

## Solvable and nilpotent ultra-groups

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**Abstract** We propose several characterizations of solvable ultra-groups and investigate the Jordan-Hölder Theorem and the Zassenhaus Lemma, in ultra-groups. We also define nilpotent ultra-groups by using the center of ultra-groups. Finally, we establish the relation between nilpotent and solvable ultra-groups. Our results aim to serve as a bridge between groups and ultra-groups.

### 1. Introduction

Solvable and nilpotent groups are two fundamental classes of groups in algebra, and they play a critical role in the study of Lie groups, Galois groups and others [2, 4]. In this paper, we focus on exploring the concepts solvability and nilpotency and their relation for ultra-groups. Ultra-groups are defined on the use of transversals in groups. Moghaddasi et al. built upon the concept of hypergroups and transversals to introduce the concept ultra-groups [7, 8]. Tolue et al. [9] introduced the category of ultra-group and investigated some properties of this category.

The organization of the paper is as follows. We first present some basic definitions and results in ultra-groups. Next, we introduce the concept of solvable ultra-groups and discuss some general concepts such as composition series, subnormal series. Finally, we characterize the Zassenhaus Lemma and generalize the Jordan-Hölder theorem for ultra-groups. In Section 3 we describe nilpotent ultra-groups and establish the relationship between solvable and nilpotent ultra-group.

Our results can be used as a bridge between groups and ultra-groups.

The notation in this paper is as in [7] and [9].

A pair  $(A, B)$  of subsets of a group  $G$  is called *transversal* if the equality  $ab = a'b'$  implies  $a = a'$  and  $b = b'$ , where  $a, a' \in A$ ,  $b, b' \in B$ . It is not hard

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to deduce that a pair  $(H, M)$  of subgroups of a group  $G$  is transversal if and only if  $H \cap M = \{e\}$ , where  $e$  is the identity of the group  $G$ . Furthermore, for a subgroup  $H$  and a subset  $M$  of a group  $G$  we conclude that the pair  $(H, M)$  is a transversal if and only if  $M \cap Hg$  contains at most one element, for all  $g \in G$ . A subset  $M$  of a group  $G$  is called (*right unitary*) *complementary set* with respect to a subgroup  $H$ , if for any elements  $m \in M$  and  $h \in H$  there exist unique elements  $h' \in H$  and  $m' \in M$  such that  $mh = h'm'$ . We denote  $h'$  and  $m'$  by  ${}^m h$  and  $m^h$ , respectively. Similarly for any elements  $m_1, m_2 \in M$  there exist unique elements  $[m_1, m_2] \in M$  and  $(m_1, m_2) \in H$  such that  $m_1 m_2 = (m_1, m_2)[m_1, m_2]$ . There are  $a^{(-1)} \in H$  and  $a^{[-1]} \in M$  such that  $a^{-1} = a^{(-1)}a^{[-1]}$ , since  $G = HM$ .

**Definition 1.1.** [7] Let  $M$  be a transversal set of a subgroup  $H$  over a group  $G$ . The set  $M$  together with a binary operation  $\alpha : M \times M \rightarrow M$  and a family of unary operations  $\beta_h : M \rightarrow M$  defined by  $\alpha((m_1, m_2)) := [m_1, m_2]$  and  $\beta_h(m) := m^h$  for all  $h \in H$  is called a *right ultra-group*. An ultra-group  $M$  is called abelian, if for all elements  $a, b$  in  $M$ ,  $[a, b] = [b, a]$ .

We use the notation  ${}_H M$  to represent the right ultra-group of subgroup  $H$  which we briefly display with the notation  $M$ .

**Definition 1.2.** [7] Let  $M$  be an ultra-group of a subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$ . A subset  $K \subseteq M$  which contains the identity element of the group  $G$ , is called a *subultra-group* of  $M$ , if  $K$  is closed under operations  $\alpha$  and  $\beta_h$ . This is denoted by  $K < M$ .

**Proposition 1.3.** [7] *Let  $M$  be an ultra-group of a subgroup  $H$  over a group  $G$ . Then we have the following properties:*

- (i)  $a^{hh'} = (a^h)^{h'}$ ,
- (ii)  $[a, b]^h = [a^{(b^h)}, b^h]$ ,
- (iii)  $[[a, b], c] = [a^{(b,c)}, [b, c]]$ ,
- (iv)  $e^h = e, \quad a^e = a$ ,
- (v)  $[e, a] = a = [a, e]$ ,
- (vi)  $[a^{[-1]}, a] = e = [a^{(a^{(-1)})}, a^{[-1]}]$ ,

for  $a, b, c \in M$  and  $h, h' \in H$ .

**Definition 1.4.** [8] A subultra-group  $N$  of an ultra-group  $M$  is called *normal* if  $[N, [a, b]] = [a, [N, b]]$  for all  $a, b \in M$  and is denoted by  $N \triangleleft M$ .

According to the definition, every ultra-group  $M$ , has normal subultra-group  $\{e\}$ . We note that an ultra-group  $M$  is normal subultra-group of itself, whenever the left cancellation law be established for  $M$  (see [7]).

**Lemma 1.5.** [7] *Let  $K$  be a subultra-group of an ultra-group  $M$ . Then for  $a, b \in M$  the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (i)  $a \in [K, b]$ ,
- (ii)  $[K, a] = [K, b]$ ,
- (iii)  $[a^{(b^{-1})}, b^{[-1]}] \in K$ .

**Theorem 1.6.** *An ultra-group  $N$  is a normal subultra-group of  $M$ , if and only if  $[[N, a], [N, b]] = [N, [a, b]]$ , for every  $a, b \in M$ .*

*Proof.* If  $N$  is a normal subultra-group then  $[[N, a], [N, b]] = [N, [a, b]]$  for every  $a, b \in M$  by Lemma 2.5 in [7]. Conversely, let  $[[N, a], [N, b]] = [N, [a, b]]$ , for  $b = e$  we have  $[N, a] = [N, [a, N]]$ . So  $[a, N]^{a^{(-1)}}, a^{[-1]} \in N$  and since  $| [a, N]^{a^{(-1)}}, a^{[-1]} | = | N |$  we have  $[a, N]^{a^{(-1)}}, a^{[-1]} = N$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } \left[ [a, N]^{a^{(-1)}}, a^{[-1]} \right], a &= [N, a] \text{ and } \left[ [a, N] \underbrace{a^{(-1)}(a^{[-1]}, a)}_e, \underbrace{[a^{[-1]}, a]}_e \right] \\ &= [N, a]. \text{ So } [a, N] = [N, a] \text{ and } [a, [N, b]] = [a, [b, N]] = \left[ [a^{(b, N)^{-1}}, b], N \right] = \\ &= \left[ N, \left[ [a^{(b, N)^{-1}}, b], N \right] \right] = [N, [a, [b, N]]] = \left[ [N, a], \underbrace{[N, [b, N]]}_{[N, b]} \right] = [[N, a], [N, b]]. \end{aligned}$$

So  $[a, [N, b]] = [N, [a, b]]$ , hence we get the result.  $\square$

**Definition 1.7.** [7] Let  $H_i M_i$  be an ultra-group of a subgroup  $H_i$  over group  $G_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  and  $\varphi$  be a group homomorphism between two subgroups  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ . A function  $f: H_1 M_1 \rightarrow H_2 M_2$  is an *ultra-group homomorphism* provided that for all  $m, m_1, m_2 \in H_1 M_1$  and  $h \in H_1$ :

- (i)  $f([m_1, m_2]) = [f(m_1), f(m_2)]$ ,
- (ii)  $(f(m))^{\varphi(h)} = f(m^h)$ .

