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## K-ESSENTIAL SUBGROUPS OF ABELIAN GROUPS II

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Abstract: The purpose of this paper is to continue the investigation of K-essential subgroups of abelian groups begun in [1]. There is given a generalization of the group-socle and the intersections of K-essential subgroups of a group G are investigated with respect to the existence of the smallest K-essential subgroup of G. The theorem 3.3 gives a description of the intersection of all the maximal K-essential subgroups (a generalization of the Frattini-subgroup). Finally, there is investigated the Galois-correspondence on the power-set of all subgroups of G defined by the relation "A is B-essential in G". Further, the notion of the pure-closure is generalized and the topologies of G defined by the filters of K-essential subgroups for various subgroups K of G are studied.

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0. Introduction. This paper develops the theory of K-essential subgroups as it was introduced in [1]. All groups considered here are abelian. Concerning the terminology and notation we refer to [3],[4] and [1]. For convenience, we are going to introduce the following definition from [1].

Definition: Let G be a group and K a subgroup of G. A subgroup N of G is said to be K-essential in G if for every  $g \in G \setminus K$  there is an integer  $n > 0$  with  $ng \in N \setminus K$ .

Notice that the set of all  $K$ -essential subgroups of  $G$  is a filter (see 1.4 [1]).

Let  $K \subset N$  be subgroups of a group  $G$ . Following Krivonos [5], a subgroup  $A$  of  $G$  is said to be  $N$ - $K$ -high in  $G$  if  $A$  is maximal with respect to the property  $A \cap N = K$ .

Denote by  $\overline{N}$  the set of all square-free integers.

### 1. The $K$ -socle and $K$ -essential subgroups.

Definition 1.1. Let  $K$  be a subgroup of a group  $G$ . The set of all  $g \in G$  such that there is  $n \in \overline{N}$  with  $ng \in K$  we call  $K$ -socle of  $G$  and denote by  $G^K$ .

Obviously,  $G^K$  is a subgroup of  $G$  containing  $K$ . Further,  $G^0$  is the socle of  $G$ . The group  $G^K/K$  is the socle of  $G/K$ , i.e.  $(G/K)^0 = G^K/K$ . The subgroup  $G^K$  is generated by the family of all elements  $g \in G$  that there is  $p \in \overline{P}$  with  $pg \in K$ .

Lemma 1.2. Let  $K$  be a subgroup of a group  $G$ . Then for each element  $g \in G \setminus G^K$  there exists a  $K$ -essential subgroup  $N$  of  $G$  with  $G^K \subset N$  and  $g \notin N$ .

Proof. Let  $g \in G \setminus G^K$  and  $p$  be a prime such that  $\sigma(g + K) < \infty$  implies  $p^2 \mid \sigma(g + K)$ . Now,  $g \notin \langle G^K, pg \rangle$ . For, if  $g = s + kpg$ , where  $s \in G^K$  and  $k$  is an integer, then  $(kp - 1)g \in G^K$ . Consequently, there is  $n \in \overline{N}$  such that  $n(kp - 1)g \in K$ . Hence  $p^2 \mid n(kp - 1)$ , a contradiction.

Let  $N$  be a subgroup of  $G$  maximal with respect to the properties:  $\langle G^K, pg \rangle \subset N$ ,  $g \notin N$ . Then  $N$  is  $K$ -essential in  $G$ . For, if  $x \in G \setminus K \cup N$  then  $g \in \langle x, N \rangle$ , i.e.  $g = rx + n$ , where  $n \in N$  and  $r$  is an integer. Now,  $prx = pg - pn \in N$ . If  $prx \in K$  then  $rx \in G^K$  and  $g \in N$ , a contradiction. Hence  $prx \in N \setminus K$ .

Lemma 1.3. Let  $K$  and  $N$  be subgroups of a group  $G$ .

Then

(i)  $N$  is  $K$ -essential in  $G$  containing  $K$  iff  $N$  is essential in  $G$  containing  $G^K$ ;

(ii) If  $N$  is  $K$ -essential in  $G$  then  $N + K$  is an essential subgroup of  $G$  containing  $G^K$ .

