

SUBGROUPS AND QUOTIENT GROUPS  
OF ABELIAN GROUPS  
WITH D.S.I.P.

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**Abstract:** It is known that if an abelian group  $A$  has the direct summand intersection property (for short D.S.I.P.), then any direct summand  $B$ , of  $A$ , and  $A/B$  have the same property. In this work we will study necessary and/or sufficient conditions for which some subgroups of group  $A$  (with D.S.I.P.), which are not direct summands and the quotient groups corresponding to, to have D.S.I.P. Thus, being given an abelian group  $A$ , with D.S.I.P. and  $m$  a non-null natural number, we will study, here, the following subgroups:  $mA$ ,  $A[m]$ ,  $m^{-1}A$  (in this case,  $A$  is a subgroup of a group  $G$ ),  $F(A)$  the Frattini subgroup of  $A$  and  $B_p$  the  $p$ -basic subgroup of  $A$ , for a  $p$ -any prime number, as well as the quotient corresponding groups. All through this paper by group we mean abelian group in additive notation and we will note with  $P$  the set of all prime numbers.

1. The subgroups of form  $mA$ ,  $m > 0$

We remind that a group  $A$  has the direct summand intersection property (for short D.S.I.P.), if intersection of any two direct summands of  $A$  is again a direct summand in  $A$ .

We begin our investigations with the following elementary result:

**Remark 1.1.:** If  $A$  is an elementary group, then any subgroup  $B$ , of  $A$ , and  $A/B$  have D.S.I.P. In particular, for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $mA$  and  $A/mA$  have D.S.I.P.

**Proof:** According to [7, & 7] and [19, 3.1] any subgroup  $B$  of an elementary group  $A$  is a direct summand in  $A$ ; so  $B$  and  $A/B$  have P.I.S.D. (see [19, 2.6].)

Further on we will study the necessary and/or sufficient conditions for which the subgroup  $mA$ ,  $m$  being a natural number, should have D.S.I.P., if  $A$  has this property.

**Proposition 1.2.:** Let  $A$  be a abelian group and  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . Then the following statements occur:

a) If  $B$  is a direct summand of  $A$ , then  $mB$  is a direct summand of  $mA$ . If  $A[m] = 0$ , then the converse occurs, that is: if  $mB$  is a direct summand in  $mA$ , then  $B$  is a direct summand in  $A$ .

b) If  $B$  is a subgroup of  $mA$ , then there is a  $C$  subgroup of  $A$  such that  $B = mC$ .

c) If  $A[m] = 0$ , then  $m(T_1 \cap mS_1) = m(T_1 \cap S_1)$ , for every  $T_1$  and  $S_1$  subgroups of  $A$ .

**Proof:** a) If  $B$  is a direct summand in  $A$ , then  $A = B \oplus C$ , with  $C$  subgroup of  $A$ . So for every  $a \in A$ , there is uniquely a  $b \in B$  and  $c \in C$  such that  $a = b + c$ . It follows that  $ma = mb + mc$  and  $mA \subset mB + mC$ . Since  $mB + mC \subset mA$ , it follows that  $mA = mB + mC$  and since  $mB \cap mC \subset B \cap C = 0$ , it follows that  $mA = mB \oplus mC$ .

Conversely, let  $mA = mB \oplus mC$  be a direct decomposition of  $mA$ . Then for every  $a \in A$ , there is uniquely a  $b \in B$  and a  $c \in C$  such that  $ma = mb + mc$ . So  $m(a - b - c) = 0$ . Since  $A[m] = 0$ , it follows that  $a = b + c$ . If  $x \in B \cap C$ , then  $mx \in mB \cap mC = 0$  and so  $x = 0$ . Hence  $A = B \oplus C$ .

b) Let  $B$  be a subgroup of  $mA$  and  $C = \{a \in A \mid ma \in B\}$ . Then  $B = mC$ .

c) Let  $T$  and  $S$  be two subgroups of  $A$  and  $x \in mT \cap mS$ . Then  $x = mt = ms$ , with  $t \in T$  and  $s \in S$ . It follows that  $m(t-s) = 0$ . Since  $A[m] = 0$ , we obtain that  $t = s$ , so  $x \in m(T \cap S)$ . Hence  $mT \cap mS \subseteq m(T \cap S)$ , and since  $m(T \cap S) \subseteq mT \cap mS$ , we obtain the statements equality.

**Theorem 1.3.:** *Let  $A$  be an abelian group, with  $A[m] = 0$ , where  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

a)  $A$  has D.S.I.P.

b)  $mA$  has D.S.I.P.

**Proof:** a)  $\Rightarrow$  b) Let  $T$  and  $S$  be two direct summands in  $mA$ . According to (1.2) there is  $B$  and  $C$  direct summands in  $A$ , such that  $T = mB$  and  $S = mC$ . Again from (1.2) it follows that  $T \cap S = mB \cap mC = m(B \cap C)$  is a direct summand in  $mA$ . So  $mA$  has D.S.I.P.

b)  $\Rightarrow$  a) Let  $B$  and  $C$  be two direct summands in  $A$ . Then  $mB$ ,  $mC$  and  $m(B \cap C) = mB \cap mC$  are direct summands in  $mA$  (see (1.2)a,c)). Now (1.2)a) completes the demonstration.

**Remark 1.4.:** In the enunciation of Theorem (1.3.), the condition  $A[m] = 0$  is absolutely necessary. We are going to demonstrate that if  $p$  is a prime number, there are groups with the property that  $A[p] \neq 0$ ,  $pA$  have D.S.I.P. and  $A$  doesn't have this property anymore. Indeed, let  $A = \mathbb{Z}(p) \oplus \mathbb{Z}(p^2)$  be a torsion group. According to [13, Theorem 2], this group has not D.S.I.P., but  $pA = p\mathbb{Z}(p^2) = \mathbb{Z}(p)$  has this property (it is obvious that  $A[p] \neq 0$ ).

**Corollary 1.5.:** *Let  $A$  be a torsion-free group. Then  $A$  has D.S.I.P. if and only if  $mA$  has the same property, for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ .*

**Proof:** If  $A$  is a torsion-free group, then for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $A[m] = 0$ . Now we can apply the Theorem (1.3).

**Corollary 1.6.:** *Let  $A$  be a torsion-free group. Then the following statements occur:*

a) *If  $A$  is a free group (or a countable free group or a free abelian group of the power of the continuum), then for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $mA$  has D.S.I.P.*

b) *If  $A$  is a  $W$ -group (that is a Whitehead group) or a subgroup of  $W$ -group, or a direct sum of  $W$ -groups, then  $mA$  has D.S.I.P. for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ .*

c) *If  $A$  is a completely decomposable homogeneous group, then for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $mA$  has D.S.I.P.*

d) *If  $A$  is not reduced, then  $A$  has D.S.I.P. if and only if  $mB$  has the same property, for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , where  $B$  is the reduced part of  $A$ .*

e) *If  $A$  is indecomposable, of finite rank, then for every index set  $I$  and every  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , the groups  $\bigoplus_I mA$  have D.S.I.P. and the ring of endomorphism of  $mA$  is semi-hereditary right*

f) *The group  $A$  has D.S.I.P. if and only if the pure subgroups of  $mA$  coincide with the direct summands of  $mA$ , for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ .*

**Proof:** a) The enunciation results from [19, 2.2] (respectively [19, 2.4]) and (1.5).

b) We can apply [19, 2.8] and (1.5).

c) According to [13, Theorem 5],  $A$  has D.S.I.P. Now we can apply (1.5).

d) Let  $A = D \oplus B$  be a direct decomposition of group  $A$ , with  $D$ -divisible and  $B$  reduced. According to [19, 5.12],  $A$  has D.S.I.P. if and only if  $B$  has this property. And again (1.5.) completes the proof.

e) The enunciation results from [11, Theorem 4.1], (1.1.) and (1.5.).

b) The pure subgroups of  $mA$  coincide with the direct summands of  $mA$  if and only if  $mA$  has D.S.I.P. (see [19,5.17.]). According to (1.5), this is equivalent with the fact that  $A$  has D.S.I.P.

