

# Local factorisations of nonlocal Fitting classes

V. V. SHPAKOV and N. T. VOROBYEV

**Abstract** — We consider general rules of constructing of local products of the Fitting classes with the use of nonlocal factors determined by the minimal elements of the Lockett section. We give a simple method to construct local Fitting classes which are factorised by nonlocal Fitting classes of some classes of  $\pi$ -groups and  $\pi'$ -groups. Applying the class  $\mathfrak{B}$ , we simplify the procedure of construction of a nonlocal factor in the local product. It is shown that in the construction of the local product the nonlocal factor for the appropriate set of primes  $\pi$  is the Fitting class of the form  $\mathfrak{B}_* \mathfrak{C}_\pi$ , where  $\mathfrak{B}_*$  is the minimal element of the Lockett section of the class  $\mathfrak{B}$ . In this paper, we consider only finite solvable groups.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The product of Fitting classes  $\mathfrak{F}$  and  $\mathfrak{S}$  is the class of all groups  $G$  whose factorgroups with respect to  $\mathfrak{F}$ -radical are  $\mathfrak{S}$ -subgroups [1]. It is well known that a product of two Fitting classes is also a Fitting class and the operation of multiplication of Fitting classes is associative (see, for example, IX.1.12 in [1]). Among the products of Fitting classes, the best known by their applications are local products, that is, such products which are local Fitting classes. In [2], it is proved that a product of any two local Fitting classes is local.

Recall that any mapping  $f$  of the set  $P$  of all prime numbers into the set of Fitting classes is called a Hartley function or an H-function [3]. A Fitting class  $\mathfrak{F}$  is called local if there exists an H-function  $f$  such that

$$\mathfrak{F} = \mathfrak{C}_{\pi(\mathfrak{F})} \cap \left( \bigcap_{p \in \pi(\mathfrak{F})} f(p) \mathfrak{N}_p \mathfrak{C}_{p'} \right).$$

Examples of local Fitting classes and local formations which are factorised by nonlocal factors were first constructed by N. T. Vorobyev and A. N. Skiba (see [4]), and V. A. Vedernikov (see [5]), N. T. Vorobyev (see [6]), respectively, and thereby they gave a positive solution of problems 11.25 a) and 9.58 in [7].

In this paper, we consider general rules of constructing local products of Fitting classes with the use of nonlocal factors which are determined by the minimal elements of Lockett sections [8] (see X.1.12 (b) and X.1.16 in [1]). First of all, we suggest a simple method of constructing local Fitting classes factorised by nonlocal Fitting classes of some classes of

---

Originally published in *Diskretnaya Matematika* (2008) **20**, No. 3, 111–118 (in Russian).  
Received June 4, 2007.

$\pi$ -groups and  $\pi'$ -groups (Theorem 1, case 1). In this case, as distinct from [4], we do not use the complicated construction of the Fitting class  $\mathfrak{B}$  which is defined in [9]. Moreover, applying the class  $\mathfrak{B}$ , we simplify, in comparison with [4], the procedure of constructing a nonlocal factor in a local product. It is shown that in construction of a local product, differing from the product in the example in [4], the nonlocal factor for an appropriate set of prime numbers  $\pi$  is the Fitting class of the form  $\mathfrak{B}_* \mathfrak{C}_\pi$ , where  $\mathfrak{B}_*$  is the minimal element of the Lockett section of the class  $\mathfrak{B}$ . Note also that in addition to [4] we show that each factor of a local product is defined semilocally. In this paper, we consider only finite solvable groups.

Note that the absent definitions and notation can be found in [1, 10] if necessary.

## 2. AUXILIARY RESULTS

A class of groups  $\mathfrak{F}$  is called a Fitting class [1] if  $\mathfrak{F}$  is closed with respect to taking normal subgroups and products of normal  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subgroups. If  $\mathfrak{F}$  is a nonempty Fitting class, then the subgroup  $G_{\mathfrak{F}}$  of the group  $G$  is called an  $\mathfrak{F}$ -radical of the group  $G$  if  $G$  is the maximal normal subgroup of  $G$  belonging to  $\mathfrak{F}$ .

In lemmas below, we give some known properties of  $\mathfrak{F}$ -radicals and products of Fitting classes which will be used later.