**Theorem 1.8.** (First isomorphism theorem) [7] *Let  $f$  be a surjective ultra-group homomorphism between two ultra-groups  ${}_{H_1}M_1$  and  ${}_{H_2}M_2$  and  $\theta$  a congruence over  ${}_{H_1}M_1$  such that  $\theta \subseteq \text{Ker } f$ . If  $\pi : {}_{H_1}M_1 \rightarrow {}_{H_1}M_1/\theta$  is a canonical homomorphism then there exists a homomorphism  $g: M_1/\theta \rightarrow M_2$  satisfying  $g\pi = f$ .*

**Theorem 1.9.** (Second isomorphism theorem)[7] *If  $N, N'$  are normal subultra-groups of an ultra-group  $M$  such that  $N \subseteq N'$ , then*

$$\frac{\frac{M}{N'}}{\frac{N}{N'}} \cong \frac{M}{N'}.$$

**Theorem 1.10.** (Third isomorphism theorem) [7] *If  $K$  is a subultra-group of an ultra-group  $M$  and  $N$  is a normal subultra-group of  $M$ , then*

$$\frac{K}{K \cap N} \cong \frac{[N, K]}{N}.$$

## 2. Solvable ultra-groups

First, we present some definition similar that to what we have in group theory and refer the readers to [4, 6].

**Definition 2.1.** A sequence  $M_0, M_1, \dots, M_n$  of subultra-groups of  $M$  is called *subnormal series* if  $M_n \triangleleft \dots \triangleleft M_1 \triangleleft M_0 = M$ . If all  $M_i$  are normal in  $M$ , then the series is called *normal*.

Every ultra-group  $M$  has normal series  $\{e\} \triangleleft M$ . A subnormal series of ultra-groups need not be normal. Let  $D_8 = \langle a, b \mid a^4 = b^2 = e, (ab)^2 = e \rangle$  and  $H = \{e\}$ . The series  $D_8 > \{e, b, a^2, a^2b\} > \{e, b\} > \{e\}$  is subnormal but it is not normal, since  $\{e, b\} \not\triangleleft D_8$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $M = M_0 > M_1 > \dots > M_n$  be a subnormal series of ultra-groups. Each series

$$M = M_0 > M_1 > \dots > M_i > N > M_{i+1} > \dots > M_n \text{ or}$$

$$M = M_0 > M_1 > \dots > M_i > \dots > M_n > N$$

is called a *one-step refinement* of this series if  $N$  is a normal subultra-group of  $M_i$  and if  $i < n$ ,  $M_{i+1}$  is normal in  $N$ . A refinement of a subnormal series is subnormal series that obtained from the finite number of one-step refinement.

**Definition 2.3.** An ultra-group  $M$  is called *simple* if it has just the normal subultra-group  $\{e\}$ . A subnormal series  $M = M_0 > M_1 > \dots > M_n = \{e\}$  of an ultra-group is called a *composition series* if each quotient ultra-group  $\frac{M_i}{M_{i+1}}$  is simple for every  $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$ .

**Definition 2.4.** A subnormal series  $M = M_0 > M_1 > \dots > M_n = \{e\}$  of ultra-group  $M$  is called a *solvable series* if each factor  $\frac{M_i}{M_{i+1}}$  is abelian.

**Definition 2.5.** An ultra-group  $M$  is called *solvable* if it has a subnormal series  $M = M_0 > M_1 > \dots > M_n = \{e\}$  such that  $M_{i+1}$  is normal in  $M_i$  for every  $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$  and  $\frac{M_i}{M_{i+1}}$  is an abelian ultra-group.

**Theorem 2.6.** *Every subultra-group and every quotient ultra-group of a solvable ultra-group is solvable.*

*Proof.* The proof of the first part is similar to groups and we omit it. Now let  $N$  is a normal subultra-group of a solvable ultra-group  $M$ . Hence  $M$  has a solvable series as follow  $M = M_0 > M_1 > \dots > M_n = \{e\}$ . Since  $N$  is a normal subultra-group,  $[M, N]$  is a subultra-group of  $M$  and  $N \subseteq [M_i, N]$  for every  $0 \leq i \leq n$ . Now consider the series:

$$\frac{M}{N} = \frac{[M, N]}{N} > \frac{[M_1, N]}{N} > \dots > \frac{[M_n, N]}{N} = N$$

such that every  $M_i$  is normal in  $M_{i-1}$ . We have:

$$\begin{aligned} [[N, m_i], [[N, m_{i-1}], [N, m'_{i-1}]]] &= [[N, m_i], [N, [m_{i-1}, m'_{i-1}]]] \\ &= [N, [m_i, [m_{i-1}, m'_{i-1}]]] \\ &= [N, [m_{i-1}, [m_i, m'_{i-1}]]] \\ &= [[N, m_{i-1}], [N, [m_i, m'_{i-1}]]] \\ &= [[N, m_{i-1}], [[N, m_i], [N, m'_{i-1}]]]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\frac{[M_i, N]}{N}$  is normal in  $\frac{[M_{i-1}, N]}{N}$ .

Now, by Second and Third isomorphism theorems, for ultra-groups:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\frac{[M_{i-1}, N]}{N}}{\frac{[M_i, N]}{N}} &\simeq \frac{[M_{i-1}, N]}{[M_i, N]} = \frac{[M_{i-1}, [M_i, N]]}{[M_i, N]} \simeq \frac{M_{i-1}}{M_{i-1} \cap [M_i, N]} \\ &\simeq \frac{\frac{M_{i-1}}{M_i}}{\frac{M_{i-1} \cap [M_i, N]}{M_i}}. \end{aligned}$$

Since every  $\frac{M_{i-1}}{M_i}$  is abelian and  $\frac{M_{i-1} \cap [M_i, N]}{M_i}$  is a normal subultra-group

of  $\frac{M_{i-1}}{M_i}$  we see that  $\frac{\frac{M_{i-1}}{M_i}}{\frac{M_{i-1} \cap [M_i, N]}{M_i}}$  is abelian. Hence, every  $\frac{\frac{[M_{i-1}, N]}{N}}{\frac{[M_i, N]}{N}}$  is

abelian and  $\frac{M}{N}$  is solvable.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let  $N$  be a normal subultra-group of an ultra-group  $M$ . If  $N$  and  $\frac{M}{N}$  are solvable, then  $M$  is solvable.*

*Proof.* It is similar to what we have for groups.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.8.** *Let  $K$  and  $N$  be normal and solvable subultra-groups of  $M$ . Then  $[K, N]$  is a solvable subultra-group of  $M$ .*

*Proof.* We have  $\frac{[K, N]}{N} \simeq \frac{K}{K \cap N}$  by Third isomorphism theorem for ultra-groups. Since  $K$  is solvable, therefore the quotient  $\frac{K}{K \cap N}$  is solvable by Theorem 2.6 and consequently  $\frac{[K, N]}{N}$  is solvable. On the other hand  $N$  and  $\frac{[K, N]}{N}$  are solvable, therefore  $[K, N]$  is solvable by Theorem 2.7.  $\square$

In [7] Moghaddasi et al. proved that if  $N$  is a normal subultra-group of an ultra-group  $M$ , then every subultra-group of  $\frac{M}{N}$  is of the form  $\frac{K}{N}$ , where  $K$  is a subultra-group of  $M$  containing  $N$ . On the other hand,  $\frac{K}{N}$  is a normal subultra-group of  $\frac{M}{N}$  if and only if  $K$  is a normal subultra-group of  $M$ . Thus, when  $M \neq N$ ,  $\frac{M}{N}$  is simple if and only if  $N$  is maximal in the set of all normal subultra-groups  $L$  of  $M$  with  $L \neq M$ .

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $M$  be an ultra-group of a subgroup  $H$  over a group  $G$ . Then*

- (i) *Each finite ultra-group  $M$  has composition series.*
- (ii) *Each refinement of a solvable series of ultra-group is a solvable series.*
- (iii) *A subnormal series of an ultra-group  $M$  is a composition series if and only if it has no proper refinements.*

*Proof.* (i). Let  $M_1$  be a maximal normal subultra-group of  $M$ , then  $\frac{M}{M_1}$  is simple. Let  $M_2$  be a maximal normal subultra-group of  $M_1$  and so on. Since  $M$  is finite, this process must be stopped. Let  $M_n = \{e\}$ , then  $M = M_0 > M_1 > \dots > M_n = \{e\}$  is a composition series.

