an elementary Abelian (in particular, identity) 2-group.

The following result follows directly from Proposition 1.

**Corollary 2.** Any non-periodic group without involutions, in which each cyclic subgroup of infinite or composite order is normal, is Abelian.

Further we will consider non-periodic groups  $G$ , in which the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  of cyclic subgroups of non-prime order is some (usually proper) subgroup of a group.

Let us formulate some statements characterizing the properties of the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$ . We will use them actively in this section.

**Lemma 1.** Let  $G$  be a non-periodic group and  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  be its norm of cyclic subgroups of non-prime order. Then the following statements take place:

- 1)  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) \supseteq N(G) \supseteq Z(G)$ , where  $N(G)$  is the norm of  $G$ ;
- 2) if the subgroup  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is non-periodic, then  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) = N_{N_G(C_{\bar{p}})}(C_{\bar{p}})$ ;
- 3) every cyclic subgroup of infinite or composite order of the group  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is normal in it;
- 4) if the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is non-periodic, then it is either Abelian or almost Dedekind;
- 5) if  $H$  is non-periodic subgroup of  $G$ , which contains the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$ , then
 
$$N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) \subseteq N_H(C_{\bar{p}});$$
- 6) if  $H \subseteq C_G(N_G(C_{\bar{p}}))$  and the group  $G_1 = H \cdot N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is non-periodic, then  $G_1 = N_{G_1}(C_{\bar{p}})$ .

The proof of Lemma 1 follows directly from the definition of the norm of cyclic subgroups of non-prime order.

**Lemma 2.** *If the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  of a non-periodic group  $G$  does not contain elements of infinite order, then it is Abelian.*

*Proof.* Let us suppose that, contrary to the lemma, the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is a periodic non-Abelian group. Then for an arbitrary element  $x \in G$ ,  $|x| = \infty$  the subgroup  $\langle x \rangle$  is  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$ -admissible, so,  $[\langle x \rangle, N_G(C_{\bar{p}})] \subseteq \langle x \rangle \cap N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) = E$  and  $\langle x \rangle \subseteq C_G(N_G(C_{\bar{p}}))$ .

By Lemma 1  $G_1 = \langle x \rangle \cdot N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) = \langle x \rangle \times N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is non-periodic almost Dedekind. Taking into account that the center of such a group is elementary Abelian 2-group by Corollary 1. It contradicts the condition  $x \in Z(G_1)$ . Thus, the assumption is false and the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is Abelian.  $\square$

Thus, if the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  of cyclic subgroups of non-prime order is torsion, then it is Abelian. Let us prove another sufficient condition for the Abelianity of this norm.

**Lemma 3.** *If a non-periodic group  $G$  contains such a cyclic subgroup  $\langle x \rangle$  of infinite or composite order that  $\langle x \rangle \cap N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) = E$ , then the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is Abelian.*

*Proof.* Let the subgroup  $\langle x \rangle$  satisfy conditions of the lemma, but the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  be non-Abelian. Then  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is non-periodic non-Abelian group by Lemma 2. Since subgroups  $\langle x \rangle$  and  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  are normal in the group  $G_1 = \langle x \rangle N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$ , then  $G_1 = \langle x \rangle \times N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  and  $x \in Z(G_1)$ . By Lemma 1,  $G_1 = N_{G_1}(C_{\bar{p}})$  and  $G_1$  is almost Dedekind. By Corollary 1, the center of an almost Dedekind group is an elementary Abelian 2-group. It contradicts the condition  $x \in Z(G_1)$ . Thus, the group  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is Abelian and the lemma is proved.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.** *In a non-periodic group  $G$  with the non-Abelian norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  every cyclic subgroup  $\langle x \rangle$  of infinite or composite order has non-identity intersection with the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$ .*

By Lemma 1 and Lemma 2, the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is either Abelian or almost Dedekind (provided that the system of cyclic subgroups of composite or infinite order in  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is non-empty). On the other hand, it is possible when  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  does not contain cyclic subgroups of composite or infinite order. In particular, such a property is inherent in periodic Olshansky groups [15]. In periodic Olshansky groups all proper subgroups are cyclic and have prime order.