A class of groups  $\mathfrak{F}$  is called a homomorph [10] if each factor group of any groups of  $\mathfrak{F}$  also belong to  $\mathfrak{F}$ .

**Lemma 1** (Lemma 2.1 in [11]). *Let  $\mathfrak{F}$  be a nonempty Fitting class. Then the following assertions are true:*

- (1)  $\mathfrak{F} \subseteq \mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{S}$  for any Fitting class  $\mathfrak{S} \neq \emptyset$ ;
- (2) if a Fitting class  $\mathfrak{S}$  is a homomorph, then  $\mathfrak{S} \subseteq \mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{S}$
- (3) if  $\{\mathfrak{S}_i \mid i \in I\}$  is a nonempty set of Fitting classes, then

$$\bigcap_{i \in I} \mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{S}_i = \mathfrak{F} \left( \bigcap_{i \in I} \mathfrak{S}_i \right).$$

**Lemma 2** ([2]). *A product of any two local Fitting classes is local.*

A homomorph  $\mathfrak{F}$  is saturated [10] if the condition  $G/\Phi(G) \in \mathfrak{F}$  implies the inclusion  $G \in \mathfrak{F}$ . A class of groups  $\mathfrak{F}$  is called a radical homomorph [10] if it is simultaneously a homomorph and a Fitting class.

Recall that Lockett [8] for any Fitting class  $\mathfrak{F}$  defines the class  $\mathfrak{F}^*$  as the minimal Fitting class containing  $\mathfrak{F}$  and such that for all groups  $G, H$  the equality  $(G \times H)_{\mathfrak{F}^*} = G_{\mathfrak{F}^*} \times H_{\mathfrak{F}^*}$  is true and the class  $\mathfrak{F}_*$  as the intersection of all Fitting classes  $\mathfrak{X}$  such that  $\mathfrak{X}^* = \mathfrak{F}^*$ . A Fitting class  $\mathfrak{F}$  is called the Lockett class if  $\mathfrak{F} = \mathfrak{F}^*$ .

We give the known properties of the Lockett operators  $*$  and  $_*$  in the following lemma.

**Lemma 3** (X.1.2, IX.1.8 in [1]; [8], [11]). *For any nonempty Fitting class  $\mathfrak{F}$  the following assertions are true:*

(1) *the action of the operators  $*$  and  $*$  on the class  $\mathfrak{F}$  are characterised by the relations*

$$\mathfrak{F}_* = (\mathfrak{F}_*)_* = (\mathfrak{F}^*)_* \subseteq \mathfrak{F} \subseteq \mathfrak{F}^* = (\mathfrak{F}_*)^* = (\mathfrak{F}^*)^*;$$

(2) *for any nonempty Fitting class  $\mathfrak{S}$  the equality*

$$(\mathfrak{F} \cap \mathfrak{S})^* = \mathfrak{F}^* \cap \mathfrak{S}^*$$

*is true;*

(3) *if  $\mathfrak{F}$  is a homomorph, then  $\mathfrak{F}^* = \mathfrak{F}$ ;*

(4) *if  $\mathfrak{S}$  is a radical saturated homomorph, then  $(\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{S})^* = \mathfrak{F}^*\mathfrak{S}$ .*

**Lemma 4** ([11]). *Each local Fitting class is a Lockett class.*

A Fitting class  $\mathfrak{F}$  is called normal [1] if the  $\mathfrak{F}$ -radical of a group  $G$  is the  $\mathfrak{F}$ -maximal subgroup of the group  $G$  for any group  $G$ . Note that the intersection of any set of non-unit normal Fitting classes is non-unit normal Fitting class. The minimal non-unit Fitting class is denoted by  $\mathfrak{C}_*$ .

**Lemma 5** (X.5.32 in [1]). *If  $p$  and  $q$  are different prime numbers, then  $\mathfrak{N}_p\mathfrak{N}_q \not\subseteq \mathfrak{C}_*$ .*

Recall that some classes have standard notations:  $\mathfrak{S}$  is the class of all solvable groups;  $\mathfrak{S}_\pi$  is the class of all solvable  $\pi$ -groups;  $\mathfrak{N}$  is the class of all nilpotent groups;  $\mathfrak{N}_\pi$  is the class of all nilpotent  $\pi$ -groups.