Proof. (i) Let  $N$  be a  $K$ -essential subgroup of  $G$  containing  $K$ . If  $g \in G$  then either  $g \in K \subset N$  or there is  $n \in N$  such that  $ng \in N \setminus K$ . Hence  $N$  is essential in  $G$ . Let  $g \in G \setminus N$  and  $pg \in K$  for a prime  $p$ . Now, there is  $k \in N$  with  $kg \in N \setminus K$ ; consequently  $(p, k) = 1$ . There are integers  $u, v$  such that  $up + vk = 1$  and  $g = upg + vkg \in N$ , a contradiction. Hence  $G^K \subset N$ .

Let  $N$  be an essential subgroup of  $G$  containing  $G^K$ . Let  $g \in G \setminus K$  and  $n$  be the least nonzero natural number with  $ng \in N$ . If  $ng \in K$  then  $n = pr$  for a prime  $p$  and a natural number  $r$ . Now,  $rge \in G^K \subset N$  and  $r < n$ , a contradiction. Hence  $ng \in N \setminus K$ .

(ii) It follows from (i).

Proposition 1.4. Let  $K$  be a subgroup of a group  $G$ . The following are equivalent:

(i)  $G^K = G$ ;

(ii)  $G/K$  is an elementary group;

(iii) If  $N$  is  $K$ -essential in  $G$  then  $N + K \cong G$ .

Proof. (i)  $\implies$  (iii) If  $N$  is  $K$ -essential in  $G$  then  $G^K \subset N + K$  by 1.3. Hence  $N + K = G$  by (i).

(iii)  $\implies$  (i) If  $g \in G \setminus G^K$  then there is a  $K$ -essential subgroup  $N$  of  $G$  such that  $G^K \subset N$  and  $g \notin N$  by 1.2. Hence

$N + K = \mathbb{N} \neq G$ , a contradiction.

(i)  $\iff$  (ii) It is trivial.

Corollary 1.5. A group  $G$  has no proper essential subgroups iff  $G$  is elementary.

Proposition 1.6. Let  $K$  and  $N$  be subgroups of a group  $G$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $K$  is  $N - N \cap K$ -high in  $G$ ;
- (ii)  $N + K$  is  $K$ -essential in  $G$ ;
- (iii)  $N + K$  is essential in  $G$  and  $G^K \subset N + K$ .

Proof. (i)  $\implies$  (ii) If  $g \in G \setminus K$  then  $\langle g, K \rangle \cap N \not\subseteq N \cap K$ , i.e. there are  $n \in N$ ,  $k \in K$  and  $m \in N \setminus K$  such that  $ng + k = m$ . Hence  $ng \in (N + K) \setminus K$ .

(ii)  $\implies$  (i) If  $g \in G \setminus K$  then there is  $n \in N$  such that  $ng \in (N + K) \setminus K$ . Hence  $ng = m + k$ , where  $m \in N \setminus K$  and  $k \in K$ ; consequently  $\langle g, K \rangle \cap N \not\subseteq N \cap K$ .

(ii)  $\iff$  (iii) By 1.3.

Corollary 1.7. Let  $K$  and  $N$  be subgroups of a group  $G$ . Then  $K$  is  $N$ -high in  $G$  iff  $K \oplus N$  is an essential subgroup of  $G$  containing  $G^K$ .

## 2. Intersections of $K$ -essential subgroups.

Proposition 2.1. Let  $K$  be a subgroup of a group  $G$ . Then the  $K$ -socle of  $G$  is the intersection of all  $K$ -essential subgroups of  $G$  containing  $K$ .

Proof. It follows immediately from 1.2 and 1.3.

Definition 2.2. Let  $K$  be a subgroup of a group  $G$ . Write  $G_K = \bigoplus_{p \in \mathbb{P}_K} (G_p)^K$ , where  $\mathbb{P}_K$  is the set of all primes  $p$  with  $K_p \neq G_p$ .

Theorem 2.3. Let  $K$  be a subgroup of a group  $G$ . Then the intersection of all  $K$ -essential subgroups of  $G$  is contained in the  $K$ -socle  $G^K$  of  $G$  and contains the group  $G_K$ .

Proof. The intersection of all  $K$ -essential subgroups of  $G$  is contained in  $G^K$  by 2.1.