Let us show that in the latter case the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  of a non-periodic group  $G$  is an elementary Abelian  $p$ -group.

**Theorem 1.** *If the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  of a non-periodic group  $G$  is a non-identity subgroup and does not contain cyclic subgroups of infinite and composite order, then  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is an elementary Abelian  $p$ -group ( $p$  is prime).*

*Proof.* By the condition of the theorem,  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is torsion, all elements of which are of prime order. By Lemma 2, the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is Abelian. Taking into account that it does not contain elements of composite order, we get that  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is an elementary Abelian  $p$ -group, where  $p$  is prime. The theorem is proved.  $\square$

The following example confirms the existence of non-periodic groups in which the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  satisfies the conditions of Theorem 1.

**Example 1.**  $G = (\langle a \rangle \times \langle b \rangle \times \langle x \rangle) \rtimes \langle c \rangle$ ,  $|a| = |b| = 3$ ,  $|x| = \infty$ ,  $|c| = 2$ ,  $[a, c] = [b, c] = 1$ ,  $c^{-1}xc = x^{-1}$ . In this group

$$N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) \subseteq N_G(\langle ac \rangle) \cap N_G(\langle ax \rangle) = (\langle a \rangle \times \langle b \rangle \times \langle c \rangle) \cap (\langle a \rangle \times \langle b \rangle \times \langle x \rangle) = \langle a \rangle \times \langle b \rangle = Z(G).$$

So, the norm of cyclic subgroups of non-prime order coincides with the center of the group

$$N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) = \langle a \rangle \times \langle b \rangle = Z(G)$$

and the norm is the elementary Abelian group of order 9.

The following result determines sufficient conditions for the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  be central.

**Lemma 4.** *If the center  $Z(G)$  of a non-periodic group  $G$  contains elements of infinite order, then the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is Abelian and coincides with the group center  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) = Z(G)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $Z(G)$  contain elements of infinite order. Since  $Z(G) \subseteq N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$ , the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is a non-periodic Abelian group by Proposition 1. Let us show that every element from  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is permutable with all elements of infinite order from  $G$ .

Let  $x \in N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$ ,  $y \in G$ ,  $|y| = \infty$  and  $[x, y] \neq 1$ . Since  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is a non-periodic Abelian group, it is generated by elements of infinite order. Thus, we can regard that  $|x| = \infty$ .

By the infinity of the subgroup  $\langle y \rangle$ , we get that it is  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$ -admissible, so  $x^{-1}yx = y^{-1}$  and  $\langle x \rangle \cap \langle y \rangle = E$ . Taking into account that  $[x^2, y] = 1$  and the subgroup  $\langle x^2y \rangle$  is  $x$ -admissible, we get  $x^{-1}x^2yx = x^{-2}y^{-1} = x^2y^{-1}$ . But in this case one has  $x^4 = 1$ . This contradicts its choice. So,  $[x, y] = 1$  for any element  $x \in N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  and  $y \in G$ ,  $|y| = \infty$ .

Let  $y \in G$ ,  $|y| < \infty$ . Suppose that  $[x, y] \neq 1$ . Let us take an element  $z \in Z(G)$ ,  $|z| = \infty$ . Then  $|yz| = \infty$  and the subgroup  $\langle yz \rangle$  is  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$ -admissible. If  $x^{-1}yzx = yz$ , then  $x^{-1}yx = y$  by the equalities  $x^{-1}yzx = x^{-1}yxz = yz$ , which contradicts the assumption. Thus,  $x^{-1}yzx = (yz)^{-1}$ . On the other hand,

$$x^{-1}yzx = x^{-1}yxx^{-1}zx = x^{-1}yxz = y^{-1}z^{-1},$$

that is  $x^{-1}yx = y^{-1}z^{-2}$ , which contradicts the above.

Thus,  $[\langle y \rangle, N_G(C_{\bar{p}})] = E$  for every element  $y \in G$ , so,  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) = Z(G)$ . The lemma is proved.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.** *An arbitrary non-periodic central-by-finite group  $G$  has the Abelian norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  and  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) = Z(G)$ .*

**Lemma 5.** *If the center  $Z(G)$  of a non-periodic group  $G$  contains elements of composite order, then its norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is Abelian.*

*Proof.* Let us suppose that the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is non-Abelian. Then it is non-periodic and almost Dedekind by Lemma 4. Since the center of such a group does not contain elements of non-prime order by Corollary 1, the assumption is false and the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is Abelian. The lemma is proved.  $\square$

Combining the results of Lemma 4 and Lemma 5, we get the following statement.