**Lemma 6** ([8]). *If  $\mathfrak{F}$  is nonempty Fitting class, then the following assertions are equivalent:*

(1)  *$\mathfrak{F}$  is a normal Fitting class;*

(2)  *$\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{N} = \mathfrak{S}$ ;*

(3)  *$\mathfrak{F}^* = \mathfrak{S}$ .*

A Fitting class  $\mathfrak{F}$  satisfies the Lockett hypothesis or is an  $\mathfrak{L}$ -class if  $\mathfrak{F}_* = \mathfrak{F}^* \cap \mathfrak{C}_*$  (see [11]).

**Lemma 7** ([11]). *Each local Fitting class is an  $\mathfrak{L}$ -class.*

A Fitting class  $\mathfrak{F}$  is called  $\pi$ -saturated [12] if  $\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{C}_{\pi'} = \mathfrak{F}$ , where  $\emptyset \neq \pi \subseteq P$  and  $\mathfrak{C}_{\pi'}$  is the class of all solvable  $\pi'$ -group.

### 3. CLASS $R_\pi(\mathfrak{F})$ AND ITS PROPERTIES

Let

$$\pi = \text{Supp}(f) = \{p \in P : f(p) \neq \emptyset\}$$

be the support of an H-function  $f$ . Then, following [12], we set

$$SLR(f) = \bigcap_{p \in \pi} f(p)\mathfrak{S}_{p'}$$

and say that the Fitting class  $\mathfrak{F}$  is defined semilocally [13] if  $\mathfrak{F} = SLR(f)$  for some H-function  $f$ . If  $\pi = \emptyset$ , then we set  $SLR(f) = \emptyset$ .

The following assertion gives a criterion that a Fitting class is defined semilocally.

**Lemma 8.** *A Fitting class  $\mathfrak{F}$  is defined semilocally if and only if  $\mathfrak{F}$  is  $\pi$ -saturated for some  $\pi, \emptyset \subset \pi \subseteq P$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\emptyset \subset \pi \subseteq P$  and  $\mathfrak{F}$  be a  $\pi$ -saturated Fitting class. Then  $\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{S}_{\pi'} = \mathfrak{F}$ . We construct the H-function  $f$  in the following way:

$$f(p) = \begin{cases} \mathfrak{F}, & p \in \pi, \\ \emptyset, & p \in \pi'. \end{cases}$$

Let us show that  $f$  defines semilocally the Fitting class  $\mathfrak{F}$ . Let

$$SLR(f) = \bigcap_{p \in \pi} f(p)\mathfrak{S}_{p'},$$

where  $\pi = \text{Supp}(f)$ . By the definition  $f(p) = \mathfrak{F}$  for all  $p \in \pi$ , therefore the equality

$$SLR(f) = \bigcap_{p \in \pi} \mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{S}_{p'}$$

is true. Thus, according to assertion 3 of Lemma 1

$$SLR(f) = \mathfrak{F} \left( \bigcap_{p \in \pi} \mathfrak{S}_{p'} \right) = \mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{S}_{\pi'} = \mathfrak{F},$$

and  $\mathfrak{F}$  is a Fitting class defined semilocally.

Now let  $\mathfrak{F}$  be a Fitting class defined semilocally. Then there exists an H-function  $f$  with support  $\pi$  such that

$$\mathfrak{F} = \bigcap_{p \in \pi} f(p)\mathfrak{S}_{p'}.$$

Let us show that  $\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{S}_{\pi'} = \mathfrak{F}$ . Since

$$\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{S}_{\pi'} = \left( \bigcap_{p \in \pi} f(p)\mathfrak{S}_{p'} \right) \mathfrak{S}_{\pi'},$$

by virtue of assertion 3 of Lemma 1

$$\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{C}_{\pi'} = \bigcap_{p \in \pi} (f(p))\mathfrak{C}_{p'}\mathfrak{C}_{\pi'}.$$

But  $p \in \pi$ , and therefore  $\pi' \subseteq p'$ . Hence,  $\mathfrak{C}_{\pi'} \subseteq \mathfrak{C}_{p'}$  for all prime numbers  $p \in \pi$ . Moreover,  $\mathfrak{C}_{p'}\mathfrak{C}_{\pi'} = \mathfrak{C}_{p'}$ . Therefore,

$$\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{C}_{\pi'} = \bigcap_{p \in \pi} f(p)(\mathfrak{C}_{p'}\mathfrak{C}_{\pi'}) = \bigcap_{p \in \pi} f(p)\mathfrak{C}_{p'} = \mathfrak{F}.$$

The lemma is proved.