(ii). If  $\frac{M_i}{M_{i+1}}$  is abelian and  $M_{i+1} \triangleleft M' \triangleleft M_i$ , then  $\frac{M'}{M_{i+1}}$  is abelian since it is a subultra-group of an ultra-group  $\frac{M_i}{M_{i+1}}$  and an ultra-group  $\frac{M_i}{M'}$

is abelian since it is isomorphic to the quotient ultra-group  $\frac{\frac{M_i}{M_{i+1}}}{\frac{M'}{M_{i+1}}}$  by the

Second isomorphism theorem.

(iii). Let  $M = M_0 > M_1 > \dots > M_n = \{e\}$  be a composition series. Let  $M = M_0 > M_1 > \dots > M_i > M' > M_{i+1} > \dots > M_n = \{e\}$  be a refinement of this series. Since  $M_{i+1} \triangleleft M' \triangleleft M_i$ , then  $\frac{M'}{M_{i+1}}$  is a normal subultra-group of  $\frac{M_i}{M_{i+1}}$  and every proper normal subultra-group of  $\frac{M_i}{M_{i+1}}$  has this form. Hence the result is obtained from the fact that in this case  $\frac{M_i}{M_{i+1}}$  is not simple and therefore is not composition series. Conversely if

$$M = M_0 > M_1 > \dots > M_n = \{e\} \quad (1)$$

is a subnormal series then it has no proper refinement. Suppose this series is not composition series. Thus there exist a subultra-group  $M_i$  such that  $M_i$  is not maximal subultra-group of  $M_{i-1}$  and therefore there exist a subultra-group  $M_j$  such that  $M_{i-1} \neq M_j \neq M_i$  and  $M_j$  a normal subultra-group of  $M_{i-1}$  and  $M_i$  is a normal subultra-group of  $M_j$ . This is a proper refinement of this series. A contradiction. Thus (1) is a composition series.  $\square$

**Definition 2.10.** Let  $M$  be an ultra-group. Two subnormal series  $S$  and  $T$  are called equivalent if there is a one to one correspondence between their factors such that corresponding factors are isomorphic ultra-groups.

**Lemma 2.11.** Let  $S$  be a composition series of an ultra-group  $M$ , then any refinement of  $S$  is equivalent to  $S$ .

*Proof.* According to Theorem 2.9, the proof is similar for groups.  $\square$

Before we prove the Zassenhaus Lemma, we need to establish some necessary lemmas.

**Lemma 2.12.** Let  $M$  be an ultra-group of a subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$ .

- (i) For every  $a, b, c \in M$  and every subultra-group  $K$  of  $M$  if  $[a, b] = c$  and  $a, c \in K$  then  $b \in K$ .
- (ii) For every  $a, b, c \in M$  and every subultra-group  $K$  of  $M$  if  $[a, b] = c$  and  $b, c \in K$  then  $a \in K$ .

*Proof.* (i). Let  $[a, b] = c$  be such that  $a, c \in K$ . Therefore

$$\left[ (a^{[-1]})^{(a,b)^{-1}}, [a, b] \right] = \left[ \underbrace{(a^{[-1]})^{(a,b)^{-1}}}_{\in K}, c \right] = k \in K, \text{ hence } [[a^{[-1]}, a], b] = k.$$

Thus  $b = k \in K$ .

(ii) Let  $[a, b] = c$  be such that  $b, c \in K$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} [a, b]^{b^{(-1)}} &= c^{b^{(-1)}} \Rightarrow \left[ a^{bb^{(-1)}}, b^{b^{(-1)}} \right] = c^{b^{(-1)}} \\ &\Rightarrow \left[ \left[ a^{bb^{(-1)}}, b^{b^{(-1)}} \right], b^{[-1]} \right] = \left[ c^{b^{(-1)}}, b^{[-1]} \right] \\ &\Rightarrow \left[ a^{(bb^{(-1)})(b^{b^{(-1)}}, b^{[-1]})}, \left[ b^{b^{(-1)}}, b^{[-1]} \right] \right] = \left[ c^{b^{(-1)}}, b^{[-1]} \right] \\ &\Rightarrow a^{(bb^{(-1)})(b^{b^{(-1)}}, b^{[-1]})} = \left[ c^{b^{(-1)}}, b^{[-1]} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Now from  $\left[ c^{b^{(-1)}}, b^{[-1]} \right] \in K$  and  $(bb^{(-1)})(b^{b^{(-1)}}, b^{[-1]}) = e$ ,  $\left[ b^{b^{(-1)}}, b^{[-1]} \right] = e$ ,  $a^e = a$  hence  $a \in K$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.13.** Let  $N, K$  be two subultra-groups of an ultra-group  $M$  and  $N \triangleleft M$ . Then  $N \cap K \triangleleft K$ .

*Proof.* Let  $a, b \in K$  and  $x \in [a, [N \cap K, b]]$ , thus there exists  $c \in N \cap K$  such that  $x = [a, [c, b]]$ . Since  $N \triangleleft M$ , there exists  $c_1 \in N$  such that  $x = [a, [c, b]] = [c_1, [a, b]]$ . As  $K$  is a subultra-group, there exists  $m \in K$



such that  $x = [m, [a, b]]$ . Now from  $x = [m, [a, b]] = [c_1, [a, b]]$  and the right cancellation for a binary operation,  $m = c_1$  hence,  $c_1 \in N \cap K$ . Therefore  $[a, [N \cap K, b]] \subseteq [N \cap K, [a, b]]$ .

Now suppose  $a, b \in K$  and  $x \in [N \cap K, [a, b]]$ . Thus there exists  $c \in N \cap K$  such that  $x = [c, [a, b]]$ . Since  $N \triangleleft M$ , there exists  $c_1 \in N$  such that  $x = [c, [a, b]] = [a, [c_1, b]]$ . By the above Lemma (i) and  $x, a, b \in K$ , we have  $c_1 \in K$  and so  $c_1 \in N \cap K$ . Thus  $[N \cap K, [a, b]] \subseteq [a, [N \cap K, b]]$ . Hence the assertion follows.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.14.** *Let  $N, K$  be subultra-groups of an ultra-group  $M$ . Then*

$$[N \cup K, N \cup K] = [N, K] \cup [K, N].$$

*Proof.* Assume that  $x \in [N \cup K, N \cup K]$ , then  $x \in [K, N]$  or  $[N, K]$  or  $[K, K] = K$  or  $[N, N] = N$ . Considering  $N, K \subseteq [N, K], [K, N]$ , thus  $x \in [N, K] \cup [K, N]$ . Therefore  $[N \cup K, N \cup K] \subseteq [N, K] \cup [K, N]$ . Conversely, it is clear that  $[N, K], [K, N] \subseteq [N \cup K, N \cup K]$ . Thus  $[N, K] \cup [K, N] \subseteq [N \cup K, N \cup K]$ .  $\square$

**Notation 2.15.** For subultra-groups  $N, K$  of an ultra-group  $M$  we denote

$$N \overset{n}{\cup} K = [N \cup K, N \cup K]^n$$

In particular, for  $n = 2$ ,  $N \overset{2}{\cup} K = [[N \cup K, N \cup K], N \cup K]$  and for  $n = 3$ ,  $N \overset{3}{\cup} K = [[[N \cup K, N \cup K], N \cup K], N \cup K]$ .