**Corollary 5.** *If the center  $Z(G)$  of a non-periodic group  $G$  contains non-identity elements of non-prime order, then the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  of such a group is Abelian.*

Let us note that the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  of cyclic subgroups of non-prime order in a non-periodic group  $G$  is quite closely related to the norm  $N_G(C_\infty)$  of infinite cyclic subgroups, which is an intersection of the normalizers of all infinite cyclic subgroups of this group (see [12]). It is explained by the fact that the class of non-periodic groups, in which all infinite cyclic subgroups are normal, contains the class of non-periodic groups with a normal system of cyclic subgroups of non-prime order. Therefore, the norm of  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  of a non-periodic group is contained in the norm  $N_G(C_\infty)$  of infinite cyclic subgroups of a group  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) \subseteq N_G(C_\infty)$ . Clearly, in torsion free groups these norms coincide  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) = N_G(C_\infty)$ .

This allows the usage of some results for groups with restrictions on the norm of infinite cyclic subgroups [9] for the characterization of groups with restrictions on the norm of cyclic subgroups of non-prime order of a group.

**3. Non-periodic groups with the non-Abelian norm of cyclic subgroups of non-prime order.** Let us consider the impact of the properties of the norm of non-prime order cyclic subgroups on the properties of a group. In this section we will consider non-periodic groups in which the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  of cyclic subgroups of non-prime order is non-Abelian. Also, the relations between the given norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  and the norm  $N_G(C_\infty)$  of infinite cyclic subgroups of a group will be studied.

By Proposition 1 in torsion free groups the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is Abelian. Let us show that it is the central subgroup of a group (so it coincides with the norm of infinite cyclic subgroups and Baer norm).

**Theorem 2.** *If  $G$  is a torsion free group, then its norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  coincides with the center of a group, with the norm  $N(G)$  of a group, and with the norm  $N_G(C_\infty)$  of infinite cyclic subgroups  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) = N_G(C_\infty) = N(G) = Z(G)$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) \neq Z(G)$ . Then there exist such elements  $x \in N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  and  $y \in G$ , that  $[x, y] \neq 1$ . By the definition of a subgroup  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  we get  $x^{-1}yx = y^{-1}$ . Therefore,  $\langle x \rangle \cap \langle y \rangle = E$  and since  $[x^2, y] = 1$ ,  $\langle x^2y \rangle$  is  $x$ -invariant subgroup. So

$$x^{-1}x^2yx = (x^2y)^{-1} = y^{-1}x^{-2} = x^{-2}y^{-1} = x^2y^{-1}.$$

But in this case  $x^4 = 1$ , which contradicts the condition. Thus,  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) = Z(G)$ . The equalities  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) = N_G(C_\infty)$  and  $N(G) = N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  in torsion free groups are evident. The theorem is proved.  $\square$

**Corollary 6.** *A torsion free group  $G$ , which is a finite extension of the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$ , is Abelian.*

*Proof.* Let  $[G : N_G(C_{\bar{p}})] < \infty$ . Then by Theorem 2,  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) = Z(G)$ , so  $[G : Z(G)] < \infty$ . By Theorem 1.4 [5], in this case  $|G'| < \infty$ . Since  $G$  is torsion free group, it can be only when  $G' = E$ . Thus, a group  $G$  is Abelian.  $\square$

Let us consider the mixed non-periodic groups. The following examples claim that the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$ , which is a proper subgroup of a mixed non-periodic group  $G$ , can either coincide with the norm  $N_G(C_\infty)$  or not coincide.