**Definition 1.** Let  $\pi \subseteq P$ . We define the class of groups  $R_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F})$ , setting

$$G \in R_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F}) \iff G_{\pi} \subseteq G_{\mathfrak{F}}.$$

If  $\mathfrak{F} = \emptyset$ , then we set  $R_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F}) = \emptyset$ . In the case where  $\pi = \emptyset$  and  $\pi = P$ , we set  $R_{\emptyset}(\mathfrak{F}) = \mathfrak{C}$  and  $R_P(\mathfrak{F}) = \mathfrak{F}$  respectively.

Note that if  $\mathfrak{F}$  is a normal Fitting class, then  $R_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F}) = L_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F})$ , where  $L_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F})$  is the class of all groups  $G$  whose  $\mathfrak{F}$ -injections contain the Hall  $\pi$ -group  $G$  (see IX.1.14 in [1]).

**Lemma 9.** *If  $\mathfrak{F}$  is a Fitting class and  $\pi \subseteq P$ , then  $R_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F}) = \mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{C}_{\pi'}$  is a  $\pi$ -saturated (semilocal) Fitting class. In particular, if  $\mathfrak{F}$  is a local Fitting class, then  $R_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F})$  is a local Fitting class.*

*Proof.* Let  $G \in R_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F})$ . Then  $G_{\pi} \subseteq G_{\mathfrak{F}}$ , and therefore  $G/G_{\mathfrak{F}}$  is a  $\pi'$ -group. Since  $G_{\mathfrak{F}} \in \mathfrak{F}$  and  $G/G_{\mathfrak{F}} \in \mathfrak{C}_{\pi'}$ , the inclusion  $G \in \mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{C}_{\pi'}$  is true. Therefore,  $R_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F}) \subseteq \mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{C}_{\pi'}$ . Let  $H \in \mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{C}_{\pi'}$ . Then  $H/H_{\mathfrak{F}} \in \mathfrak{C}_{\pi'}$  and therefore  $H_{\pi} \subseteq H_{\mathfrak{F}}$ . Hence,  $H \in R_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F})$  and  $\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{C}_{\pi'} \subseteq R_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F})$ . Therefore  $R_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F}) = \mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{C}_{\pi'}$  is a Fitting class. Since  $R_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F})\mathfrak{C}_{\pi'} = (\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{C}_{\pi'})\mathfrak{C}_{\pi'} = \mathfrak{F}(\mathfrak{C}_{\pi'}\mathfrak{C}_{\pi'}) = \mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{C}_{\pi'} = R_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F})$ , we see that  $R_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F})$  is a  $\pi$ -saturated Fitting class. Let  $\mathfrak{F}$  be a local Fitting class. Since  $\mathfrak{C}_{\pi'}$  is a local Fitting class, according to Lemma 2  $R_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F}) = \mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{C}_{\pi'}$  is a local Fitting class. The lemma is proved.

Note that in the general case a Fitting class  $R_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F})$  is not local. This fact is confirmed by the following example.

**Example 1.** Let  $\mathfrak{F} = \mathfrak{C}_{*}$  be the minimal normal Fitting class and  $\emptyset \neq \pi \subset P$ . Let us show that that in this case the class  $R_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F})$  is not local. Suppose that  $R_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F})$  is a local Fitting class. Since the class  $\mathfrak{F}$  is normal, it follows from Lemma 6 that  $\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{N} = \mathfrak{C}$ . Since  $\mathfrak{F} \subseteq R_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F})$ , we see that  $\mathfrak{C} = \mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{N} \subseteq R_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F})\mathfrak{N} \subseteq \mathfrak{C}$ . Therefore,  $R_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F})\mathfrak{N} = \mathfrak{C}$  and by Lemma 6  $R_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F})$  is a normal Fitting class. By Lemma 9  $R_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F}) = \mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{C}_{\pi'}$  and by assertion 4 of Lemma 3  $(R_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F}))^{*} = (\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{C}_{\pi'})^{*} = \mathfrak{F}^{*}\mathfrak{C}_{\pi'}$ . But by Lemma 6 and assertion 1 of Lemma 3  $\mathfrak{F}^{*} = \mathfrak{C}$  and  $(R_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F}))^{*} = \mathfrak{C}$ . Now, since  $R_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F})$  is local, by Lemma 4  $R_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F})$  is a Lockett class, and therefore,  $R_{\pi}(\mathfrak{F}) = \mathfrak{C}$ .