**Lemma 2.16.** *If  $N, K$  are two subultra-groups of an ultra-group  $M$ , then  $N \overset{n}{\cup} K$  is a subultra-group of  $M$ .*

*Proof.*  $N \overset{n}{\cup} K = [N \cup K, N \cup K]^n$ . Thus by Lemma 2.14

$$\begin{aligned} [N \cup K, N \cup K]^n &= [\dots [[N \cup K, N \cup K], N \cup K], \dots], N \cup K \\ &= \dots = [N, K] \cup [K, N] \cup [[N, K], N] \cup [[K, N], K]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $N \overset{n}{\cup} K = [N, K] \cup [K, N] \cup [[N, K], N] \cup [[K, N], K]$ . Clearly  $e \in [N \cup K, N \cup K]^n$ . Let  $x, y \in [N \cup K, N \cup K]^n$ . Then there exist  $n_1, n_2 \in N$  such that  $x = [N \cup K, N \cup K]^{n_1}$  and  $y = [N \cup K, N \cup K]^{n_2}$ . Also there exist  $\alpha_i, \beta_i, \gamma_i \in N \cup K$  for  $i = 1, 2$  such that  $x = [\dots [\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma_1], \dots]$  and  $y = [\dots [\alpha_2, \beta_2], \gamma_2], \dots]$ . By considering the fact that  $\alpha_i, \beta_i, \gamma_i$  are in  $N \cup K$  we conclude they are in  $N$  or  $K$  thus for every  $h \in H$ ,  $(\alpha_i)^h, (\beta_i)^h, (\gamma_i)^h$  are

in  $N$  or  $K$  and therefore in  $N \overset{n}{\cup} K$  that is  $[x, y] \in N \overset{n}{\cup} K$ . Also, by this fact  $N \overset{n}{\cup} K$  is closed with operation  $\beta$ . Thus,  $N \overset{n}{\cup} K$  is a subultra-group of  $M$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.17.** *If  $N, K$  are two normal subultra-groups of  $M$ , then for every  $n \in N$ ,  $N \overset{n}{\cup} K = [N, K]$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $[N \cup K, N \cup K] = [N, N] \cup [N, K] \cup [K, K] \cup [K, N] = [N, K] \cup [K, N]$  and also since  $N, K$  are normal subultra-groups we have  $[N, K] = [K, N]$  hence  $N \overset{n}{\cup} K = [N, K]$ .  $\square$

The join of two ultra-groups  $N, K$  is denoted by  $N \vee K$ .

**Lemma 2.18.** *Let  $N, K$  be two subultra-groups of ultra-group  $M$  of a subgroup  $H$  over a group  $G$ . Then  $N \vee K = N \overset{n}{\cup} K$ .*

*Proof.* If  $K = \{e\}$ , then for every  $n \in N$ ,  $[N \cup K, N \cup K]^n = N$  then  $N \subseteq [N \cup K, N \cup K]^n$ . Similarly  $K \subseteq [N \cup K, N \cup K]^n$ , thus  $[N \cup K, N \cup K]^n$  is an upper bound for  $N, K$ . If  $C$  is an upper bound for  $N, K$  then  $[N, K] \subseteq C$ ,  $[K, N] \subseteq C$ . Therefore  $[[N, K], N] \subseteq C$  and  $[[K, N], K] \subseteq C$ . Consequently  $[N, K] \cup [K, N] \cup [[N, K], N] \cup [[K, N], K] \subseteq C$  and hence by Lemma 2.16,  $N \overset{n}{\cup} K \subseteq C$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.19.** *If  $N, K$  are two subultra-groups of  $M$  such that  $N \triangleleft M$ , then  $N \vee K = [N, K]$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $N \triangleleft M$  therefore for every  $x \in M$  we have,  $[N, x] = [x, N]$ . Hence  $[N, K] = [K, N]$  and  $[N \cup K, N \cup K]^n = [N, K]^n = [N, K]$ . Thus  $N \vee K = [N, K]$ .  $\square$

Now by Lemma 2.5 in [7] and above theorem we have:

**Proposition 2.20.** *If  $N, K$  are normal subultra-groups of  $M$  then  $N \vee K \triangleleft M$ .*

The next lemma that we consider it as Zassenhaus Lemma is quite technical. Its value will be immediately apparent in the proof of Theorem 2.22.

**Lemma 2.21.** *Let  $K^*, N^*, N, K$  be subultra-groups of an ultra-group  $M$  such that  $K^*$  is normal in  $K$  and  $N^*$  is normal in  $N$ . Then*

- (i)  $[N^*, N \cap K^*] \triangleleft [N^*, N \cap K]$ ,  
(ii)  $[K^*, N^* \cap K] \triangleleft [K^*, N \cap K]$ ,  
(iii)  $\frac{[N^*, N \cap K]}{[N^*, N \cap K^*]} \cong \frac{[K^*, N \cap K]}{[K^*, N^* \cap K]}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $K^*$  is normal in  $K$ ,  $N \cap K^* = (N \cap K) \cap K^*$  is normal in  $N \cap K$  (Theorem 2.13). Similarly,  $N^* \cap K$  is normal in  $N \cap K$ . Consequently, by Theorem 2.19 and Proposition 2.20,  $D = [N^* \cap K, K^* \cap N]$  is normal in  $N \cap K$ . We define

$$f : [N^*, N \cap K] \longrightarrow \frac{N \cap K}{D}, \quad f([a, c]) = [D, c].$$

$f$  is well define because if  $[a, c] = [b, d]$  then

$$\begin{aligned} [(a^{[-1]})^{(a,c)}, [a, c]] &= [(a^{[-1]})^{(a,c)}, [b, d]] \\ \left[ \underbrace{[a^{[-1]}, a]}_e, c \right] &= \left[ \underbrace{(a^{[-1]})^{(a,c)}}_{a_2}, [b, d] \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $c^{d^{(-1)}} = [a_2, [b, d]]^{d^{(-1)}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \implies c^{d^{(-1)}} &= \left[ \underbrace{a_2^{[b, d]d^{(-1)}}}_{a_3}, [b, d]^{d^{(-1)}} \right] = \left[ a_3, [b^{d^{(d^{(-1)})}}, d^{d^{(-1)}}] \right] \\ \implies [c^{d^{(-1)}}, d^{[-1]}] &= \left[ \left[ \underbrace{a_3^{(b^{d^{(d^{(-1)})}}, d^{d^{(-1)})^{-1}}, b^{d^{(d^{(-1)})}})}_{a_4}, d^{d^{(-1)}} \right], d^{[-1]} \right] \\ \implies [c^{d^{(-1)}}, d^{[-1]}] &= \left[ a_4, \left[ \underbrace{d^{d^{(-1)}}, d^{[-1]}}_e \right] \right] \\ \implies \underbrace{[c^{d^{(-1)}}, d^{[-1]}]}_{\in N \cap K} &= a_4 \in N^* \\ \implies [c^{d^{(-1)}}, d^{[-1]}] &\in N \cap K \cap N^* = N^* \cap K \subseteq D = [N^* \cap K, K^* \cap N] \\ \implies [c^{d^{(-1)}}, d^{[-1]}] &\in D \implies [D, c] = [D, d] \quad \text{by ([7], Lemma 2.1)} \end{aligned}$$

The map  $f$  is an ultra-groups homomorphism since

$$\begin{aligned} f [[a, c], [b, d]] &= f \left[ \underbrace{a^{(c, [b, d])}}_{a_1}, [c, [b, d]] \right] \xrightarrow{b \in N^* \triangleleft N, \exists b_1 \in N^*} f [a_1, [b_1, [c, d]]] \\ &= f \left[ \underbrace{[a_1^{(b_1, [c, d])}, b_1]}_{\in N^*}, \underbrace{[c, d]}_{\in N \cap K} \right] = [D, [c, d]] = [[D, c], [D, d]] \\ &= [f [a, c], f [b, d]]. \end{aligned}$$

Also for every  $m = [a, c] \in [N^*, N \cap K]$  and  $h \in H$  we have  $f(m^h) = f[a, c]^h = f[a^{c^h}, c^h] = [D, c^h] = [D, c]^h = [D, c]^{id(h)} = (f(m))^{id(h)}$  where  $id : H \rightarrow H$  is a group homomorphism. This implies that  $f$  is an ultra-group homomorphism. The map  $f$  is clearly surjective. If  $[a, c] \in \ker(f)$  then,  $f([a, c]) = [D, c] = D$ . Now by ([7], Lemma 2.5), since  $D$  is normal in  $N \cap K$ , it follows that  $c \in D$  that is  $c = [a_1, c_1]$  where  $a_1 \in N^* \cap K$  and  $c_1 \in N \cap K^*$ . Therefore

$$[a, c] = [a, [a_1, c_1]] = [[a^{(a_1, c_1)^{-1}}, a_1], c_1] \in [N^*, N \cap K^*].$$