**Example 2.**  $G = (\langle a \rangle \times \langle b \rangle) \rtimes \langle c \rangle$ ,  $|a| = |b| = \infty$ ,  $|c| = 3$ ,  $c^{-1}ac = b$ ,  $c^{-1}bc = a^{-1}b^{-1}$ . In this group, one has  $Z(G) = E$  and all infinite cyclic subgroups are contained in the group  $\langle a, b \rangle$ . Moreover, the set of cyclic subgroups of non-prime order coincides with the set of infinite cyclic subgroups. So,  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) = N_G(C_\infty)$ . Since  $\langle c \rangle \not\subseteq N_G(\langle a \rangle)$ ,  $\langle c \rangle \not\subseteq N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  and  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) = N_G(C_\infty) = \langle a \rangle \times \langle b \rangle$  is the non-central Abelian group, which is generated by all elements of infinite order.

**Example 3.**  $G = (\langle a \rangle \times \langle b \rangle) \rtimes \langle c \rangle$ ,  $|a| = |b| = \infty$ ,  $|c| = 6$ ,  $c^{-1}ac = ab$ ,  $c^{-1}bc = a^{-1}$ . In this case, one has  $Z(G) = E$  and all infinite cyclic subgroups are contained in the subgroup  $\langle a, b \rangle$ . So,  $N_G(C_\infty) = (\langle a \rangle \times \langle b \rangle) \rtimes \langle c^3 \rangle$ . But

$$N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) \subseteq N_G(\langle c \rangle) \cap N_G(\langle ac \rangle) = \langle c \rangle \cap \langle ac \rangle = Z(G) = E.$$

Thus,  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) \neq N_G(C_\infty)$ .

By Proposition 1, Lemma 2 and above examples, we come to the following result.

**Theorem 3.** *If  $G$  is a mixed non-periodic group, then its norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  of cyclic subgroups of non-prime order is either Abelian (torsion or non-periodic) or non-periodic non-Abelian.*

Further, we will consider the mixed non-periodic groups with the non-Abelian norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$ . By Theorem 3, the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is non-periodic almost Dedekind. So, by Proposition 1,  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) = C \rtimes \langle b \rangle$ , where  $C$  is non-periodic Abelian,  $|b| = 2$ ,  $b^{-1}cb = c^{-1}$  for any element  $c \in C$ .

By Theorem 2 and Proposition 1, we get the following statement.

**Corollary 7.** *A non-periodic group  $G$ , which is a finite extension of the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$ , is almost Abelian.*

Let  $D$  be the subgroup generated by all elements of infinite order of a group  $G$ .

**Lemma 6.** *If a non-periodic group  $G$  has the non-Abelian norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$ , then the subgroup  $D$  is Abelian and contains all elements of infinite or composite order of the group.*

*Proof.* Let the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  be non-Abelian, that is  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) = C \rtimes \langle b \rangle$ , where  $C$  is a non-periodic Abelian group,  $|b| = 2$ ,  $b^{-1}cb = c^{-1}$  for any element  $c \in C$ .

Let us prove that the subgroup  $C \subset N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is contained in the center  $Z(D)$  of the subgroup  $D$ . We take such arbitrary elements  $c \in C$  and  $a \in D$ , that  $[c, a] \neq 1$ . Without loss of generality we conclude  $|a| = |c| = \infty$ .

Since  $\langle a \rangle \triangleleft G_1 = \langle a \rangle N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$ ,  $c^{-1}ac = a^{-1}$  and  $\langle a \rangle \cap \langle c \rangle = E$ . Thus,  $[c^2, a] = 1$ ,  $|c^2a| = \infty$  and  $\langle c^2a \rangle$  is  $c$ -invariant subgroup. But then  $c^{-1}(c^2a)c = c^{-2}a^{-1} = c^2a^{-1}$  and  $c^4 = 1$ . This contradicts the choice of the element  $c$ . So,  $C \subseteq Z(D)$ .

Let us show that the subgroup  $D$  contains all elements of composite order of a group  $G$ . Let  $y \in G$  be an arbitrary element of composite order. Then  $\langle y \rangle \triangleleft G_2 = \langle y \rangle N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  and  $[G_2 : C_{G_2}(y)] < \infty$ . So, there exist such an element  $c \in C$ ,  $|c| = \infty$ , that  $[c, y] = 1$ . Since  $|cy| = \infty$ ,  $cy \in D$ , so  $y \in D$ , which is desired conclusion.