Now let  $p$  and  $q$  be prime numbers such that  $p \mid (q - 1)$ ,  $G = D_{q^n}^n$  be a monolithic group with normal abelian Sylow  $q$ -subgroup of exponent  $q^n$  and cyclic Sylow  $q'$ -subgroup

of order  $p$ . Let  $\pi = \pi(G)$ . Then  $G_\pi = G$  and according to T. K. Berger's result (see property 3 in [14])  $G \notin \mathfrak{S}_*$ . Therefore,  $G_{\mathfrak{S}_*} \subset G$ . Thus,  $G \notin R_\pi(\mathfrak{F})$  and  $R_\pi(\mathfrak{F}) \neq \mathfrak{S}$ . The obtained contradiction proves that the Fitting class  $R_\pi(\mathfrak{F})$  is not local.

#### 4. LOCAL FACTORISATIONS

**Lemma 10.** *If  $\pi \subset P$  and  $|\pi| \geq 2$ , then the product  $(\mathfrak{S}_\pi)_* \mathfrak{S}_{\pi'}$  is not a Lockett class.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $(\mathfrak{S}_\pi)_* \mathfrak{S}_{\pi'}$  is a Lockett class. Then with the use of assertions 1 and 4 of Lemma 3 we obtain  $(\mathfrak{S}_\pi)_* \mathfrak{S}_{\pi'} = ((\mathfrak{S}_\pi)_* \mathfrak{S}_{\pi'})^* = ((\mathfrak{S}_\pi)_*)^* \mathfrak{S}_{\pi'} = (\mathfrak{S}_\pi)^* \mathfrak{S}_{\pi'} = \mathfrak{S}_\pi \mathfrak{S}_{\pi'}$ . The Fitting class  $\mathfrak{S}_\pi = LR(f)$  for the H-function  $f$  is such that

$$f(p) = \begin{cases} \mathfrak{S}_\pi, & p \in \pi, \\ \emptyset, & p \in \pi'. \end{cases}$$

Therefore, by Lemma 7 the class  $\mathfrak{S}_\pi$  is an  $\mathfrak{L}$ -class. But then  $(\mathfrak{S}_\pi)_* \mathfrak{S}_{\pi'} = (\mathfrak{S}_\pi \cap \mathfrak{S}_*) \mathfrak{S}_{\pi'} = \mathfrak{S}_\pi \mathfrak{S}_{\pi'} \cap \mathfrak{S}_* \mathfrak{S}_{\pi'}$ . Therefore,  $\mathfrak{S}_\pi \mathfrak{S}_{\pi'} = \mathfrak{S}_\pi \mathfrak{S}_{\pi'} \cap \mathfrak{S}_* \mathfrak{S}_{\pi'}$  and  $\mathfrak{S}_\pi \mathfrak{S}_{\pi'} \subseteq \mathfrak{S}_* \mathfrak{S}_{\pi'}$ . Hence we obtain  $\mathfrak{S}_\pi \subseteq \mathfrak{S}_* \mathfrak{S}_\pi \cap \mathfrak{S}_* \mathfrak{S}_{\pi'} = \mathfrak{S}_*(\mathfrak{S}_\pi \cap \mathfrak{S}_{\pi'})$ . Thus,  $\mathfrak{S}_\pi \subseteq \mathfrak{S}_*$ . However, by Lemma 5, this is impossible for  $|\pi| \geq 2$ . The obtained contradiction shows that the Fitting class  $(\mathfrak{S}_\pi)_* \mathfrak{S}_{\pi'}$  is not a Lockett class. The lemma is proved.