**Corollary 1.7.:** *Let  $A$  be a  $p$ -group. The following statements are equivalent.*

a)  $A$  has D.S.I.P.;

b) For every  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $mA$  has D.S.I.P.

**Proof:** Because the implication  $b) \Rightarrow a)$  is evident (we consider  $m=1$ ), we are going to demonstrate only  $a) \Rightarrow b)$ . So, let  $A$  be a  $p$ -group with D.S.I.P. and let  $m$  be any natural number. According to [13, Theorem 2.], we have two cases.

Case I. There is  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  such that  $A = Z(p^n)$ . If  $m = p^i$ ,  $i \geq 1$ , then

$$mA = \begin{cases} p^i Z(p^n) = Z(p^{n-i}), & \text{if } i \leq n-1 \\ 0, & \text{if } i \geq n \end{cases}$$

It follows that, in this case,  $mA$  is indecomposable and so  $mA$  has D.S.I.P. If  $m = p^i q$ ,  $i \geq 0$ ,  $(p, q) = 1$ , then

$$mA = q(p^i Z(p^n)) = \begin{cases} qZ(p^{n-i}), & \text{if } i \leq n-1 \\ 0, & \text{if } i \geq n \end{cases} = \begin{cases} Z(p^{n-i}), & \text{if } i \leq n-1 \\ 0, & \text{if } i \geq n \end{cases}$$

In this case  $Z(p^{n-i})(q) = 0$  (in fact, in general, if  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , and  $(a, b) = 1$ , then  $Z(a)(b) = 0$ ). Now (1.3) completes the proof.

Case II.  $A = B_r \oplus C_r$ , with  $pB_r = 0$ ,  $C_r = 0$  or  $C_r = Z(p^k)$ . If  $p^k$  divides  $m$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , then  $mA = C_r$  has D.S.I.P. If for every  $k \geq 1$ ,  $p^k$  does not divide  $m$ , then  $A[m] = B_r[m] \oplus C_r[m] = 0$  (see (2.1) a). And again (1.3.) completes the proof.

**Corollary 1.8.:** *Let  $A$  be a torsion group. The following statements are equivalent*

a)  $A$  has D.S.I.P.;

b) For every  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $mA$  has D.S.I.P.

**Proof:** Similar to (1.7) it is sufficient to prove that  $a) \Rightarrow b)$ . Let  $A$  be a torsion group with

D.S.I.P. According to [19,3.3],  $A = \left( \bigoplus_{p \in P_1} A_p \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{p \in P_2} B_p \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{p \in P_3} C_p \right)$ , where:  $P_1 \subseteq P$ ,

for every  $p \in P \setminus P_1$ ,  $A_p$  is a indecomposable  $p$ -group, and for every  $p \in P \setminus P_2$ ,

$B_p = \bigoplus_m Z(p^i)$  ( $m_i \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ),  $C_p = 0$  or  $C_p = Z(p^k)$ . Then

$mA = \left( \bigoplus_{p \in P_1} mA_p \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{p \in P_2} mB_p \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{p \in P_3} mC_p \right)$ , according to (1.2) a). According to (1.7),

every direct summand from the above decomposition of  $mA$  has D.S.I.P. and is fully invariant (see [7, & 2]). Now [13, Lemma 1] completes the proof.

**Remark 1.9.:** In (1.7.) and (1.8.) the universal quantifier  $\forall$  has a fundamental role. Its absence might imply the absence of the implication  $b) \Rightarrow a)$ . For example, if  $A = Z(4) \oplus Z(4)$ , then  $2A = Z(2) \oplus Z(2)$  has D.S.I.P., and  $A$  doesn't have this property anymore.

According to [19, § 4.] a splitting mixed group with D.S.I.P. takes the form:

$$(1) \quad A = \left( \bigoplus_{p \in P_1} A_p \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{p \in P_2} \left( \bigoplus_{m_p} Z(p) \right) \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{m_0} Q \right) \oplus B,$$

where  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are subsets of the set  $P$  of all prime numbers and  $P_1 \cap P_2 = \emptyset$ ;  $A_p$  is reduced, indecomposable, for every  $p \in P_1$ , and  $B$  is reduced torsion-free with D.S.I.P. (if  $m_0 = 0$ , then  $B$  is completely decomposable, homogeneous, of finite rank). If  $B$  is fully invariant in  $A$ , then the converse is true, that is every group of form (1) has D.S.I.P. Combining these results with what we obtain in (1.5.) and (1.8.) we have:

**Corollary 1.10.:** *If the direct summand  $B$  from the (1) decomposition is fully invariant, then the group  $A$  (from the (1) decomposition), has D.S.I.P., if and only if for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $mB$  has D.S.I.P.*

Let  $A/mA = \bigoplus_{p \in P} (A/mA)_p$  be the direct decomposition of  $A/mA$  in its  $p$ -subgroups, according to [7, § 4.]. From [13, Theorem 1.], it follows that  $A/mA$  has D.S.I.P. if and only if for every  $p \in P$  with  $p \nmid m$ ,  $(A/mA)_p$  is a  $p$ -group with D.S.I.P. Thus we have the following theorem:

**Theorem 1.11.:** *Let  $A$  be an abelian group with D.S.I.P. and let  $m$  be any natural number. In any of the following situations,  $A/mA$  has D.S.I.P.:*

a)  $A$  is a  $p$ -group,

b)  $A = \bigoplus_{p \in P} A_p$  is a torsion group, decomposed according to [7, § 4.], and  $\bigoplus_{p \in P} m A_p = 0$ ,

c)  $A = \mathbb{Z}$ ,

d)  $A$  is divisible,

e)  $m$  is a prime number.