Let  $N$  be a  $K$ -essential subgroup of  $G$ . If  $p \in \mathbb{P}_K$  then there is  $g \in G_p \setminus K$  and there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $ng \in N_p \setminus K$ . The element  $ng + K \cap N$  of the group  $(N/K \cap N)_p$  is nonzero, hence  $(N/K \cap N)_p = 0$  by 2.2 [1] (it is not  $N \subset K$ ). Consequently, if  $x \in K_p$  then  $x \in K \cap N$ , i.e.  $K_p \subset N$ . Let  $y \in (G_p)^K \setminus K_p$ . Now, there is  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $my \in N \setminus K$ . Since  $py \in K_p$ ,  $(p, m) = 1$  and there are integers  $u, v$  such that  $1 = up + vm$ . Hence  $y = upy + vmy \in N$ . Consequently,  $(G_p)^K \subset N$  for every  $p \in \mathbb{P}_K$ .

Corollary 2.4. If the intersection of all  $K$ -essential subgroups of a group  $G$  is zero then  $G_t \subset K$ .

Theorem 2.5. Let  $K$  be a pure subgroup of a group  $G$  containing  $G_t$ . Then the intersection of all the  $K$ -essential torsion-free subgroups is zero.

Proof. Suppose  $K \neq G$ , otherwise it is trivial. Let  $g \in G$  be an element of infinite order and  $p$  prime. Let  $M$  be a subgroup of  $G$  maximal with respect to the properties:  $pg \in M$ ,  $g \notin M$ ,  $M_t = 0$ . Then  $M$  is  $G_t$ -essential in  $G$ . For, if  $x \in G \setminus G_t \cup M$  then either  $\langle x, M \rangle_t \neq 0$  or  $g \in \langle x, M \rangle$ . In the first case,  $nx + m = t$ ; where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m \in M$  and  $t \in G_t$ ; hence  $\sigma(t)nx \in M \setminus G_t$ . In the second case,  $g = nx + m$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $m \in M$ ; hence  $pnx = pg - pm \in M \setminus G_t$ . Now,  $M$  is  $K$ -essential by 3.3 (iii) [1].

The investigation of the intersection of all  $K$ -essen-

tial subgroups of a group  $G$  is connected with the existence-question of the least  $K$ -essential subgroup of the group  $G$ . If  $K$  is a subgroup of a group  $G$  then exactly one of the following two cases comes by 1.4 [1]:

(i) There is the least  $K$ -essential subgroup  $N$  of  $G$ . A subgroup  $M$  of  $G$  is  $K$ -essential in  $G$  iff  $N \subset M$ .

(ii) There is no minimal  $K$ -essential subgroup of the group  $G$ .

Theorem 2.6. Let  $K$  be a proper subgroup of a group  $G$ . The following are equivalent:

(i)  $G$  is torsion;

(ii) A subgroup  $N$  of  $G$  is  $K$ -essential in  $G$  iff  $N$  contains  $G_K$ ;

(iii)  $G_K$  is the least  $K$ -essential subgroup of  $G$ .

Proof. (i)  $\implies$  (iii) If  $G$  is torsion then  $G_K$  is  $K$ -essential in  $G$ . For, if  $g \in G \setminus K$  then there is  $p \in \mathbb{P}_K$  such that we can write  $g = a + b$ , where  $a \in G_p \setminus K_p$  and  $b \in \bigoplus_{\substack{q \in \mathbb{P} \\ q \neq p}} G_q$ .

Let  $n$  be the greatest integer such that  $p^n a \in G_p \setminus K_p$ , i.e.  $p^n a \in (G_p)_p^K$ . If  $m = \sigma(b)$  then  $mp^n g = mp^n a$ . Now,  $mp^n a \notin K_p$ , since  $(m, p) = 1$ . Hence  $mp^n g \in G_K \setminus K$ . The rest follows from 2.3.

(iii)  $\implies$  (i) See 1.2 [1].

(ii)  $\iff$  (iii) It follows from 1.4 [1].

For example,  $\mathbb{Z}(p^{k+1})$  is the least  $\mathbb{Z}(p^k)$ -essential subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}(p^\infty)$ ;  $\mathbb{Z}(p^{k+1})$  is the least  $\mathbb{Z}(p^k)$ -essential subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}(p^n)$ , where  $n > k$ .

Theorem 2.7. Let  $K$  be a torsion subgroup of a mixed

group  $G$ . Then the subgroup  $G_K$  is the intersection of all  $K$ -essential subgroups of  $G$ . Moreover,  $G_K$  is not  $K$ -essential in  $G$ , i.e. there is no least  $K$ -essential subgroup of  $G$ .