**Lemma 11.** *If  $\mathfrak{F}$  is a Lockett class, then the class  $R_\pi(\mathfrak{F})$  is a Lockett class.*

*Proof.* By Lemma 9,  $R_\pi(\mathfrak{F}) = \mathfrak{F} \mathfrak{S}_{\pi'}$ . Hence,  $(R_\pi(\mathfrak{F}))^* = (\mathfrak{F} \mathfrak{S}_{\pi'})^*$ . Then by assertion 4 of Lemma 3  $(\mathfrak{F} \mathfrak{S}_{\pi'})^* = \mathfrak{F}^* \mathfrak{S}_{\pi'}$ . But  $\mathfrak{F}$  is a Lockett class, and therefore,  $\mathfrak{F}^* = \mathfrak{F}$ . Hence,  $\mathfrak{F}^* \mathfrak{S}_{\pi'} = \mathfrak{F} \mathfrak{S}_{\pi'}$ . Thus, we obtain  $(R_\pi(\mathfrak{F}))^* = R_\pi(\mathfrak{F})$  and  $R_\pi(\mathfrak{F})$  is a Lockett class. The lemma is proved.

Note that by virtue of a result of [14] the trivial local Fitting class  $\mathfrak{S}$  can be represented in the form of local product  $\mathfrak{S} = \mathfrak{F} \mathfrak{S}_*$  for any non-unit normal Fitting class  $\mathfrak{F} \neq \mathfrak{S}$ . In this case, in view of Lemmas 4 and 6 it is easy to see that each of the factors  $\mathfrak{F}$  and  $\mathfrak{S}_*$  is not local and is not a formation.

In order to construct local products (differing from  $\mathfrak{S}$ ) of nonlocal non-normal Fitting classes which are not formations, in particular, we will use Fitting class  $\mathfrak{B}$  introduced in [9].

Recall that the construction of the class  $\mathfrak{B}$  reduces to finding some group  $X$  contained simultaneously in the classes  $\mathfrak{B}$  and  $\mathfrak{S}_*$ , but not belonging to the class  $\mathfrak{B}_*$ . For this purpose we use the description of representations of extra-special  $p$ -groups over an arbitrary field of characteristic not equal to  $p$  (see [1], pp. 166–168). Now let  $p = 3$  and  $R$  be an extra-special group of order 27 and exponent 3. Then by assertion (ii) of Theorem 9.16 in [1]  $R$  has exact absolutely irreducible module  $W$  of dimension 3 over the field  $GF(7)$  (existence of such module is proved in [9]). Let  $Y = [W]R$ . We denote by  $A$  the group of automorphisms of the group  $R$ . Let  $B = C_A(Z(R))$ ,  $Q$  be the subgroup of quaternions of the group  $B$  and  $X = Z(Q)Y$ . Then we denote by  $\mathfrak{M}$  the class  $(G \mid O^{2'}(G/O_{\{2,3\}}(G)) \in S_n D_o(X))$ , where  $D_o(X)$  is the class of all finite direct products of isomorphic copies of the group  $X$ . We introduce the notation  $\mathfrak{B} = \mathfrak{M} \cap \mathfrak{S}_7 \mathfrak{S}_3 \mathfrak{S}_2$ . By Theorem 4.5 in [9], the class  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a

Lockett class and is not a Fisher class. Moreover,  $\mathfrak{B}$  possesses the property given in the following assertion.

**Lemma 12** (Theorem 4.4 in [9]). *If  $\mathfrak{C}_*$  is the minimal normal Fitting class, then  $X \in (\mathfrak{B} \cap \mathfrak{C}_*) \setminus \mathfrak{B}_*$ .*

**Lemma 13.** *If  $\pi(X) \subseteq \sigma \subset P$ , then the Fitting class  $R_\sigma(\mathfrak{B}_*)$  is not a Lockett class.*