**Proof:** a) Let  $A$  be a  $p$ -group with D.S.I.P. If  $A = Z(p^i)$ , with  $i \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and  $p^i$  divides  $m$  ( $i \geq 1$ ), then, from (1.7.) it follows that  $A/mA \cong Z(p^i) / Z(p^{i-m}) \cong Z(p^i)$ . If  $p^i$  does not divide  $m$ , then, again from (1.7.) it follows that  $A/mA = A$ . So  $A/mA$  has D.S.I.P. Now we suppose that  $A = B_p \oplus C_p$ , where  $B_p = \bigoplus_{m_p} Z(p)$ , and  $C_p = 0$  or  $C_p = Z(p^i)$ . Then either  $mA = C_p$ , if  $p^i$  divides  $m$  ( $i \geq 1$ ), or  $mA = A$ , if  $p^i$  does not divide it. It follows that  $A/mA$  has D.S.I.P.

b) Let  $A = \bigoplus_{p \in P} A_p$  be a torsion group with D.S.I.P. According to hypothesis and to (1.2.) a)  $mA = \bigoplus_{p \in P_2} A_p$ , where  $P_2 = \{p \in P \mid p \text{ does not divide } m\}$ , and so  $A/mA$  has D.S.I.P.

c) Let  $m = p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \dots p_k^{n_k}$  be the decomposition of  $m$  in the product of power of prime numbers ( $p_i \in P$ ,  $n_i \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $\forall i = \overline{1, k}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ), and  $A = \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $A/mA = \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}/\mathcal{I}(m) = Z(p_1^{n_1}) \oplus Z(p_2^{n_2}) \oplus \dots \oplus Z(p_k^{n_k})$ , and it has D.S.I.P., according to [19, § 3.]

d) If  $A$  is divisible, then  $mA = A$  and  $A/mA = 0$ .

e) If  $p$  is a prime number, then  $A/pA$  is an elementary  $p$ -group, and in this case it completes [19.2.6] the demonstration.

## 2. The subgroups of form $A[m]$ , $m > 0$

We remind that if  $A$  is any group and  $m$  is a not-null natural number, then  $A[m] = \{a \in A \mid ma = 0\}$ .

**Proposition 2.1.:** Let  $A$  be an abelian group and  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . Then the following statements occur:

a) If  $B$  is a direct summand in  $A$ , then  $B[m]$  is a direct summand in  $A[m]$ ;

b) If  $T$  and  $S$  are subgroups in  $A$ , then  $T[m] \cap S[m] = (T \cap S)[m]$ ;

c) If  $A$  any pure subgroup is a direct summand (in  $A$ ), and  $C$  is a direct summand in  $A[m]$ , then there is  $B$ -direct summand in  $A$ , such that  $B[m] = C$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A = B \oplus C$  be any direct decomposition of  $A$ . We are going to demonstrate that:  $A[m] = B[m] \oplus C[m]$ . If  $a \in A[m]$ , then there is  $b \in B$  and there is  $c \in C$ , such that  $a = b + c$  and  $ma = mb + mc = 0$ . Since  $B \cap C = 0$ , it follows that  $mb = m(-c) = -mc = 0$ ; that is  $b \in B[m]$  and  $c \in C[m]$ . Thus  $A[m] \subseteq B[m] \oplus C[m]$ , because  $B[m] \cap C[m] \subseteq B \cap C = 0$ . Since  $B[m] + C[m] = B[m] \oplus C[m] \subseteq A[m]$ , we obtain the statement equality.

b) Let be  $x \in T[m] \cap S[m]$ . Then  $x \in T$  with  $mx = 0$ , and  $x \in S$  with  $mx = 0$ . It follows that  $x \in (T \cap S)[m]$  and so  $T[m] \cap S[m] \subseteq (T \cap S)[m]$ . Since  $(T \cap S)[m] \subseteq T[m] \cap S[m]$ , it follows that the statement equality occurs.

c) If  $mA = 0$ , then  $A[m] = A$  and any direct summand  $C$  of  $A[m]$  is a direct summand in  $A$ , and  $C[m] = C$ . If  $mA \neq 0$ , then let be  $a \in A$ , with  $\langle a \rangle[m] = 0$ , and  $B = \langle C, a \rangle$ , where  $C$  is a subgroup of  $A[m]$ . We are going to show that  $B[m] = C$ . If  $b \in B$ , then  $b = c + na$ , with  $c \in C$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . The equality  $mb = 0$ , involves  $m(na) = 0$ ; so  $a = 0$  and  $B[m] = C$ . If  $B[m]$  is a direct summand in  $A[m]$ , then from [7.29.1], it follows that  $B$  is a pure subgroup in  $A$ . According to hypothesis and to [7.27.5],  $B$  is a direct summand in  $A$ .

From (2.1 a) it results that the problem of determining the groups  $A$  with D.S.I.P., for which  $A[m]$  has D.S.I.P., confines itself to determine the groups for which  $A[m] \neq 0$ .

**Theorem 2.2.:** Let  $A$  be a torsion group. If  $A$  has D.S.I.P., then for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $A[m]$  also has D.S.I.P.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be a torsion group with D.S.I.P. and let  $A = \bigoplus_p A_p$  be the direct decomposition of  $A$  in its  $p$ -subgroups, according to [7.8.4]. Then  $A[m] = \bigoplus_p A_p[m]$ , according to (2.1 a). We are

going to demonstrate that for every  $p$ -prime number,  $A_p[m]$  has D.S.I.P. Since  $A_p$  is a  $p$ -group with D.S.I.P., we have two cases:

Case I.  $A_p$  is a reduced indecomposable group. In this case there is  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , such that

$$A_p = \mathbb{Z}\langle p^n \rangle \text{ and for every } m \in \mathbb{N}^*, A_p[m] \text{ has D.S.I.P.}$$

Case II.  $A_p = B_p \oplus C_p$ , where  $B_p = \bigoplus_m \mathbb{Z}\langle p \rangle$ , and  $C_p = 0$  or  $C_p = \mathbb{Z}\langle p^n \rangle$ . In this case, for

every pure subgroup  $G$  of  $A_p$ ,  $pG = G \cap pA_p = G \cap pC_p = C_p$ . If  $C_p = 0$ , then  $G$  is a direct summand in  $A_p$ , according to [7.27.5], and if  $C_p = \mathbb{Z}\langle p^n \rangle$ , then  $G$  contains or does not

contain  $Z(p^*)$  (because  $Z(p^*)$  has not pure subgroups except for the trivial ones-see [7,26 (c)]). So  $pG=0$  or  $pG=Z(p^*)$ , in both cases,  $G$  is a direct summand in  $A_p$ . Now let  $T$  and  $S$  be two direct summands in  $A_p[m]$ . According to (2.1)c) there are  $U$  and  $V$ -direct summands in  $A_p$ , such that  $U[m]=T$  and  $V[m]=S$ . Since  $A_p$  has D.S.I.P., it follows that  $U \cap V$  is a direct summand in  $A_p$ . From (2.1)a) and (2.1)b) it follows that  $(U \cap V)[m]=U[m] \cap V[m]=T \cap S$  is a direct summand of  $A_p[m]$ . Hence  $A_p[m]$  has D.S.I.P. Since the subgroups  $A_p[m]$ ,  $p \in P$ , are fully invariants, [13, Lemma 1.] completes the demonstration.

**Corollary 2.3.:** *If  $A$  is a splitting mixed group with D.S.I.P., then for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $A[m]$  has D.S.I.P.*

**Proof:** If the group  $A$  is as in the statement, then  $A = \left( \bigoplus_p A_p \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_m Q \right) \oplus B$  (see [19,6.4]),

where  $A_p$  is a reduced  $p$ -group with D.S.I.P., and  $B$  is a reduced torsion-free group with D.S.I.P. (if  $m_k \neq 0$ , then  $B$  is completely decomposable, homogeneous, of finite rank). It follows that  $A[m] = \bigoplus_p A_p[m]$  and now (2.2.) completes the demonstration.