Proof. The intersection of all  $K$ -essential subgroups of  $G$  is torsion by 2.3. On the other hand, the torsion part of the intersection of all  $K$ -essential subgroups of  $G$  is  $G_K$  by 1.8 [11] and 2.6.

Proposition 2.8. Let  $N$  and  $K$  be subgroups of a group  $G$ .

(i) If  $N$  is  $K$ -essential in  $G$  then  $N \supset G_K \oplus M$ , where  $M$  is an essential subgroup of some  $(G_K + K)$ -high subgroup of  $G$ . If  $K$  is torsion then the converse holds, too.

(ii)  $N$  is  $G_t$ -essential in  $G$  and torsion-free iff  $N$  is essential in some  $G_t$ -high subgroup of  $G$ .

Proof. (i) If  $A$  is a  $(G_K + K)$ -high subgroup of  $G$  then  $M = A \cap N$  is essential in  $A$ . Now,  $N \supset G_K \oplus M$  by 2.3.

Conversely, suppose that  $K$  is torsion and  $N \supset G_K \oplus M$ , where  $M$  is an essential subgroup of some  $(G_K + K)$ -high subgroup  $A$  of  $G$ . Let  $g \in G \setminus K$ . If  $g \in G_t$  then there is  $n \in N$  such that  $ng \in G_K \setminus K$  by 2.6. If  $g \notin G_t$  then there is  $n \in N$  such that  $ng \in A \oplus (G_K + K)$  and consequently, there is  $m \in N$  with  $mng \in M$ .

(ii) It follows from (i).

The intersection of all  $G_t$ -high subgroups of a group  $G$  is zero by Prop. 9 [5]. Now, the intersection of all the  $G_t$ -essential torsion-free subgroups is zero by 2.8 (ii). Compare with 2.5.



### 3. Intersections of maximal K-essential subgroups.

If  $K$  is a subgroup of a group  $G$  then the maximal subgroups of  $G$  that are  $K$ -essential in  $G$  are called maximal  $K$ -essential subgroups of  $G$ . The maximal  $K$ -essential subgroups of  $G$  are exactly maximal elements of the filter of all  $K$ -essential subgroups of  $G$ .

Definition 3.1. If  $K$  is a subgroup of a group  $G$  and  $p$  is a prime then we denote by  $K^p$  the subgroup of  $G$  generated by the subgroup  $pG$  and by the set of all  $x \in G \setminus K$  with  $px \in K$ .

Lemma 3.2. If  $K$  is a subgroup of a group  $G$  and  $p$  is a prime then

(i)  $K^p$  is the least  $K$ -essential subgroup of  $G$  containing  $pG$ ;

(ii)  $pG$  is  $K$ -essential in  $G$  iff  $K^p = pG$ .

Proof. (i) If  $g \in G \setminus K$  then either  $pg \in pG \setminus K \subset K^p \setminus K$  or  $pg \in K$ , i.e.  $g \in K^p \setminus K$ . Consequently,  $K^p$  is  $K$ -essential in  $G$ . Suppose  $N$  is  $K$ -essential in  $G$  containing  $pG$ . If  $x \notin K$  and  $px \in K$  then there is  $n \in N$  with  $nx \in N \setminus K$ . Now,  $(p, n) = 1$  and there are integers  $u, v$  such that  $1 = up + vn$ . Hence  $x = upx + vnx \in N$  and  $K^p \subset N$ .

(ii) It follows from (i).

Theorem 3.3. If  $K$  is a subgroup of a group  $G$  then the group  $\bigcap_{p \in \mathbb{P}} K^p$  is the intersection of all maximal  $K$ -essential subgroups of  $G$ .