Now we will study how the element  $b$  acts on elements of the subgroup  $D$ . For any element  $a \in D$ ,  $|a| = \infty$  we have  $\langle a \rangle \triangleleft \langle a \rangle N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$ . So, if  $[a, b] = 1$ , then  $|ba| = \infty$  and  $ba \in D$ . By the proved above  $[c, ab] = 1$  for any element  $c \in C$ ,  $|c| = \infty$ , which is impossible. Thus,  $b^{-1}ab = a^{-1}$ , where  $a \in D$  is an arbitrary element of infinite order.

Let  $|a| < \infty$ , where  $a \in D$ . Let us take such an element  $c \in C$ , that  $|c| = \infty$ . Then  $|ca| = \infty$  and  $b^{-1}(ca)b = (ca)^{-1} = c^{-1}a^{-1} = c^{-1}b^{-1}ab$ , and in this case  $b^{-1}ab = a^{-1}$ .

Let us denote by  $x$  and  $y$  such arbitrary elements of the group  $D$ , that  $[x, y] \neq 1$ . Then

$$b^{-1}(xy)b = (xy)^{-1} = y^{-1}x^{-1} = b^{-1}x b b^{-1}y b = x^{-1}y^{-1},$$

so,  $[x, y] = 1$ , which contradicts their choice. Thus, the subgroup  $D$  is Abelian. The lemma is proved.  $\square$

From the proof of Lemma 6 we get the following result characterizing the properties of non-periodic groups with the non-Abelian norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$ .

**Theorem 4.** *A non-periodic group  $G$  has the non-Abelian norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  of cyclic subgroups of non-prime order if and only if all elements of infinite order of the group generate a normal Abelian subgroup  $D$ , which contains all elements of non-prime order of a group  $G$ , and there exist the element  $b$  of order 2,  $b^{-1}ab = a^{-1}$  for any element  $a \in D$ . Moreover,*

$$N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) = D \rtimes \langle b \rangle.$$

**Corollary 8.** *If the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  of a non-periodic group  $G$  is non-Abelian, then the quotient group  $G/N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is torsion and does not contain elements of infinite and composite order.*

**Lemma 7.** *If a non-periodic group  $G$  with the non-Abelian norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  of cyclic subgroups of non-prime order contains a normal infinite cyclic subgroup, then  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) = G$ .*

*Proof.* By the condition of the lemma and Theorem 4,  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) = D \rtimes \langle b \rangle$ , where  $D$  is a non-periodic Abelian group,  $|b| = 2$  and  $b^{-1}ab = a^{-1}$  for any element  $a \in D$ .

Let  $\langle x \rangle \triangleleft G$ ,  $|x| = \infty$ . Then by Theorem 4  $x \in D$ ,  $b^{-1}xb = x^{-1}$ ,  $[G : C_G(\langle x \rangle)] = 2$  and so,  $G = C_G(\langle x \rangle) \rtimes \langle b \rangle$ .

Let  $y$  be an arbitrary non-identity element from  $C_G(\langle x \rangle)$ . If  $y$  is of non-prime order, then  $y \in D$  by Lemma 6. Let  $|y| = p$ , where  $p$  is prime. Since  $[x, y] = 1$ ,  $|xy| = \infty$ . Then  $xy \in D$  and  $y \in D$ . Thus,  $C_G(\langle x \rangle) = D$  and  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) = G$ , which is the desired conclusion.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.** *A non-periodic group  $G$  has the non-Abelian norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  of cyclic subgroups of non-prime order if and only if  $G$  is non-Abelian and every cyclic subgroup of non-prime order of a group  $G$  is normal in it, and  $G = N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$ .*

*Proof.* The sufficiency is evident, so we will prove only necessity.

Let the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  of cyclic subgroups of non-prime order of non-periodic group  $G$  be non-Abelian. Then  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) = D \rtimes \langle b \rangle$ , and by Theorem 4 the subgroup  $D$  contains all elements of non-prime order of a group  $G$ ,  $|b| = 2$  and  $b^{-1}ab = a^{-1}$  for any element  $a \in D$ .