**Corollary 2.4.:** *Let  $A$  be an abelian group with D.S.I.P. and  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . In any of the following situations,  $A[m]$  has D.S.I.P.:*

- $A$  is a torsion group,
- $A$  is a divisible group,
- $A$  is a torsion-free group,
- $A$  is a splitting mixed group,
- The subgroup  $T(A)$ -the torsion part of  $A$ , is either bounded or finitely generated, and  $(T(A))^m = 0$  (see [19,6.6]).

f)  $A$  is a mixed group and  $A \oplus A$  has D.S.I.P.

**Remark 2.5.:** The converse of (2.2.) is generally false. Thus, there is  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$  with the property that  $A[m]$  has D.S.I.P., but  $A$  doesn't have this property anymore. For example, let  $p$  be a prime number and let be  $A = Z(p^2) \oplus Z(p^2)$ . Then  $A[p] = Z(p) \oplus Z(p)$ . According to [13, Theorem 2],  $A[p]$  has D.S.I.P., and  $A$  doesn't have D.S.I.P.

We close this paragraph with the following result

**Proposition 2.6.:** *For every  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , the group  $A/A[m]$  has D.S.I.P. if and only if  $mA$  has this property.*

**Proof:** Let  $m$  be a not-null natural number and  $\rho_m : A \rightarrow A$  stands for the multiplication by  $m$  in  $A$ . Then the kernel  $\ker \rho_m$  of  $\rho_m$  is  $A[m]$ , and the image  $\text{Im } \rho_m$  of  $\rho_m$  is  $mA$ . It follows that

$0 \rightarrow A[m] \xrightarrow{\iota} A \xrightarrow{\rho_m} mA \rightarrow 0$  is an exact sequence, and so  $A/A[m] \cong mA$ .

3. The subgroups of form  $m^{-1}A, m > 0$ 

Let  $G$  be an abelian group,  $A$  a subgroup of  $G$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $m \geq 2$ . It is known that  $m^{-1}A = \{x \in G \mid mx \in A\}$  is a subgroup of  $G$ . In this paragraph we will see under what conditions  $m^{-1}A$  has D.S.I.P., if  $A$  has this property.

**Proposition 3.1.:** *If  $A$  is a subgroup of  $G$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , and  $B$  and  $C$  are two subgroups of  $A$ , then the following statements occur:*

a)  $m^{-1}B \cap m^{-1}C = m^{-1}(B \cap C)$ .

b) If  $G[m] = 0$  and  $T$  is a subgroup in  $m^{-1}A$ , then there is an  $S$ -subgroup of  $G$ , such that  $T = m^{-1}S$ .

**Proof:** a) Let be  $x \in m^{-1}B \cap m^{-1}C$ . Then  $mx \in B$  and  $mx \in C$ ; so  $mx \in B \cap C$  and  $x \in m^{-1}(B \cap C)$ . It follows that  $m^{-1}B \cap m^{-1}C \subseteq m^{-1}(B \cap C)$  (1). If  $y \in m^{-1}(B \cap C)$ , then  $my \in B \cap C$ , so  $my \in B$  and  $my \in C$ , that is  $y \in m^{-1}B \cap m^{-1}C$ . Hence  $m^{-1}(B \cap C) \subseteq m^{-1}B \cap m^{-1}C$  (2). From relationships (1) and (2) we obtain the statement equality.

b) Let be  $S = \{m|t \in T\} = mT$ . Then, according to [7, & 1] we have  $m^{-1}S = m^{-1}(mT) = T + A[m] = T$ , because  $A[m] \subseteq G[m] = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.2.:** *Let  $G$  be an abelian group with  $G[m] = 0$ , for a  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , and  $A$  a pure subgroup of  $G$ . Then  $A = m^{-1}A$  and  $A = B \oplus C$  if and only if  $m^{-1}A = m^{-1}B \oplus m^{-1}C$ .*

**Proof:** Since  $m^{-1}(mA) = A + G[m] = A$  and  $mA = A \cap mG$ , from (3.1)a), we obtain:

$$A = A + G[m] = m^{-1}(mA) = m^{-1}(mG \cap A) = [m^{-1}(mG)] \cap (m^{-1}A) = \\ = (G + mG) \cap (m^{-1}A) = G \cap (m^{-1}A) = m^{-1}A$$

Now the last statement from the enunciation comes out from the fact that if  $B$  is a direct summand of  $A$ , then  $B$  is a pure subgroup in  $A$  and in  $G$  (see [7, 26.1.(a)].)

**Corollary 3.3.:** *a) Under the conditions from (3.2) the subgroup  $A$  has D.S.I.P. if and only if  $m^{-1}A$  has this property.*

b) *If  $G$  is a torsion-free group and  $A$  is a pure subgroup of  $G$  (in particular a direct summand of  $G$ ), then  $A$  has D.S.I.P. if and only if  $m^{-1}A$  has D.S.I.P.*

**Remark 3.4.:** In (3.2.) and (3.3.) the conditions  $G[m] = 0$  or  $A$  subgroup of  $G$  with the property that  $mA = mG \cap A$ , are fundamental. Thus, if one of these conditions is not fulfilled, then the conclusion from (3.3.)a) may take no place, for example:

1) If  $G = \mathbb{Z}(4) \oplus \mathbb{Z}(2)$ ,  $A = \mathbb{Z}(2)$  is a pure subgroup of  $G$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}^{-1}A = G$ ,  $G[2] \neq 0$ . It is remarked that  $A$  has D.S.I.P., according to [19, 3.1.], but  $\mathbb{Z}^{-1}A$  doesn't have this property.

2) If  $G = \mathbb{Z}(16) \oplus \mathbb{Z}(4) \oplus \mathbb{Z}(3)$  and  $A = \mathbb{Z}(2)$ , then  $2A = 0$  and  $2G \cap A \neq 0$ . The subgroup  $A$  has D.S.I.P., but  $\mathbb{Z}^{-1}A = \mathbb{Z}(2) \oplus \mathbb{Z}(4)$  doesn't have D.S.I.P.

#### 4. The Frattini subgroup

Now we will study the conditions for which the Frattini subgroup of an abelian group with D.S.I.P. has D.S.I.P. too. We remind that a subgroup  $M$  of  $A$  is called maximal (in  $A$ ), if  $M < A$  and  $M < B < A$  implies  $M=B$ , and the Frattini subgroup of  $A$ , for short  $F(A)$ , is the intersection of all maximal subgroups of  $A$ .

We begin this section with the proof of the following elementary results:

**Proposition 4.1.** For any abelian group  $A$ , the following statements occur:

a) The subgroup  $M$  is maximal in  $A$ , if and only if it is of prime index.

b) The intersection of all maximal subgroups of  $A$  of the same prime index  $p$  is  $pA$ .

c)  $F(A) = \bigcap_{p \in \mathcal{P}} pA$ .

d)  $A$  is divisible if and only if  $A = F(A)$ .

e) If  $A$  is torsion-free and  $B$  and  $C$  are two subgroups of  $A$ , then  $F(B \cap C) = F(B) \cap F(C)$ .

f) If  $C$  is a subgroup in  $F(A)$ , there is  $B$ -subgroup in  $A$ , such that  $F(B) = C$ .

g) If  $A$  is torsion-free and  $B$  and  $C$  are two subgroups of  $A$ , with  $t(B) \leq t(C)$ , then  $t(F(B)) \leq t(F(C))$  ( $t(G)$  note the type of group  $G$ ).