Proof. If  $M$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G$  then  $G/M \cong \mathbb{Z}(p)$  for some prime  $p$ ; hence  $pG \subset M$ . Moreover, if  $M$  is  $K$ -essential in  $G$  then  $K^p \subset M$  by 3.2. Let  $x \notin K^p$  and  $N$  be a subgroup of  $G$  maximal with respect to the properties:  $K^p \subset N$  and  $x \notin N$ . If

$g \in G \setminus N$  then  $x \in \langle g, N \rangle$ , i.e.  $x = kg + n$ , where  $n \in N$  and  $k$  is an integer. Hence  $kg \in \langle x, N \rangle$ . Now,  $(p, k) = 1$  and there are integers  $u, v$  such that  $1 = up + vk$ . Consequently,  $g = upg + vkg \in \langle x, N \rangle$ , i.e.  $G = \langle x, N \rangle$ . Hence  $N$  is a maximal subgroup of  $G$ . Since  $K^p \subset N$ ,  $N$  is  $K$ -essential in  $G$ . Consequently,  $K^p$  is the intersection of all maximal  $K$ -essential subgroups of  $G$  that contain  $pG$ .

Definition 3.4. Let  $G$  be a group and  $K$  a subgroup of  $G$ . An element  $g$  of  $G$  is said to be  $K$ -nongenerator of  $G$  if  $G = \langle g, M \rangle$ , and  $\langle M \rangle$  being  $K$ -essential in  $G$ , imply  $G = \langle M \rangle$ .

Theorem 3.5. If  $K$  is a subgroup of a group  $G$  then the intersection of all maximal  $K$ -essential subgroups of  $G$  is the set of all  $K$ -nongenerators of  $G$ .

Proof. If  $g \in G$  is not a  $K$ -nongenerator of  $G$  then there is a proper  $K$ -essential subgroup  $N$  of  $G$  such that  $G = \langle g, N \rangle$ . Denote by  $M$  a subgroup of  $G$  maximal with respect to the properties:  $N \subset M$  and  $g \notin M$ . The subgroup  $M$  is a maximal  $K$ -essential subgroup of  $G$  and  $g \notin M$ . Conversely suppose that there is a maximal  $K$ -essential subgroup  $M$  of  $G$  with  $g \notin M$ . Hence  $G = \langle M, g \rangle$  and  $g$  is not a  $K$ -nongenerator.

Put  $K = G$ . It follows from 3.3 that the Frattini subgroup of  $G$  is the intersection of all  $pG$  with  $p$  running over all primes  $p$  (see ex. 4, § 3 [3]). By 3.5, the Frattini subgroup of  $G$  is the set of all nongenerators of  $G$  (see § 62 [6]).

Proposition 3.6. Let  $K$  be a subgroup of a free group  $G$ . If  $K$  is of finite rank then the intersection of all maxi-

mal  $K$ -essential subgroups of  $G$  is zero.

Proof. Let  $g$  be a nonzero element of  $G$ . By 15.4 [3], we can write  $G = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle a_i \rangle \oplus G'$ ,  $K = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle m_i a_i \rangle$  and  $g = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i a_i$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m_i$  are nonnegative integers and  $r_i$  are integers,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Let  $j$  be an integer such that  $1 \leq j \leq n$  and  $r_j \neq 0$ ; let  $p$  be a prime such that  $(p, r_j) = 1$  and  $(p, m_i) = 1$  for every  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . The group  $pG$  is  $K$ -essential in  $G$ . For, if  $x \in G \setminus K$ , where  $x = \sum_{i=1}^n s_i a_i + x'$ ,  $s_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $x' \in G'$ , then  $px \in pG$ . If  $px \in K$  then  $x' = 0$  and  $m_i | ps_i$  for each  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Now,  $m_i | s_i$  for every  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and hence  $x \in K$ , a contradiction. Since  $g \notin pG$ ,  $g$  is not contained in the intersection of all maximal  $K$ -essential subgroups of  $G$  by 3.2 and 3.3.

From 3.6, it follows that the pure-assumption of the subgroup  $K$  of  $G$  in 2.5 is not necessary.

4.  $\mathcal{N}$ -closures and essential topologies. Let  $G$  be a group. Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be the set of all subgroups  $T$  of  $G$  such that  $G/T$  is a torsion group, and  $\mathcal{F}$  be the set of all subgroups  $F$  of  $G$  such that  $G/F$  is torsion-free. Consequently,  $\mathcal{T}$  is the set of all  $G_t$ -essential subgroups of  $G$  (see 3.3 [1]) and  $\mathcal{F}$  is the set of all pure subgroups of  $G$  containing  $G_t$ . The set  $\mathcal{T}$  is a filter (see 1.4 [1]) and the set  $\mathcal{F}$  is closed under intersections and chain-unions.