Suppose that  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) \neq G$  and  $x$  is an arbitrary element of a group  $G$ , which is not contained in the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$ . Then  $|x| = p$ , where  $p$  is prime.

Let  $p \neq 2$ . In the quotient group  $\bar{G} = G/D$  we have  $|\bar{b}| = 2$ ,  $\bar{b} \in Z(\bar{G})$ . So, the element  $\bar{x}\bar{b}$  is of order  $2p$ . Thus, its preimage  $xb$  is also of non-prime order. By Theorem 4, one has  $xb \in N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  and  $x \in N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$ . This contradicts its choice.

Let  $p = 2$  and  $|x| = 2$ . Then  $[\bar{x}, \bar{b}] = 1$  and  $|\bar{x}\bar{b}| = 2$ . One has  $|xb| = 2$ , because in other case the element  $xb$  is of non-prime order and is contained in  $D$ . Therefore,  $x \in N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$ , which contradicts its choice.

Let us show, that for an arbitrary element  $a \in D$ ,  $|a| = \infty$  we have  $[x, a] \neq 1$ . And in another case  $|xa| = \infty$  and by Lemma 6,  $xa \in D$ . So,  $x \in D$ , which contradicts its choice. Therefore, by the conditions  $D \triangleleft G$  and  $[D, \langle x \rangle] \subseteq D$ , we can regard that  $x^{-1}ax = ac$ ,  $c \in D$ ,  $c \neq 1$ .

Since  $|x| = 2$ ,  $[x^2, a] = 1$ . Thus,  $a = x^{-2}ax^2 = acx^{-1}cx$  and  $x^{-1}cx = c^{-1}$ . If  $|c| > 2$ , then by  $[xb, c] = 1$  we conclude that the element  $xbc$  is of non-prime order. By Lemma 6,  $xbc \in D$ , so  $x \in N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$ , which is impossible. Thus,  $|c| = 2$ . But in this case  $[a^2, x] = 1$ ,  $|a^2x| = \infty$  and  $a^2x \in D$ ,  $x \in D$ . Thus, the assumption is false and  $G = N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$ .

The theorem is proved.  $\square$

**Corollary 9.** *If the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  of cyclic subgroups of non-prime order of a non-periodic group  $G$  is a proper subgroup of a group, then it is Abelian.*

**Corollary 10.** *A non-periodic group  $G$  with the non-Abelian norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is soluble of degree 2.*

**Corollary 11.** *If a non-periodic group  $G$  contains a non-normal cyclic subgroup of composite or infinite order, then its norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  is Abelian.*

**Corollary 12.** *If the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  of a non-periodic group  $G$  is non-Abelian, then every cyclic subgroup of non-prime order is normal in  $G$ .*

In other words, from the non-Abelianity of the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  we get the normality of all subgroups of non-prime (in particular, infinite) in a group. So, we get the following statement.

**Corollary 13.** *If the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  of cyclic subgroups of non-prime order of a non-periodic group  $G$  is non-Abelian, then all infinite cyclic subgroups are normal in  $G$  and*

$$G = N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) = N_G(C_{\infty}).$$

Let us note that the condition of the non-Abelianity of the norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  in Corollary 13 is substantial. Example 3 confirms the existence of groups with unit norm  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$ , in which the condition  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) = N_G(C_{\infty})$  (and the norm of infinite cyclic subgroups is non-Abelian) is violated. On the other hand, with some additional restrictions on the norm  $N_G(C_{\infty})$  these norms can coincide.

**Corollary 14.** *Let  $G$  be a non-periodic group with the non-Abelian norm  $N_G(C_{\infty})$  of infinite cyclic subgroups. The norms  $N_G(C_{\infty})$  and  $N_G(C_{\bar{p}})$  coincide if and only if  $N_G(C_{\infty})$  contains all elements of composite order of a group  $G$  and does not contain non-normal cyclic subgroups of order 4. In this case,*

$$N_G(C_{\bar{p}}) = N_G(C_{\infty}) = G.$$

The proof of Corollary 14 follows from Theorem 5 and the main theorem [9], which characterizes mixed non-periodic groups with the non-Abelian norm  $N_G(C_{\infty})$ .

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