**Proof:** a) Let  $M$  be a maximal subgroup of  $A$ . If  $A/M$  is not cyclic, then there is a generator  $xM$  of  $A/M$ , with the property that  $\langle x, M \rangle \neq A$ ; this contradicts the maximality of  $M$ . So  $A/M$  is cyclic. If  $A/M$  is infinite, then, again, there is  $x \in A/M$ , with the property that  $\langle x, M \rangle \neq A$ . It follows that  $A/M$  is finite. Let  $|A/M| = n$  be the index of  $M$  in  $A$  and  $A/M = \bigoplus_{i=1}^k (A/M)_{p_i}$  the direct decomposition of  $A/M$  in its  $p$ -subgroups, according to [7,8,4]. If  $k \geq 2$ , then there is a  $p$ -prime number such that  $M < A_p < A$ , which is a contradiction of hypothesis. So  $M$  is of prime index  $p$  in  $A$ .

Conversely, we suppose that  $|A/M| = p$ , where  $p$  is a prime number and  $B$  is a subgroup of  $A$  with  $M < B < A$ . Then  $B/M$  is a subgroup of  $A/M$  and  $|B/M| = 1$  in which case  $M=B$ , or  $|B/M| = p$ , in which case  $M=A$ . It follows that  $M$  is maximal in  $A$ .

b) Let  $F_p(A)$  be the intersection of all maximal subgroups of  $A$  of the same prime index  $p$ . If  $M$  is a subgroup of  $A$ , with  $|A/M| = p$ , then  $\forall x \in A$ ,  $px \in M$ , so  $pA \subseteq M$ . It follows that  $pA \subseteq F_p(A)$  and because  $F_p(A) \subseteq pA$ , we obtain that  $F_p(A) = pA$ .

c) The statement equality results from what we proved in case b) and from the fact that  $F(A) = \bigcap_p F_p(A)$ .

d) If  $A$  is divisible, then  $pA = A$ , for every prime number  $p$ . It follows that  $A = F(A)$ . Conversely, if  $A = F(A)$ , then  $A \subseteq pA$ , for every prime number  $p$ . So  $A$  is  $p$ -divisible, for every  $p \in \mathcal{P}$ . According to [7,20,(A)],  $A$  is divisible.

e) Let be  $x \in F(B) \cap F(C)$ . Then for every  $p \in \mathcal{P}$ , there is  $b_p \in B$  and there is  $c_p \in C$ , such that  $x = pb_p = pc_p$ . From hypothesis it follows that  $b_p = c_p$ , and  $x \in F(B \cap C)$ . Hence  $F(B) \cap F(C) \subseteq F(B \cap C)$ , and since the converse inclusion is always valid, we obtain the statement equality.

f) Let  $C$  be a subgroup of  $F(A) = \bigcap_p F_p(A)$ , and  $B = \{a \in A \mid \forall p \in \mathcal{P}, pa \in C\}$ . It can be easily shown that  $B$  is a subgroup of  $A$  and  $F(B) = C$ .



g) Let be  $b \in B$  and  $n$ - $p$ -height of  $b$  in  $B$ , so  $n = h_p^n(b)$ . Then  $b \in p^n(B)$  and  $b \in p^{n+1}(B)$ . Since  $b \in p^{n+1}(pA)$  and  $b \in p^n(pA)$ , it follows that  $h_p^n(b) = n-1$ . It results that, if  $b \in F(B)$  and  $\chi_b = (k_1, \dots, k_n)$  is the characteristic of  $b$  in  $B$ , then the characteristic of the same  $b$ , in  $F(B)$ , is  $\chi_{b,F(B)} = (k_1 - 1, \dots, k_n - 1)$ . Now we consider  $u \in F(B)$  and  $v \in F(C)$ ,  $t_1 = t_{p,1}(u) = (m_1, \dots, m_n)$  and  $t_2 = t_{p,2}(v) = (l_1, \dots, l_n)$  the types of elements  $u$  respectively  $v$ , represented by one characteristic of them. In accordance with what we proved above it follows that  $t_1 = t_p(u) = (m_1 + 1, \dots, m_n + 1, \dots)$  and  $t_2 = t_p(v) = (l_1 + 1, \dots, l_n + 1, \dots)$ . According to hypothesis it follows that  $t_1 \leq t_2$ , so  $m_i \leq l_i$ , for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

In our developments we will use extensively the following result owing to Diab ([6, Theorem 2.])

**Theorem 4.2.:** *If  $A_i, i \in I$ , is a family of abelian groups, then*

$$F\left(\bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i\right) = \bigoplus_{i \in I} F(A_i).$$

We will now present the solution of our problem.

**Theorem 4.3.:** *If  $A$  is a  $p$ -group with D.S.I.P., then  $F(A)$  has D.S.I.P. too.*

**Proof:** According to [13, Theorem 2.], we have two cases.

Case 1: If the group  $A$  is reduced indecomposable, then there is a  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , such that  $A = Z(p^n)$ . In

this case  $F(A) = \prod_{q \neq p} qA = pA \left( \prod_{q \neq p, q \in \mathbb{P}} qA = Z(p^n) \right) \cup A = Z(p^n) \cup A = Z(p^n)$  because for every  $q$ -prime number different from  $p$ , we have  $qA = A$ . So  $F(A)$  is a indecomposable  $p$ -group and it has D.S.I.P.

Case 2:  $A = B_p \oplus C_p$ , with  $B_p = \bigoplus_{m_p} Z(p)$ , and  $C_p = 0$  or  $C_p = Z(p^n)$ . According to (4.2),

$$F(A) = F(B_p) \oplus F(C_p), \quad F(B_p) = \bigoplus_{m_p} F(Z(p)) = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad F(C_p) = C_p, \quad (\text{see (4.1)(d)})$$

**Corollary 4.4.:** *If  $A$  is a torsion group with D.S.I.P., then  $F(A)$  has the same property too.*

**Proof:** If  $A$  is as in the enunciation, then  $A = \bigoplus_p A_p$ , where  $A_p$  is a  $p$ -group with D.S.I.P.,

according to [7, 8.4.] and [13, Theorem 1.]. From (4.2) we obtain that  $F(A) = \bigoplus_p F(A_p)$ , where

for every  $p$ ,  $F(A_p)$  has D.S.I.P. (see (4.3.)). Since  $F(A_p)$ , for every  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ , are fully invariant in  $F(A)$  it follows that  $F(A)$  has D.S.I.P., according to [13, Lemma 1.].

**Remark 4.5.:** The converse of (4.3) (so of (4.4) too) is generally false. For example, if  $A = Z(p^n) \oplus Z(p) \oplus Z(p^n)$ , then  $F(A) = Z(p) \oplus Z(p^n)$  has D.S.I.P., and  $A$  doesn't have this property.

Concerning the divisible groups, from (4.1)d) it follows the next trivial result.

**Remark 4.6.:** *If  $A$  is a divisible group, then  $A$  has D.S.I.P. if and only if  $F(A)$  has D.S.I.P. too.*

Because  $F(\mathbb{Z}) = 0$ , from (4.2), it follows that  $F(A) = 0$ , for every free group  $A$ . Therefore, according to [19, 2.2.], for free groups we have an analogous result with that from (4.6) too.