So  $\ker(f) = [N^*, (N \cap K^*)]$ . Thus  $[N^*, N \cap K^*] \triangleleft [N^*, N \cap K]$ . A symmetric argument shows that  $[K^*, N^* \cap K]$  is normal in  $[K^*, N \cap K]$ . By the First isomorphism theorem for ultra-groups we have

$$\frac{[N^*, N \cap K]}{[N^*, N \cap K^*]} \cong \frac{N \cap K}{D} = \frac{N \cap K}{[N^* \cap K, K \cap N^*]}$$

which completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.22.** *Let  $M$  be an ultra-group. Any two subnormal (normal) series of  $M$  have subnormal (normal) refinements that are equivalent.*

*Proof.* Let  $M = M_0 > M_1 > \dots > M_n$  and  $M = N_0 > N_1 > \dots > N_m$  be a subnormal (resp. normal) series. Let  $M_{n+1} = \{e\} = N_{m+1}$  and for every  $0 \leq i \leq n$  consider  $M_i = [M_{i+1}, M_i \cap N_0] > [M_{i+1}, M_i \cap N_1] > \dots > [M_{i+1}, M_i \cap N_j] > [M_{i+1}, M_i \cap N_{j+1}] > \dots > [M_{i+1}, M_i \cap N_m] > [M_{i+1}, M_i \cap N_{m+1}] = M_{i+1}$  for every  $0 \leq j \leq m$ . The Zassenhaus Lemma applied to  $M_{i+1}, M_i, N_{j+1}, N_j$  shows that  $[M_{i+1}, M_i \cap N_{j+1}]$  is normal in  $[M_{i+1}, M_i \cap N_j]$ . Inserting these ultra-groups between every  $M_i$  and  $M_{i+1}$ , which we denoting  $[M_{i+1}, M_i \cap N_j]$  by  $M(i, j)$ . Therefore gives a subnormal refinement of the series  $M = M_0 > M_1 > \dots > M_n$ :  
 $M = M(0, 0) > M(0, 1) > \dots > M(0, m) > M(1, 0) > M(1, 1) >$

$M(1, 2) > \dots > M(1, m) > M(2, 0) > \dots > M(n-1, m) > M(n, 0) > \dots > M(n, m)$  where  $M(i, 0) = M_i$ . Now this refinement has  $(n+1)(m+1)$  (not necessarily distinct) terms. A symmetric argument shows that there is a refinement of  $M = N_0 > N_1 > \dots > N_m$  (where  $N(i, j) = [N_{j+1}, M_i \cap N_j]$  and  $N(0, j) = N_j$ ) as follows:

$$M = N(0, 0) > N(1, 0) > \dots > N(n, 0) > N(0, 1) > N(1, 1) > \dots > N(n, 1) > N(0, 2) > \dots > N(n, m-1) > N(0, m) > \dots > N(n, m).$$

This refinement also has  $(n+1)(m+1)$  terms. For every pair  $(i, j)$  where  $0 \leq i \leq n, 0 \leq j \leq m$ . There is by Zassenhaus Lemma (applied to  $M_{i+1}, M_i, N_{j+1}, N_j$ ) an isomorphism

$$\frac{M(i, j)}{M(i, j+1)} = \frac{[M_{i+1}, M_i \cap N_j]}{[M_{i+1}, M_i \cap N_{j+1}]} \cong \frac{[N_{j+1}, M_i \cap N_j]}{[N_{j+1}, M_{i+1} \cap N_j]} = \frac{N(i, j)}{N(i+1, j)}.$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

We close this section by the following theorem which gives the Jordan-Hölder Theorem for ultra-groups.

**Theorem 2.23.** *Any two composition series of an ultra-group  $M$  are equivalent. Therefore, every ultra-group having a composition series determines a unique list of simple ultra-groups.*

*Proof.* The proof follows from Lemma 2.11 and Theorem 2.22.  $\square$

### 3. Nilpotent ultra-groups

In this section, firstly we define the center of an ultra-group and the upper central series. Next, we describe nilpotent ultra-groups and define commutators to construct the derived series. Finally, we present some results for solvable and nilpotent ultra-groups.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $M$  be an ultra-group of a subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$ . The *center* of ultra-group  $M$  is defined as

$$Z(M) = \left\{ z \in M \mid z^h = z, [z, [a, b]] = [a, [z, b]], \text{ for every } a, b \in M, h \in H \right\}.$$

**Lemma 3.2.**  $Z(M)$  is a normal subultra-group of an ultra-group  $M$ .

*Proof.* Clearly  $e \in Z(M)$ . Let  $z_1, z_2 \in Z(M)$ , we have  $[z_i, [a, b]] = [a, [z_i, b]]$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Consequently,  $[[z_1, z_2], [a, b]] = [z_1, [z_2, [a, b]]] = [z_1, [a, [z_2, b]]] =$

$[a, [z_1, [z_2, b]]] = [a, [[z_1, z_2], b]]$  and  $[z_1, z_2]^h = [z_1, z_2]$ , thus  $Z(M)$  is a subultra-group of  $M$ . Also  $[Z(M), [a, b]] = [a, [Z(M), b]]$  for every  $a, b \in M$ , therefore  $Z(M)$  is a normal subultra-group of  $M$ .  $\square$

Let  $M$  be an ultra-group of a subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  and let  $Z(M)$  be the center of  $M$  and  $\pi : M \rightarrow \frac{M}{Z(M)}$  be the canonical epimorphism. Since  $Z(\frac{M}{Z(M)})$  is a normal subultra-group of  $\frac{M}{Z(M)}$ , by the corresponding theorem for ultra-groups (see[7]) we have  $\pi^{-1}(Z(\frac{M}{Z(M)})) \triangleleft M$ . Hence, by induction,  $Z_1(M) = Z(M)$  and  $Z_i(M) = \pi^{-1}(Z(\frac{M}{Z_{i-1}(M)}))$  for  $i > 1$  where  $\pi : M_i \rightarrow \frac{M_i}{Z(M)}$ . Therefore we obtain the sequence

$$\{e\} = Z_0(M) < Z_1(M) < Z_2(M) < \dots$$

of normal subultra-groups of  $M$ , which is called the *upper central series* of an ultra-group  $M$ .

**Definition 3.3.** An ultra-group  $M$  is called a *nilpotent ultra-group* if there exists a natural number  $n$  such that  $Z_n(M) = M$ .

By the definition of the product of a family  $(f_i)_{i \in I}$  of morphisms in each category (see Proposition 1.7 in [5] and Definition 10.34 in [1]), we see if  $f_i : M_i \rightarrow M'_i$  is a family of ultra-group homomorphisms then  $f = \Pi f_i : \Pi M_i \rightarrow \Pi M'_i$  is an ultra-group homomorphism furthermore  $\ker(f) = \Pi \ker(f_i)$ .

**Lemma 3.4.** Let  $\{M_i \mid i \in I\}$  and  $\{N_i \mid i \in I\}$  be a family of ultra-groups such that for every  $i \in I$ ,  $N_i$  is normal subultra-group of  $M_i$ . Then  $\Pi N_i$  is a normal subultra-group of  $\Pi M_i$  and  $\frac{\Pi M_i}{\Pi N_i} \cong \Pi \frac{M_i}{N_i}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\pi_i : M_i \rightarrow \frac{M_i}{N_i}$  be the canonical epimorphism. By the above paragraph  $\Pi \pi_i : \Pi M_i \rightarrow \Pi \frac{M_i}{N_i}$  is an epimorphism with the kernel  $\Pi N_i$ . Now by First isomorphism theorem for ultra-groups  $\frac{\Pi M_i}{\Pi N_i} \cong \Pi \frac{M_i}{N_i}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** *Direct product of finite nilpotent ultra-groups is nilpotent.*