For any two subgroups  $A$  and  $B$  of  $G$  define  $A \odot B$  if  $A$  is  $B$ -essential in  $G$ . For a nonempty family  $\mathcal{N}$  of subgroups of  $G$  put  $\mathcal{N} \odot = \{B; A \odot B \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{N}\}$ ,  $\odot \mathcal{N} = \{A; A \odot B \quad \forall B \in \mathcal{N}\}$ .

Now, using 1.4, 1.5, 3.3 [1], it follows that the set  $\odot \mathcal{N}$  is a filter. If  $\mathcal{N} = \{G\}$  then  $\odot \mathcal{N}$  is the set of all subgroups of  $G$ . Otherwise  $\odot \mathcal{N}$  is a subfilter of the filter  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\odot \mathcal{N} = \mathcal{F}$  iff  $\mathcal{N} \subset \mathcal{F}$ .

The set  $\mathcal{N} \odot$  is closed under intersections and chain-unions and it contains both the largest and the least elements. Denote this least element by  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{N})$ , or  $\mathcal{K}(N)$ , if  $\mathcal{N} = \{N\}$ .  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{N}) = \bigcap \mathcal{N} \odot$ . On the other hand  $\mathcal{N} \subset \mathcal{F}$  implies  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{N} \odot$ . If  $\mathcal{N} = \{G\}$  then  $\mathcal{N} \odot$  is the set of all subgroups of  $G$ ;  $\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{F}$  implies  $\mathcal{N} \odot = \mathcal{F}$ .

Definition 4.1. Let  $G$  be a group,  $\mathcal{N}$  be a nonempty family of subgroups of  $G$  and  $E$  be a subset of  $G$ . Then the intersection of all subgroups  $K \in \mathcal{N} \odot$  with  $E \subset K$  is called  $\mathcal{N}$ -closure of  $E$  and denoted by  $\mathcal{N}(E)$ . The intersection of all pure subgroups of  $G$  containing the group  $\langle E, G_t \rangle$  is denoted by  $\langle E \rangle_*$ .

Obviously,  $\langle E \rangle_*$  is a pure subgroup of  $G$  for every subset  $E$  of  $G$ . If  $N \in \mathcal{N}$ , then  $\mathcal{N}(N) = G$ .

Theorem 4.2. Let  $G$  be a group,  $\mathcal{N}$  be a nonempty family of subgroups of  $G$  and  $E$  be a subset of  $G$ . Then

- (i) The map  $E \mapsto \mathcal{N}(E)$  is an algebraic closure operator;
- (ii) If  $\mathcal{N} \not\subset \mathcal{F}$  then  $\mathcal{N}(E) = G$ ;
- (iii) If  $\mathcal{N} \subset \mathcal{F}$  then  $\langle E \rangle \subset \mathcal{N}(E) \subset \langle E \rangle_*$ ;
- (iv) If  $\mathcal{N} = \{G\}$  then  $\mathcal{N}(E) = \langle E \rangle$ ;
- (v) If  $\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{F}$  then  $\mathcal{N}(E) = \langle E \rangle_*$ .

Proof. Since  $\mathcal{N} \odot$  is closed under intersections and chain-unions, the operator  $\mathcal{N}(-)$  is an algebraic closure

operator by II.1.2 [2]. The rest follows from the remarks at the beginning of this section.

Theorem 4.3. Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be a nonempty family of subgroups of a group  $G$ . If  $\mathcal{N} \subset \mathcal{T}$  then  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{N}) = \bigoplus_{p \in \mathbb{R}} G_p$ , where  $\mathbb{R}$  is the set of all primes  $p$  with  $G[p] \not\subset \bigcap \mathcal{N}$ . If  $\mathcal{N} \not\subset \mathcal{T}$  then  $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{N}) = G$ .