Now we will consider,

$$(*) \quad A = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i,$$

a torsion-free group. If  $A$  has D.S.I.P. and it is reduced, according to [13, Theorem 6] (or [19, 5.5]), every  $A_i$ ,  $i \in I$ , is either completely decomposable homogeneous or it satisfies conditions from [13, Lemma 10.] (or [19, 5.4]); and if  $A$  is not reduced, then

$$A = \left( \bigoplus_{m_i} Q \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_n C \right),$$

where  $C$  is a reduced group of rank one.

**Theorem 4.7.:** *If  $A$  is torsion-free decomposed according to relationship (\*), and it has D.S.I.P., then  $F(A)$  has this property too.*

**Proof:** If  $A$  is as in the enunciation, then, as we specify above, we have three cases.

Case 1. The group  $A$  is reduced and every  $A_i$ ,  $i \in I$ , is completely decomposable homogeneous.

Then  $A_i = \bigoplus_{j \in J_i} A_{j_i}$ , where  $\{J_i\}_{i \in I}$  represents a partition of  $I$ , and for every  $j_i \in J_i$ ,  $A_{j_i}$  are

all of rank one and isomorphic. According to what we proved above,  $F(A_i) = \bigoplus_{j_i \in J_i} F(A_{j_i})$  is

either 0 or a reduced completely decomposable homogeneous group too. So,  $F(A) = \bigoplus_{i \in I} F(A_i)$ , and according to [19, 5.5], it has D.S.I.P. too.

Case 2. The group  $A$  is reduced, the set  $M_A$  of all types of elements of  $A$  contains the smallest element  $i_0$ , for which the set  $I_{A, i_0} = \{i \in I \mid (A_i) = i_0\}$  is a finite subset of  $I$ , and for every  $i_1, i_2 \in I_{A, i_0}$ ,  $i_1 \neq i_2$ ,  $i_1(A_{i_1})$  and  $i_2(A_{i_2})$  are incomparable. From (4.1.g) it follows that

there is  $i_0$ , the smallest element in the set  $M_{F(A)}$  of all types of elements of  $F(A)$ , with the property that  $I_{F(A), i_0} = \{i \in I \mid (F(A_i)) = i_0\}$  is a finite subset of  $I$ , and for every  $i_1, i_2 \in I_{F(A), i_0}$ ,  $i_1 \neq i_2$ ,  $i_1(F(A_{i_1}))$  and  $i_2(F(A_{i_2}))$  are incomparable. It results that together

with  $A$   $F(A)$  satisfies [19, 5.5] as well, and so it has D.S.I.P. too.

Case 3. The group  $A$  is not reduced and  $A = \left( \bigoplus_{m_i} Q \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_n C \right)$ , where  $C$  is a reduced of rank one

group,  $m_i$  and  $n$  being two non-null natural numbers. Then  $F(A) = \left( \bigoplus_{m_i} Q \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_n F(C) \right)$ , where

$F(C)$  is reduced of rank one if  $C \neq \mathbb{Z}$ , or  $F(C) = 0$  if  $C = \mathbb{Z}$ . Therefore, and in this case,  $F(A)$  has D.S.I.P.

**Remark 4.8.:** The converse of (4.7.) is generally false, that is: if  $A$  is a torsion-free group with property that  $F(A)$  has D.S.I.P., it does not result that  $A$  has D.S.I.P. too. For example, let be

$$A = \left( \bigoplus_{m_i} Q \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_n C \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_m Z \right),$$

where  $m_i$ ,  $n$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}^+$ , and  $C$  is torsion-free, reduced and

of rank one group. Then,  $F(A) = \left( \bigoplus_m Q \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_r P(\zeta^r) \right)$  has D.S.I.P., but  $A$  doesn't have this property anymore.

Combining what we obtain in (4.4), (4.7) and [19,6.4], we have:

**Corollary 4.9.:** *If  $A$  is a splitting mixed group with D.S.I.P., then  $F(A)$  has D.S.I.P. too.*

From (4.8) it results:

**Remark 4.10.:** The converse of (4.9.) is generally false, that is there are abelian mixed groups,  $A$ , with property that  $F(A)$  has D.S.I.P., without  $A$  having D.S.I.P.

Let  $A$  be a  $p$ -group. In this case, as we proved in (4.3.),  $F(A) = pA$ , and so  $A/F(A)$  is an elementary  $p$ -group.

Now we will consider  $A$  as being a torsion group, and let  $A = \bigoplus_p A_p$  be the direct decomposition of  $A$  in its  $p$ -subgroups, according to [7,8.4]. In this case,  $F(A) = \bigoplus_p F(A_p) = \bigoplus_p pA_p$ . If  $\bar{a} \in A/F(A) = \bigoplus_p A_p / \bigoplus_p pA_p$ , then there is  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and there is  $a_{p_i} \in A_{p_i}$ , for every  $i=1, k$ , such that  $\bar{a} = a_{p_1} + \dots + a_{p_k} + \left( \bigoplus_p pA_p \right)$ , and the order of  $\bar{a}$  is

$p_1 \dots p_k$ . It follows that any element from  $A/F(A)$  has the order a square free integer. So  $A/F(A) = S(AT(A))$  ( $S(G)$  being the socle of group  $G$ ), and  $AT(A)$  is a elementary group.

Synthesizing what we obtained in this paragraph, concerning  $A/F(A)$ , we have the following results:

**Proposition 4.11.:** *Let  $A$  be an abelian group and  $F(A)$  its Frattini subgroup. In any of the following situations,  $A/F(A)$  has D.S.I.P.:*

- $A$  is a  $p$ -group.
- $A$  is a torsion group.
- $A$  is a free group.
- $A$  is a divisible group.
- $A$  is the direct sum between a free group and a divisible group.
- $A$  is the direct sum between elementary group, a divisible group and a free group.

## 5. The $p$ -basic subgroups

Let  $A$  be an abelian group and  $p$  any prime number. By a  $p$ -basic subgroup  $B$  of  $A$  we mean a subgroup of  $A$  satisfying the following three conditions:

- $B$  is a direct sum of cyclic  $p$ -groups and infinite cyclic groups,
- $B$  is  $p$ -pure in  $A$ ,
- $A/B$  is  $p$ -divisible.

From [7,32.3,35.2] it follows that every group contains  $p$ -basic subgroups, for a given prime  $p$ , all  $p$ -basic subgroups of a group are isomorphic.

If  $B$  is the  $p$ -basic subgroup of  $A$ , then:

$$(*) \quad B = B_0 \oplus B_1 \oplus \dots \oplus B_n \oplus \dots$$

where:  $B_0 = \oplus \mathbb{Z}$  and  $B_n = \oplus \mathbb{Z}(p^n)$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ .

From the above it follows:

**Remark 5.1.:** The group  $A$  is  $p$ -basic in  $A$ , if and only if  $A$  is a direct sum of cyclic  $p$ -groups and infinite cyclic groups.

**Remark 5.2.** The subgroup 0 is p-basic in A, if and only if A is p-divisible.

**Remark 5.3.** From (5.2) it follows that if A is divisible, then its p-basic subgroup is 0 and so it has D.S.I.P., indifferent if A has or has not this property.