*Proof.* We suppose that  $(R_\sigma(\mathfrak{B}_*))^* = R_\sigma(\mathfrak{B}_*)$ . Since by assertion 1 of Lemma 3  $(\mathfrak{B}_*)^* = \mathfrak{B}^*$ , making use of Lemma 9 and assertion 4 of Lemma 3, we obtain the equality  $(R_\sigma(\mathfrak{B}_*))^* = (\mathfrak{B}_* \mathfrak{C}_{\sigma'})^* = (\mathfrak{B}_*)^* \mathfrak{C}_{\sigma'} = \mathfrak{B}^* \mathfrak{C}_{\sigma'} = R_\sigma(\mathfrak{B}^*)$ . By Lemma 12,  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a Lockett class. Therefore,  $R_\sigma(\mathfrak{B}_*) = R_\sigma(\mathfrak{B})$ . By virtue of Lemma 12,  $X \in \mathfrak{B}$ , therefore,  $X = X_\sigma = X_{\mathfrak{B}}$ . Thus,  $X \in R_\sigma(\mathfrak{B}) = R_\sigma(\mathfrak{B}_*)$ . But then  $X = X_\sigma \subseteq X_{\mathfrak{B}_*} \subseteq X$ . Hence it follows that  $X = X_{\mathfrak{B}_*}$  and  $X \in \mathfrak{B}_*$ . We obtain a contradiction. Therefore,  $R_\sigma(\mathfrak{B}_*)$  is not a Lockett class. The lemma is proved.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\emptyset \neq \sigma \subset P$  and  $|\sigma'| \geq 2$ . If  $\mathfrak{F}$  and  $\mathfrak{S} = (\mathfrak{C}_{\sigma'})_* \mathfrak{C}_\sigma$  are Fitting classes, then the product  $\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{S}$  is local and each of the factors  $\mathfrak{F}$  and  $\mathfrak{S}$  is nonlocal, the product is defined semilocally and is not a formation for each following values of  $\mathfrak{F}$ :*

- (1)  $\mathfrak{F} = (\mathfrak{C}_\sigma)_* \mathfrak{C}_{\sigma'}$  for  $|\sigma| \geq 2$ ;
- (2)  $\mathfrak{F} = R_\sigma(\mathfrak{B}_*)$  for  $\sigma \supseteq \pi(X)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathfrak{F} = (\mathfrak{C}_\sigma)_* \mathfrak{C}_{\sigma'}$ , where the sets of prime numbers  $\sigma$  and  $\sigma'$  are such that  $|\sigma| \geq 2$  and  $|\sigma'| \geq 2$ . Since  $\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{C}_{\sigma'} = \mathfrak{F}$  and  $\mathfrak{S}\mathfrak{C}_\sigma = \mathfrak{S}$ , by Lemma 8 the classes  $\mathfrak{F}$  and  $\mathfrak{S}$  are defined semilocally. Taking into account Lemma 10, we conclude that the classes  $\mathfrak{F}$  and  $\mathfrak{S}$  are not Lockett classes. Therefore,  $\mathfrak{F}$  and  $\mathfrak{S}$  by virtue of assertion 3 of Lemma 3 are not formations.

Taking into account assertion 1 of Lemma 3, we see that  $\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{S} = (\mathfrak{C}_\sigma)_* \mathfrak{C}_{\sigma'} (\mathfrak{C}_{\sigma'})_* \mathfrak{C}_\sigma = (\mathfrak{C}_\sigma)_* \mathfrak{C}_{\sigma'} \mathfrak{C}_\sigma$ . Let  $f$  be an H-function such that

$$f(p) = \begin{cases} (\mathfrak{C}_\sigma)_* \mathfrak{C}_{\sigma'} & \text{if } p \in \sigma', \\ (\mathfrak{C}_\sigma)_* \mathfrak{C}_{\sigma'} \mathfrak{C}_\sigma & \text{if } p \in \sigma. \end{cases}$$

Let us show that  $\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{S} = LR(f)$ . Indeed,

$$LR(f) = \left( \bigcap_{p \in \sigma'} (\mathfrak{C}_\sigma)_* \mathfrak{C}_{\sigma'} \mathfrak{N}_p \mathfrak{C}_{p'} \right) \cap \left( \bigcap_{p \in \sigma} (\mathfrak{C}_\sigma)_* \mathfrak{C}_{\sigma'} \mathfrak{C}_\sigma \mathfrak{N}_p \mathfrak{C}_{p'} \right).$$

Since  $\mathfrak{C}_{\sigma'} \mathfrak{N}_p = \mathfrak{C}_{\sigma'}$  for all  $p \in \sigma'$  and  $\mathfrak{C}_\sigma \mathfrak{N}_p = \mathfrak{C}_\sigma$  for all  $p \in \sigma$ , we see that

$$LR(f) = \left( \bigcap_{p \in \sigma'} (\mathfrak{C}_\sigma)_* \mathfrak{C}_{\sigma'} \mathfrak{C}_{p'} \right) \cap \left( \bigcap_{p \in \sigma} (\mathfrak{C}_\sigma)_* \mathfrak{C}_{\sigma'} \mathfrak{C}_\sigma \mathfrak{C}_{p'} \right).$$

