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**ON A CHARACTERIZATION OF THE FRATTINI SUBGROUP  
OF A FINITE SOLVABLE GROUP**

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Suppose that  $G$  is a finite solvable group,  $n$  is the length of a  $G$ -chief series of the group  $F(G)/\Phi(G)$ , and  $k$  is the number of central  $G$ -chief factors of this series. We prove that in this case  $G$  contains  $4n - 3k$  maximal subgroups whose intersection is  $\Phi(G)$ . This result refines V. S. Monakhov's statement that, for any finite solvable nonnilpotent group  $G$ , its Frattini subgroup  $\Phi(G)$  coincides with the intersection of all maximal subgroups  $M$  of the group  $G$  such that  $MF(G) = G$ . In addition, it is shown in Theorem 4.2 that the group  $G$  contains  $4(n - k)$  maximal subgroups whose intersection is  $\delta(G)$ . The subgroup  $\delta(G)$  is defined as the intersection of all abnormal maximal subgroups of  $G$  if  $G$  is not nilpotent and as  $G$  otherwise.

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