In our developments we will use the following result very much:

**Proposition 5.4.** (Fuchs, [7]) If  $B_i$  is the p-basic subgroup of  $A_i, i \in I$ , then  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} B_i$  is the p-basic subgroup of  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i$ .

**Proof:** If the relationship (i) is true for every  $B_i, i \in I$ , then it is true for  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} B_i$  too. Let x be

any element from  $\left(\bigoplus_{i \in I} B_i\right) \cap p\left(\bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i\right) = \left(\bigoplus_{i \in I} B_i\right) \cap p\left(\bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i\right)$  (see (1.2) a). Then there is  $n \in \mathbb{N}'$ , such that  $x = b_{i_1} + \dots + b_{i_n} - p a_{i_1} - \dots - p a_{i_n}$  (1), where  $a_{i_k} \in A_{i_k}$  and  $b_{i_k} \in B_{i_k}$ , for every  $k = 1, n$ . Writing the relationship (1) in the shape

$$(b_{i_1} - p a_{i_1}) + (b_{i_2} - p a_{i_2}) + \dots + (b_{i_n} - p a_{i_n}) = 0,$$

we obtain that  $b_{i_k} = p a_{i_k}$ , for every  $k = 1, n$ . Then  $b_{i_k} \in B_{i_k} \cap p A_{i_k} = p B_{i_k}, k = \overline{1, n}$ , because  $B_{i_k}$  are p-pure subgroups in  $A_i$ , for every  $i \in I$ . It results that there is  $b'_{i_k} \in B_{i_k}, k = \overline{1, n}$ , such

that  $b_{i_k} = p b'_{i_k}$  and  $x - p(b'_{i_1} + \dots + b'_{i_n}) \in p\left(\bigoplus_{i \in I} B_i\right)$ . Thus that

$\left(\bigoplus_{i \in I} B_i\right) \cap p\left(\bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i\right) \subset p\left(\bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i\right)$ . This inclusion shows that  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} B_i$  is a p-pure in  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i$ . Now

let be x and y two elements from  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i$ ,  $\bar{x}$  and  $\bar{y}$  their cosets modulo  $\left(\bigoplus_{i \in I} B_i\right)$ . We will consider

the equation

$$(2) \quad p\bar{x} = \bar{y},$$

in  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i / \left(\bigoplus_{i \in I} B_i\right)$ . Then  $x = x_{i_1} + \dots + x_{i_m}, y = y_{j_1} + \dots + y_{j_n}$ , where  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}', x_{i_k} \in A_{i_k},$

$k = \overline{1, m}, y_{j_l} \in A_{j_l}, l = \overline{1, n}$ , and the equation (2) becomes

$$(3) \quad p\left(x_{i_1} + \dots + x_{i_m} + \left(\bigoplus_{i \in I} B_i\right)\right) = y_{j_1} + \dots + y_{j_n} + \left(\bigoplus_{i \in I} B_i\right),$$

or equivalent

$$(4) \quad p x_{i_k} = y_{j_l} + b_{i_k}, k = \overline{1, m},$$

and  $b_{i_k} \in B_{i_k}$ . Thus we could write the equations (4)

$$(5) \quad p x_{i_k} + B_{i_k} = y_{j_l} + B_{i_k}, k = \overline{1, m}.$$

Since  $A_i / B_i$  are p-divisible groups,  $\forall i \in I$ , there is  $a_{i_k} \in A_{i_k}, k = \overline{1, m}$ , such that

$$(6) \quad p(a_{i_k} + B_{i_k}) = y_{j_l} + B_{i_k},$$

that is the equations (5) have solutions in  $A_{i_k} / B_{i_k}$ . By summing all the relationships (6) we obtain

$$(7) p(a_1 + \dots + a_n + \left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^n B_i\right)) = y + \left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^n B_i\right)$$

It follows that the equation (2) has the solution  $\bar{a} = a + \left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^n B_i\right)$ , where  $a = a_1 + \dots + a_n$ , so  $\left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^n A_i\right) / \left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^n B_i\right)$  is  $p$ -divisible. Thus we proved that the relationships (i)-(iii), from the definition of  $p$ -basic subgroups are also true for  $\bigoplus_{i=1}^n B_i$ , which is a subgroup of  $\bigoplus_{i=1}^n A_i$ . Therefore  $\bigoplus_{i=1}^n B_i$  is the  $p$ -basic subgroup of  $\bigoplus_{i=1}^n A_i$ .

We will note from this point on with  $B_A$  the  $p$ -basic subgroup of  $A$ .

**Proposition 5.5:** *If  $A$  is a  $p$ -group with D.S.I.P., then  $B_A$  has D.S.I.P. too.*

**Proof:** If  $A = Z(p^n)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ , then  $A = B_A$ , according to (5.1). If  $A = \left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^m Z_{p_i}\right) \oplus C$ , then

$$B_A = \bigoplus_{i=1}^m Z_{p_i}, \text{ because } B\left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^m Z(p_i)\right) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^m Z(p_i) \text{ and } B_{C_{p_i}} = 0 \text{ (see (5.1), (5.2) and (5.4)).}$$

**Corollary 5.6:** *If  $A$  is a torsion group with D.S.I.P., then  $B_A$  has D.S.I.P. too.*

**Proof:** Let  $A = \bigoplus_{\alpha} A_{\alpha}$  be a torsion group with D.S.I.P. Then according to (5.4) and (5.5),

$$B_A = \bigoplus_{\alpha} B_{A_{\alpha}}, \text{ where every } B_{A_{\alpha}} \text{ is a } p\text{-group with D.S.I.P. Now [13, Lemma 1] completes}$$

the demonstration.

**Theorem 5.7:** *If  $C = Z$  is a reduced torsion-free of rank one group, then  $B_C = 0$ .*

**Proof:** If  $C$  is as in the enunciation, then  $C$  is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Since the rank of  $B_C$  is at the most equal with one and  $B_C$  has the form from (\*), it follows that either  $B_C = 0$  or  $B_C = Z$ . If  $B_C = Z$ , then  $Z$  is  $p$ -pure in  $C$ , that is  $pZ = Z \cap pC$  (\*\*). If  $C$  contains at least one fraction with the denominator  $p$ , then the equality (\*\*) is not true and  $Z$  is not  $p$ -pure in  $C$ . Now we suppose that  $C$  does not contain any rational fraction with the denominator  $p$  and that  $C/Z$  is  $p$ -divisible. Then, for every  $y$  from  $C$ , the equation  $p(x+Z) = y+Z$  has a solution  $x+Z \in C/Z$ , that is  $\forall y \in C, \exists x \in C$ , such that  $px - y \in Z$ , where it follows that  $x = \frac{y+k}{p} \in C$ . If  $y \in Z$ , then  $x$  is a rational fraction with the denominator  $p$ , from  $C$ -which is in contradiction with our supposition, and if  $Z \not\subset C$ , then  $B_C = 0$ . Therefore  $Z$  cannot be the  $p$ -basic subgroup of  $C$ .

**Corollary 5.8:** *If  $A$  is a torsion-free group with D.S.I.P., then  $B_A$  has D.S.I.P. too.*

**Proof:** If  $A$  is an unreduced torsion-free group with D.S.I.P., then  $A = \left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^m Q\right) \oplus \left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^n C_i\right)$  (see

[19, 5.16]), where  $m, n$  are non-null natural numbers, and  $C_i$  is a reduced of rank one group.