*Proof.* Let  $M_i$  be ultra-groups over the group  $G_i$ ;  $i = 1, 2$ . This is sufficient to prove this result for the direct product of two ultra-groups. The proof for most factors is similar. Let  $M = M_1 \times M_2$ . We prove by induction  $Z_i(M) = Z_i(M_1) \times Z_i(M_2)$ . The proof for  $i = 1$  is clear. Suppose  $\pi_{M_j}$  is the canonical epimorphism  $M_j \rightarrow \frac{M_j}{Z_i(M_j)}$  then  $\pi$  is the canonical epimorphism from  $M = M_1 \times M_2$  onto  $\frac{M_1}{Z_i(M_1)} \times \frac{M_2}{Z_i(M_2)}$  by the above paragraph. Now consider

the ultra-group homomorphism  $\psi$  from  $\frac{M_1}{Z_i(M_1)} \times \frac{M_2}{Z_i(M_2)}$  to  $\frac{M_1 \times M_2}{Z_i(M_1) \times Z_i(M_2)}$  that it is equal to  $\frac{M_1 \times M_2}{Z_i(M_1 \times M_2)} = \frac{M}{Z_i(M)}$  by Lemma 3.4. Consider an ultra-group epimorphism  $\varphi : M \rightarrow \frac{M}{Z_i(M)}$  as a composition of two ultra-group homomorphisms  $\psi$  and  $\pi$ . As a result,

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{i+1}(M) &= \varphi^{-1}\left(Z\left(\frac{M}{Z_i(M)}\right)\right) = \pi^{-1}\psi^{-1}\left(Z\left(\frac{M}{Z_i(M)}\right)\right) \\ &= \pi^{-1}\left(Z\left(\frac{M_1}{Z_i(M_1)} \times \frac{M_2}{Z_i(M_2)}\right)\right) \\ &= \pi^{-1}\left(Z\left(\frac{M_1}{Z_i(M_1)}\right) \times Z\left(\frac{M_2}{Z_i(M_2)}\right)\right) \\ &= \pi_{M_1}^{-1}\left(Z\left(\frac{M_1}{Z_i(M_1)}\right)\right) \times \pi_{M_2}^{-1}\left(Z\left(\frac{M_2}{Z_i(M_2)}\right)\right) \\ &= Z_{i+1}(M_1) \times Z_{i+1}(M_2). \end{aligned}$$

Thus for every  $i$ ,  $Z_i(M) = Z_i(M_1) \times Z_i(M_2)$ . Since  $M_1, M_2$  are nilpotent, there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $Z_n(M_1) = M_1$  and  $Z_n(M_2) = M_2$ . Due to this  $Z_n(M) = M_1 \times M_2 = M$  and thus  $M$  is nilpotent.  $\square$

Let  $M$  be an ultra-group of subgroup  $H$  over a group  $G$ . We define the *commutator* of  $M$  as the subultra-group generated by the set  $\left\{ \left[ [a, b]^{[b, a]^{(-1)}}, [b, a]^{[-1]} \right] \mid a, b \in M \right\}$  and denoted it by  $M'$ . The element  $\left[ [a, b]^{[b, a]^{(-1)}}, [b, a]^{[-1]} \right]$  is called commutator of  $a, b$  and denoted by  $\widehat{[a, b]}$ . Now let  $C$  be the subultra-group generated by the commutators elements of  $M$ . We show that  $C$  is a normal subultra-group. First for every  $a, b \in M$

$$\begin{aligned} &\left[ [a, b]^{[b, a]^{(-1)}}, [b, a]^{[-1]} \right] = c_1 \in C \\ \Rightarrow &\left[ \left[ [a, b]^{[b, a]^{(-1)}}, [b, a]^{[-1]} \right], [b, a] \right] = [c_1, [b, a]] \\ \Rightarrow &\left[ [a, b]^{([b, a]^{(-1)})^{([b, a]^{[-1]}, [b, a])}}, [b, a]^{[-1]}, [b, a] \right] = [c_1, [b, a]] \\ \Rightarrow &[a, b] = [c_1, [b, a]]. \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

So for every  $a, b \in M$  there exists  $c_1 \in C$  such that  $[a, b] = [c_1, [b, a]]$ . Now, using Theorem 1.6, we will prove that  $C$  is a normal subultra-group of  $M$ . Note that for every  $x, y \in M$  and by (\*) we have  $[c_1, [x, y]] = [c_1, [c_2, [y, x]]] = [[c_1^h, c_2], [y, x]] = [c_3, [y, x]]$ , where  $h = (c_2, [y, x])^{-1}$ ,  $c_3 =$

$[c_1^h, c_2]$ , thus  $[C, [x, y]] \subseteq [C, [y, x]]$ . The inverse of this equation is proved in the same way. Therefore

$$[C, [x, y]] = [C, [y, x]]. \quad (**)$$

For every  $x, y \in_H M$  and every  $c_1, c_2 \in C$ :

$$\begin{aligned} [[c_1, x], [c_2, y]] &= [c_1^h, [x, [c_2, y]]] && h = (x, [c_1, y]) \\ &= [c_1^h, [c_3, [[c_2, y], x]]] && by(*) \\ &= \left[ \left[ (c_1^h)^{(c_3, [[c_2, y], x])^{-1}}, c_3 \right], [[c_2, y], x] \right] \\ &= [c_4, [[c_2, y], x]] && c_4 = \left[ (c_1^h)^{(c_3, [[c_2, y], x])^{-1}}, c_3 \right] \\ &= [c_4, [c_2^{(y, x)}, [y, x]]] \\ &= [c_5, [y, x]] && c_5 = \left[ c_4^{(c_2^{(y, x)}, [y, x])^{-1}}, c_2^{(y, x)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $[[c_1, x], [c_2, y]] \subseteq [c_5, [y, x]]$  and hence  $[[C, x], [C, y]] \subseteq [C, [y, x]]$ . Now by (\*\*),  $[c_1, [x, y]] = [c_2, [y, x]] = [[c_2^h, y], x]$  which  $h = (y, x)^{-1}$ . Then by (\*) we have,  $[[c_2^h, y], x] = [c_3, [x, [c_2^h, y]]] = \left[ [c_3^h, x], [c_2^h, y] \right]$ , where  $h' = (x, [c_2^h, y])^{-1}$ . Thus  $[C, [y, x]] \subseteq [[C, x], [C, y]]$ . These show that  $C$  is a normal subultra-group of  $M$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $M$  be an ultra-group of a subgroup  $H$  over a group  $G$ . Then an ultra-group  $M$  is abelian if and only if  $M' = \{e\}$ .*

*Proof.* If ultra-group  $M$  is abelian then for every  $a, b \in M$ ,  $[a, b] = [b, a]$  so  $\left[ [a, b]^{[b, a]^{(-1)}}, [b, a]^{[-1]} \right] = [\widehat{a}, \widehat{b}] = e$  by considering the fact for every  $a \in M$  we have  $[a^{a^{(-1)}}, a^{[-1]}] = e$ . Conversely if for every  $a, b \in M$  we have  $\left[ [a, b]^{[b, a]^{(-1)}}, [b, a]^{[-1]} \right] = e$  then in view of Proposition 1.3 and the right cancellation law  $[a, b]^{[b, a]^{(-1)}} = [b, a]^{[b, a]^{(-1)}}$  and thus  $[a, b] = [b, a]$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7.** *Let  $M$  be an ultra-group of subgroup  $H$  over a group  $G$  and  $M'$  be the commutator subultra-group of  $M$ . Then  $\frac{M}{M'}$  is abelian.*

*Proof.* For every  $a, b \in M$ ,  $[\widehat{a}, \widehat{b}] \in M'$  if and only if  $\left[ [a, b]^{[b, a]^{(-1)}}, [b, a]^{[-1]} \right] \in M'$ . Thus  $[M', [a, b]] = [M', [b, a]]$ . Since  $M'$  is a normal subultra-group of  $M$ , we have  $[[M', a], [M', b]] = [[M', b], [M', a]]$ , so  $\frac{M}{M'}$  is abelian.  $\square$



**Theorem 3.8.** *Let  $M$  be an ultra-group of a subgroup  $H$  over a group  $G$  and  $N$  be a normal subultra-group of  $M$ . Then  $\frac{M}{N}$  is abelian if and only if  $M' < N$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\frac{M}{N}$  be abelian ultra-group. It is sufficient to show that  $N$  contains the generators of ultra-group  $M'$ . For  $x$  belongs to the generators of  $M'$ , there exist  $a, b \in M$  such that  $x = [a, b]^{[b, a]^{(-1)}}, [b, a]^{[-1]}$ . On the other hand  $\frac{M}{N}$  is abelian, therefore for every  $a, b \in M$  we have  $[[N, a], [N, b]] = [[N, b], [N, a]]$ . Thus by normality of  $N$  we have,  $[N, [a, b]] = [N, [b, a]]$  (by Theorem 1.6). So  $[a, b]^{[b, a]^{(-1)}}, [b, a]^{[-1]} \in N$ . This implies that  $x \in N$  and therefore  $M' < N$ .