Using assertion 3 of lemma 1, we obtain

$$LR(f) = (\mathfrak{S}_\sigma)_* \mathfrak{S}'_\sigma \left( \bigcap_{p \in \sigma'} \mathfrak{S}_{p'} \right) \cap \left( (\mathfrak{S}_\sigma)_* \mathfrak{S}_{\sigma'} \mathfrak{S}_\sigma \left( \bigcap_{p \in \sigma} \mathfrak{S}_{p'} \right) \right).$$

Taking into account that

$$\bigcap_{p \in \sigma'} \mathfrak{S}_{p'} = \mathfrak{S}_\sigma, \quad \bigcap_{p \in \sigma} \mathfrak{S}_{p'} = \mathfrak{S}_{\sigma'},$$

we obtain

$$LR(f) = (\mathfrak{S}_\sigma)_* \mathfrak{S}_{\sigma'} \mathfrak{S}_\sigma \cap (\mathfrak{S}_\sigma)_* \mathfrak{S}_{\sigma'} \mathfrak{S}_\sigma \mathfrak{S}_{\sigma'} = (\mathfrak{S}_\sigma)_* \mathfrak{S}_{\sigma'} \mathfrak{S}_\sigma = \mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{S}.$$

Thus, in case 1  $\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{S}$  is a local product of Fitting classes  $\mathfrak{F}$  and  $\mathfrak{S}$ .

In the case where  $\mathfrak{F} = R_\sigma(\mathfrak{B}_*)$ , the theorem can be proved similarly with the use of Lemmas 8, 9, 11, and 12.

The theorem is proved.

## REFERENCES

1. K. Doerk and T. Hawkes, *Finite Solvable Groups*. Walter de Gruyter, Berlin, 1992.
2. N. T. Vorob'ev, Local products of the Fitting classes. *Vestsī Acad. Sci. Byelorussian SSR, Ser. Phys.-Math. Sci.* (1991), No. 6, 28–32 (in Russian).
3. N. T. Vorob'ev, On the Hawkes conjecture for radical classes. *Siberian Math. J.* (1996) **37**, 1137–1142.
4. N. T. Vorob'ev and A. N. Skiba, On local Fitting classes represented as the product of two nonlocal Fitting classes. *Probl. Algebra* (1995), No. 8, 55–58 (in Russian).
5. V. A. Vedernikov, Local formations of finite groups. *Math. Notes* (1989) **46**, 910–913.
6. N. T. Vorob'ev, On the factorization of local and non-local products of finite groups of non-local formations. In: *Proc. 7th Reg. Sci. Sess. Math., Sect. Algebra Number Theory, Kalsk/Pol.*, 1990, pp. 9–13.
7. *Kourovka Notebook: Unsolved Problems in Group Theory*, 11th Edition (V. D. Mazurov, ed.). Inst. Math., Siberian Branch Acad. Sci. USSR, Novosibirsk, 1990 (problems 11.25 a) and 9.58, in Russian).
8. P. Lockett, The Fitting class  $\mathfrak{F}^*$ . *Math. Z.* (1974) **137**, No. 2, 131–136.
9. R. Berger and J. Cossey, An example in theory of normal Fitting classes. *Math. Z.* (1978) **154**, 573–578.
10. L. A. Shemetkov, *Formations of Finite Groups*. Nauka, Moscow, 1978 (in Russian).
11. N. T. Vorob'ev, Radical classes of finite groups with the Lockett condition. *Math. Notes* (1988) **43**, 91–94.
12. N. T. Vorob'ev, On local radical classes. *Probl. Algebra* (1986), No. 2, 41–50 (in Russian).
13. N. T. Vorob'ev, Gaschutz's method in the theory of Fitting classes of finite soluble groups. *Probl. Algebra* (2000), No. 16, 155–166.
14. T. K. Berger, More normal Fitting classes of finite solvable groups. *Math. Z.* (1976) **151**, 1–3.
15. J. Cossey, Products of Fitting classes. *Math. Z.* (1975) **141**, 289–295.