From (5.3), (5.2) and (5.7) it follows that  $B_A = 0$ , if  $C \neq Z$ , and if  $C = Z$ , then  $B_A = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n Z_i$ , and

$B_A$  has D.S.I.P., according [19, 2.2]. If  $A$  is a reduced group, then  $A$  is either a homogeneous

group, completely decomposable, in which case  $B_p = 0$ , or if it satisfies conditions from [19, (5.4)], then  $B_p = \oplus Z$  or  $B_p = 0$ .

**Corollary 5.9.** *If  $A$  splitting mixed group with D.S.I.P., then  $B_A$  has D.S.I.P. too.*

**Proof:** If  $A$  is as in the enunciation, then

$$A = \left( \bigoplus_{p \in P} A_p \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_m D \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_n C \right),$$

where  $A_p$  are reduced  $p$ -groups with D.S.I.P., for every  $p \in P$ , and  $m, n$  and  $C$  have the same meaning like (5.8). Applying (5.4), (5.6), (5.7) and (5.2), we obtain the statement.

The remarks impose themselves here.

**Remark 5.10.** The converse of (5.3) is generally false. Indeed, if  $A = Z(p^n) \oplus Z(p^m)$ , then  $B_p = 0$  has in trivial way D.S.I.P., and  $A$  doesn't have D.S.I.P. (see [13, Lemma 2]).

**Remark 5.11.** From (5.10) and (5.2) it follows that the converse of (5.5) is generally false. So there is an abelian  $p$ -group with the property that  $B_p$  has D.S.I.P., without  $A$  having D.S.I.P.

**Remark 5.12.** From (5.7) it follows that the converse of (5.8) is generally false, that is: if  $A$  is a torsion-free group and  $B_p$  has D.S.I.P., it does not result that  $A$  has this property too.

**Remark 5.13.** From (5.10) (or (5.12)) it follows that the converse of (5.9) is generally false.

In the end we present some classes of abelian groups, for which the quotient group  $A/B_p$  has D.S.I.P.

**Theorem 5.14.** *Let  $A$  be an abelian group,  $p$  a any prime number and  $B_p$  the  $p$ -basic subgroup of  $A$ . In any of the following situations, the group  $A/B_p$  has D.S.I.P.:*

- $A$  is a  $p$ -group with D.S.I.P.
- $A$  is a torsion group with D.S.I.P.
- $A$  is a free group.
- $A$  is a divisible group with D.S.I.P.
- $A = \bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i$  is a torsion-free group with D.S.I.P., which does not satisfy [19.5.4].
- $A$  is a group of the form:

$$\left( \bigoplus_p A_p \right) \oplus D \oplus \left( \bigoplus_m Z \right) \oplus \left[ \bigoplus_{i \in I} \left( \bigoplus_m C_i \right) \right],$$

where: for every  $p \in P$ ,  $A_p$  is a  $p$ -group with D.S.I.P.,

-  $D$  is a divisible group,

-  $m_i$  and  $m_i, i \in I$ , can be any natural numbers,

- for every  $i \in I$ ,  $C_i$  is a torsion-free completely decomposable homogeneous and reduced group.

**Proof:** a) If  $A = Z(p^n)$ , with  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , then  $B_A = A$ , and if  $A = \left( \bigoplus_{m_r} Z(p) \right) \oplus C_r$ , with  $m_r \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $C_r = 0$  or  $C_r = Z(p^{n_r})$ , then  $B_A = \bigoplus_{m_r} Z(p)$ . Hence, in this case, either  $\mathcal{N} B_A = 0$  or

$$\mathcal{N} B_A = Z(p^n)$$

b) Let  $A$  be a torsion group with D.S.I.P. and let

$A = \left( \bigoplus_{r \in P} Z(p^{n_r}) \right) \oplus \left[ \bigoplus_{r \in P, m_r} \left( \bigoplus_{m_r} Z(p) \right) \right] \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{r \in P} C_r \right)$  be a direct decomposition of  $A$ , where

$P_r \subset P$ ,  $n_r \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $m_r \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $C_r$  have the same meaning as above. In this case

$$B_A = \left( \bigoplus_{r \in P} Z(p^{n_r}) \right) \oplus \left[ \bigoplus_{r \in P, m_r} \left( \bigoplus_{m_r} Z(p) \right) \right], \text{ and } \mathcal{N} B_A = \bigoplus_{r \in P} C_r. \text{ Now [19.4.4.] completes}$$

the demonstration.

c) If  $A$  is a free group, then  $B_A = A$  and  $\mathcal{N} B_A = 0$ .

d) If  $A$  is a divisible group, then  $A$  is  $p$ -divisible and, according to (5.2),  $B_A = 0$ . Thus, in this case  $\mathcal{N} B_A \cong A$ .

e) At first we suppose that the group  $A$  is reduced. In this case, according to [19.5.5], for every  $i \in I$ ,  $A_i$  is homogeneous group, completely decomposable. Let be  $i \in I$  and  $A_i = \bigoplus_{j \in J_i} A_{j_i}$ ,

where  $\{J_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a partition of  $I$ , and for every  $j_i \in J_i$ ,  $A_{j_i}$  are of rank one and isomorphic.

From (5.4.) and (5.7.) it follows that  $B_{A_i} = \bigoplus_{j_i \in J_i} B_{A_{j_i}} = \bigoplus_{j_i \in J_i} \mathbb{Z}$ , if  $\forall j_i \in J_i$ ,  $A_{j_i} = \mathbb{Z}$ , or

$B_{A_i} = 0$ , if  $\forall j_i \in J_i$ ,  $A_{j_i} \neq \mathbb{Z}$ . So  $B_A$  is either 0 or a free group. Let be  $I_r = \{i \in I \mid A_i \text{ is a free group}\}$ . It results that, in this case,  $B_A = \bigoplus_{i \in I_r} B_{A_i} = \bigoplus_{i \in I_r} A_i$ , and  $\mathcal{N} B_A \cong \bigoplus_{i \in I_r} A_i$ . Now, we

suppose that  $A$  is not reduced. Then,  $A = \left( \bigoplus_n \mathbb{Q} \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{m_r} C_r \right)$ , where  $C$  is a reduced group of rank

one,  $m_r$  and  $n$  being two not-null natural numbers. It follows that either  $B_A = 0$ , if  $C = \mathbb{Z}$ , or

$B_A \cong \bigoplus_{m_r} C_r$ , if  $C \neq \mathbb{Z}$ . So, in this case either  $\mathcal{N} B_A$  is isomorphic with  $A$ , or it is a torsion-free

divisible group, and according to [19.4.1],  $\mathcal{N} B_A$  has D.S.I.P.

f) The statement results from (5.4.), (5.5.), (5.1.), (5.2.) and (5.7.)

From [19.6.4.] and (5.14.)f) we obtain:

**Corollary 5.15.:** *If  $A$  is a splitting mixed group with D.S.I.P., and  $B_A$  is the  $p$ -basic subgroup of  $A$ , where  $p$  is a prime number, then  $\mathcal{N} B_A$  has D.S.I.P..*

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