Conversely if  $M' < N$ , then  $[a, b]^{[b, a]^{(-1)}}, [b, a]^{[-1]} \in M'$  for every  $a, b \in M$ . Since  $M' < N$ ,  $[a, b]^{[b, a]^{(-1)}}, [b, a]^{[-1]} \in N$ . Thus  $[N, [a, b]] = [N, [b, a]]$ . Since  $N$  is normal,  $[[N, a], [N, b]] = [[N, b], [N, a]]$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.9.** *If  $X$  is a generating set of an ultra-group  $M$  then  $M'$  is generated by the set of commutators of elements of  $X$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $K$  be a normal subultra-group generated by the commutators of elements of  $X$ . By definition of  $M'$  we have  $K < M'$ . On the other hand, the set  $\frac{X}{K}$  generates the quotient ultra-group  $\frac{M}{K}$ . Now  $[[K, x_1], [K, x_2]] = [[K, x_2], [K, x_1]]$  if and only if  $[x_1, x_2]^{[x_2, x_1]^{(-1)}}, [x_2, x_1]^{[-1]} = [\widehat{x_1, x_2}] \in K$ . So  $\frac{M}{K}$  is abelian by Theorem 3.8 and hence  $M' < K$ .  $\square$

Let  $N$  and  $K$  be two normal subultra-groups of an ultra-group  $M$ . Then  $[\widehat{N, K}]$  is a subultra-group of  $M$  generated by  $\{[\widehat{n, k}] \mid n \in N, k \in K\}$ .

Let  $M$  be an ultra-group of a subgroup  $H$  over the group  $G$  and let  $A, B$  be two normal subultra-group of  $M$ . Then for every  $a, b \in M$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
[\widehat{a, b}] &= [a, b]^{[b, a]^{(-1)}}, [b, a]^{[-1]} \\
&= \left[ a^{(b[b, a]^{(-1)})}, b^{[b, a]^{[-1]}} \right], \left[ (a^{[-1]})^{b^{(-1)}}, b^{[-1]} \right]^{[b, a]} \\
&= \left[ [a^{h_1}, b^{h_2}], [(a^{[-1]})^{h_3}, (b^{[-1]})^{h_4}] \right] \\
&= \left[ [a^{h'_1}, b^{h'_2}], a^{[-1]^{h_3}}, (b^{[-1]})^{h_4} \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left[ \left[ b', \left[ a^{h'_1}, (a^{[-1]})^{h_3} \right] \right], (b^{[-1]})^{h_4} \right] \quad \text{by } B \triangleleft M \\
&= \left[ a', \left[ b', (b^{[-1]})^{h_4} \right] \right] \in [A, B] \quad \text{by } A \triangleleft M
\end{aligned}$$

where  $h_1 = ({}^b[b, a]^{(-1)})$ ,  $h_2 = [b, a]^{[-1]}$ ,  $h_3 = b^{(-1)}({}^{b^{(-1)}}[b, a])$ ,  $h_4 = [b, a]$ ,  $h'_1 = ((h_1)(b^{h_2}((a^{[-1]})^{h_3}, b^{[-1]})^{h_4})^{-1})$  and  $h'_2 = h_2((a^{[-1]})^{h_3}, (b^{[-1]})^{h_4})^{-1}$ .

Now from Lemma ?? and the normality of  $B$ ,  $\left[ b'', \left[ b', \left[ a^{h'_1}, (a^{[-1]})^{h_3} \right] \right] \right] = \left[ b''', \left[ a^{h'_1}, (a^{[-1]})^{h_3} \right] \right] \in [B, A]$ . Thus  $[\widehat{a, b}] \in [A, B] \cap [B, A]$ . Since  $A, B$  are normal in an ultra-group  $M$ ,  $[A, B]$  and  $[B, A]$  are normal subultra-groups of  $M$ .

**Lemma 3.10.** *Let  $N$  be a normal subultra-group of an ultra-group  $M$  such that every  $n \in N$  commute with every  $m \in M$  and for every  $h \in H$ ,  $n^h = n$ . Then  $[N, m^h] = [N, m]$ .*

*Proof.* First for each  $n \in N$  and  $m_1, m_2 \in M$ ,  $h \in H$  we have

$$[n, [m_1, m_2]] = [[n, m_1], m_2] = [[m_1, n], m_2] = \left[ m_1^{(n, m_2)}, [n, m_2] \right].$$

On the other hand  $[[m_1, m_2], n] = \left[ m_1^{(m_2, n)}, [m_2, n] \right] = \left[ m_1^{(m_2, n)}, [n, m_2] \right]$ , thus  $m_1^{(m_2, n)} = m_1^{(n, m_2)}$ . So  $m_1^{(n, m_2)(m_2, n)^{-1}} = m_1$ . Now we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
[n, [m_1, m_2]] &= [[m_1, m_2], n] = \left[ m_1^{(m_2, n)}, [m_2, n] \right] = \\
&\left[ \left[ m_1^{(m_2, n)(n, m_2)^{-1}}, n \right], m_2 \right] = [[m_1, n], m_2]. \tag{i}
\end{aligned}$$

Also

$$[n, [m_1, m_2]] = [m_1, [n_1, m_2]] = \left[ \left[ m_1^{(n_1, m_2)^{-1}}, n_1 \right], m_2 \right]. \tag{ii}$$

From (i), (ii) we can deduced  $[m_1, n] = \left[ m_1^{(n_1, m_2)^{-1}}, n_1 \right]$ . Thus  $m_1 = \left[ \left[ m_1^{(n_1, m_2)^{-1}}, n_1 \right]^{n^{(-1)}}, n^{[-1]} \right]$ . So  $m_1 = [m_1^h, n']$  where  $n' = [n_1^{n^{(-1)}}, n^{[-1]}]$  and  $h = (n_1, m_2)^{-1}(n_1 n^{(-1)})(n^{n^{(-1)}, n^{[-1]}})$ . Therefore there exist  $n' \in N$  such that  $m_1 = [m^h, n'] = [n', m^h]$  for every  $n \in N$ . So  $m_1 \in [N, m_1^h]$  and  $[N, m_1^h] = [N, m_1]$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.11.** *Let  $N, K$  be normal subultra-groups of ultra-group  $M$  and  $N < K$ . Then  $\frac{K}{N} < Z\left(\frac{M}{N}\right)$  if and only if  $[\widehat{K, M}] < N$ .*

*Proof.* First we note that:

- (1). For every  $k \in K, h \in H$  we have  $\left[ (k^h)^{k^{(-1)}}, k^{[-1]} \right] \in N$ . Thus  $[N, k] = [N, k^h]$ . Therefore for every  $[N, k] \in \frac{K}{N}$ ,  $[N, k]^h = [N^{k^h}, k^h] = [N, k]$ .
- (2). For every  $k \in K, m \in M$  if  $[\widehat{K, M}] < N$ , then  $\left[ [k, m]^{[m, k]^{(-1)}}, [m, k]^{[-1]} \right] \in N$  and  $[N, [k, m]] = [N, [m, k]]$ . Hence  $[[N, k], [N, m]] = [[N, m], [N, k]]$ . So,  $[N, k]$  commute with every  $[N, m] \in \frac{M}{N}$ .
- (3).  $K$  is normal in  $M$ , thus  $\frac{K}{N}$  is normal in  $\frac{M}{N}$  since

$$\begin{aligned} [[N, k], [[N, m_1], [N, m_2]]] &= [[N, k], [N, [m_1, m_2]]] \\ &= [N, [k, [m_1, m_2]]] \\ &= [N, [m_1, [k, m_2]]] \\ &= [[N, m_1], [[N, k], [N, m_2]]]. \end{aligned}$$

Now, by Lemma 3.10, for  $\frac{N}{K}$  and for every  $m_1, m_2 \in M$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} [[N, k], [[N, m_1], [N, m_2]]] &= [[[N, m_1], [N, m_2]], [N, k]] \\ &= \left[ [N, m_1]^{([N, m_2], [N, k])}, [[N, m_2], [N, k]] \right] \\ &= [[N, m_1], [[N, k], [N, m_2]]]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $[N, k] \in Z\left(\frac{M}{N}\right)$  for every  $k \in K$ .

