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A METANILPOTENCY CRITERION FOR A FINITE SOLVABLE GROUP

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Denote by $|x|$ the order of an element x of a group. An element of a group is called primary if its order is a nonnegative integer power of a prime. If a and b are primary elements of coprime orders of a group, then the commutator $a^{-1}b^{-1}ab$ is called a \star -commutator. The intersection of all normal subgroups of a group such that the quotient groups by them are nilpotent is called the nilpotent residual of the group. It is established that the nilpotent residual of a finite group is generated by commutators of primary elements of coprime orders. It is proved that the nilpotent residual of a finite solvable group is nilpotent if and only if $|ab| \geq |a||b|$ for any \star -commutators of a and b of coprime orders.

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