Conversely, let  $[N, k] < Z\left(\frac{M}{N}\right)$ . Hence for every  $k \in K, m \in M$

$$\begin{aligned} [[N, k], [[N, m], [N, e]]] &= [[N, m], [[N, k], [N, e]]] \\ [[N, k], [[N, m], N]] &= [[N, m], [[N, k], N]] \\ [[N, k], [N, m]] &= [[N, m], [N, k]] \\ [N, [k, m]] &= [N, [m, k]]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus for every  $k \in K, m \in M$  we have,  $\left[ [k, m]^{[m, k]^{(-1)}}, [m, k]^{[-1]} \right] \in N$ . So  $[\widehat{K, M}] < N$ .  $\square$

Now we give an equivalent characterization of nilpotent ultra-groups, namely by descending central series.

Let  $M$  be an ultra-group and

$$\gamma_1(M) = M, \quad \gamma_2(M) = [\widehat{\gamma_1(M)}, M], \quad \gamma_i(M) = [\widehat{\gamma_{i-1}(M)}, M].$$

Then the chain of normal subultra-groups  $M = \gamma_1(M) > \gamma_2(M) > \dots$  is called descending central series of  $M$ , that have the following properties:  $\gamma_i(M) \triangleleft M$  for every  $i$ , and by the above lemma,  $\frac{\gamma_i(M)}{\gamma_{i+1}(M)} < Z(\frac{M}{\gamma_{i+1}(M)})$  since  $[\widehat{\gamma_i(M)}, M] = \gamma_{i+1}(M)$ .

**Definition 3.12.** A series  $\{e\} = M_0 < M_1 < \dots < M_n = M$  of an ultra-group  $M$  is called *central series* if for each  $i$ ,  $M_i \triangleleft M$  and  $\frac{M_{i+1}}{M_i} < Z(\frac{M}{M_i})$ .

**Lemma 3.13.** *If  $\{e\} = M_0 < M_1 < \dots < M_n = M$  is a central series of an ultra-group  $M$ , then*

- (i)  $\gamma_i(M) < M_{n-i+1}$ ,
- (ii)  $M_i < Z_i(M)$ .

*Proof.* The proof is straightforward by induction on  $i$ . □

**Theorem 3.14.** *Let  $M$  be an ultra-group. Then  $M$  is nilpotent if and only if  $\gamma_{n+1}(M) = \{e\}$  for some integer  $n \geq 0$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that there is an integer  $n \geq 0$  such that  $\gamma_{n+1}(M) = \{e\}$ . Consider the series

$$M = \gamma_1(M) > \gamma_2(M) > \dots > \gamma_n(M) > \gamma_{n+1}(M) = \{e\}.$$

In this series,  $\frac{\gamma_i(M)}{\gamma_{i+1}(M)} < Z(\frac{M}{\gamma_{i+1}(M)})$  and  $\gamma_{n+1-i}(M) < Z_i(M)$  for all  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$  (Lemma 3.13). Therefore  $M = \gamma_1(M) < Z_n(M)$ , so  $M$  is nilpotent.

Conversely, if  $M$  is nilpotent then there exists  $n \geq 1$  such that  $Z_n(M) = M$ . Therefore we have a series of normal subultra-groups

$$\{e\} = Z_0(M) < Z_1(M) < Z_2(M) < \dots < Z_n(M) = M.$$

Then it follows that  $\gamma_i(M) < Z_{n+1-i}(M)$  for all  $i$  and  $\gamma_{n+1}(M) < Z_0(M)$ . So  $\gamma_{n+1}(M) = \{e\}$ . □

**Theorem 3.15.** *Every subultra-group of nilpotent ultra-group is nilpotent.*

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be an ultra-group and  $K$  be a subultra-group of  $M$ . Since  $M$  is nilpotent, so there exists an integer  $n \geq 0$  such that  $\gamma_{n+1}(M) = \{e\}$ . Now we will show (by induction on  $i$ ) that  $\gamma_i(K) < \gamma_i(M)$ . For  $i = 1$ , it is clear. Suppose that  $\gamma_i(K) < \gamma_i(M)$ . Then  $\gamma_{i+1}(K) = [\widehat{\gamma_i(K)}, K] < [\widehat{\gamma_i(M)}, M] = \gamma_{i+1}(M)$ . Hence  $\gamma_{i+1}(K) < \gamma_{i+1}(M) = \{e\}$ . □

Let  $M$  be an ultra-group of a subgroup  $H$  over the group  $G$ . We define the  $i$ -th derived subultra-group of  $M$  inductively as follows:

$$M^{(1)} = M' = \left[ \widehat{M}, \widehat{M} \right],$$

$$M^{i+1} = M^{(i)'} = \left[ \widehat{M^{(i)}}, \widehat{M^{(i)}} \right].$$

So we obtain the sequence of subultra-groups of  $M$  such that each one is normal in the previous.

The series

$$M^{(0)} = M > M^1 > M^2 > \dots$$

is called *derived*.

**Lemma 3.16.** *Let  $M$  be an arbitrary ultra-group and  $M = M_0 > M_1 > M_2 > \dots$  be the solvable series. Then for every  $i$ ,  $M^{(i)} \subseteq M_{(i)}$ .*

*Proof.* By induction on  $i$ . If  $i = 0$ , then  $M^{(0)} = M \subseteq M_{(0)} = M$ . Suppose  $M^{(i)} \subseteq M_{(i)}$ . We show that this is true for  $i + 1$ . By  $M^{(i)} \subseteq M_{(i)}$  we have  $\left[ \widehat{M^{(i)}}, \widehat{M^{(i)}} \right] \subseteq \left[ \widehat{M_{(i)}}, \widehat{M_{(i)}} \right]$ . So  $M^{i+1} \subseteq M'_i$ . According to the conditions of the solvable series  $\frac{M_i}{M_{i+1}}$  is abelian. Thus by Theorem 3.8,  $M'_i \subseteq M_{i+1}$ . Therefore  $M^{(i+1)} \subseteq M_{(i+1)}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.17.** *Let  $M$  be an ultra-group of subgroup  $H$  over the group  $G$ . The ultra-group  $M$  is solvable if and only if there exists  $n \geq 0$  such that  $M^{(n)} = \{e\}$ .*

*Proof.* If  $M$  is a solvable ultra-group, then it has solvable series  $M = M_0 > M_1 > M_2 > \dots > M_n = \{e\}$ . Now by the above lemma for  $i = n$  we have  $M^{(n)} > M_n = \{e\}$ . Conversely, let there exists  $n \geq 0$  such that  $M^{(n)} = \{e\}$ . In this case the derived series has the conditions of a solvable series, that means  $M^{i+1} \triangleleft M^i$  and  $\frac{M_i}{M_{i+1}}$  is abelian. So it is a solvable series for an ultra-group  $M$ .  $\square$

We conclude this paper by presenting the following lemma, which demonstrates the relationship between nilpotent and solvable ultra-groups.

**Lemma 3.18.** *Every nilpotent ultra-group is solvable.*

*Proof.* If an ultra-group  $M$  is nilpotent then the upper central series of  $M$ ,  $\{e\} < Z_1(M) < Z_2(M) < \dots < Z_n(M) = M$  is a normal series. All quotients of the upper central series are abelian since  $\frac{Z_i(M)}{Z_{i-1}(M)} = Z\left(\frac{M}{Z_{i-1}(M)}\right)$  and  $Z\left(\frac{M}{Z_{i-1}(M)}\right)$  is abelian.  $\square$

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