Proof. The group  $K = \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{N})$  is the intersection of all subgroups  $L$  of  $G$ , such that each  $N \in \mathcal{N}$  is  $L$ -essential in  $G$ . Let  $\mathcal{N} \subset \mathcal{T}$ . Denote by  $\mathbb{R}$  the set of all primes  $p$  with  $G[p] \not\subset \bigcap \mathcal{N}$  and  $H = \bigoplus_{p \in \mathbb{R}} G_p$ . If  $K_p \neq G_p$  then  $G[p] \subset (G_p)^K \subset N$  for every  $N \in \mathcal{N}$  (by 2.3). Consequently, if  $p \in \mathbb{R}$  then  $K_p = G_p$  and hence  $H \subset K$ . For the rest it is sufficient to show that every  $N \in \mathcal{N}$  is  $H$ -essential in  $G$ . Let  $g \in G \setminus H$  and  $N \in \mathcal{N}$ . If  $g$  is of infinite order then there is  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $ng \in N \setminus H$ , since  $G/N$  is torsion. If  $g$  is of finite order then  $\sigma(g) = qr$ , where  $q \in \mathbb{P} \setminus \mathbb{R}$  and  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now,  $rg \in G[q] \subset N$  and  $rg \notin H$ . The case  $\mathcal{N} \not\subset \mathcal{T}$  is trivial.

Definition 4.4. Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be a nonempty family of subgroups of a group  $G$ . The topology of  $G$ , that is determined by the filter  $\ominus \mathcal{N}$  as a base of open neighborhoods about  $0$ , is said to be the  $\mathcal{N}$ -topology of  $G$ , or  $K$ -topology of  $G$ , if  $\mathcal{N} = \{K\}$ .  $\mathcal{N}$ -topologies, with  $\mathcal{N}$  running over all nonempty families of subgroups of  $G$ , are called the essential topologies of  $G$ .

Theorem 4.5. Let  $G$  be a group. Then

(i)  $G$ -topology of  $G$  is discrete. If  $\mathcal{N} \neq \{G\}$  then the  $\mathcal{N}$ -topology of  $G$  is nondiscrete;

(ii) If  $G$  is not torsion then  $G_t$ -topology of  $G$  is the

finest nondiscrete essential topology of  $G$ . It is Hausdorff and it is identical with each  $\mathcal{N}$ -topology, where  $\{G\} \neq \mathcal{N} \subset \mathcal{F}$ ;

(iii) If  $\mathcal{N}$ -topology of  $G$  is Hausdorff then  $G_t \subset K$  for every  $K \in \mathcal{N}$ ;

(iv) If  $K$  is a proper subgroup of  $G$  then  $K_t$ -topology of  $G$  is finer than  $K$ -topology of  $G$ .

Proof. It follows from 3.3 [1], 2.4 and 2.5.

Corollary 4.6. Torsion groups are exactly the groups with no nondiscrete Hausdorff essential topology. Torsion-free groups are exactly the groups with Hausdorff 0-topology.

Remark 4.7. Denote by  $\mathcal{A}$  the class of all groups with Hausdorff  $K$ -topology, for any subgroup  $K$ . Then

- (i)  $\mathcal{A}$  is closed under subgroups;
- (ii) Every free group of finite rank is contained in  $\mathcal{A}$ ;
- (iii) Every group from  $\mathcal{A}$  is torsion-free.

Proposition 4.8. Let  $K$  and  $L$  be subgroups of a torsion group  $G$ . Then the  $K$ -topology of  $G$  is finer than the  $L$ -topology of  $G$  iff  $G_K \subset G_L$ .

Proof. It follows from 2.6.

Corollary 4.9. The  $K$ -topology and the  $L$ -topology of a torsion group  $G$  are identical iff

- (i)  $K_p = G_p$  iff  $L_p = G_p$ ,
- (ii)  $(G_p)^K = (G_p)^L$  for every prime  $p$ .

Proposition 4.10. Let  $k$  and  $m$  be nonnegative integers.

Then

(i) The  $m\mathbb{Z}$ -topology of the group  $\mathbb{Z}$  is finer than the  $k\mathbb{Z}$ -topology of  $\mathbb{Z}$  iff  $1 \leq h_p^{\mathbb{Z}}(m)$  implies  $1 \leq h_p^{\mathbb{Z}}(k) \leq h_p^{\mathbb{Z}}(m)$ ;

(ii) The  $m\mathbb{Z}$ -topology and  $k\mathbb{Z}$ -topology of the group  $\mathbb{Z}$  are identical iff  $m = k$ .

Proof. (i) If the  $m\mathbb{Z}$ -topology is not finer than the  $k\mathbb{Z}$ -topology then there is a subgroup  $n\mathbb{Z}$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$ , that is  $k\mathbb{Z}$ -essential in  $\mathbb{Z}$  and is not  $m\mathbb{Z}$ -essential in  $\mathbb{Z}$ . By 1.10 [1], there is a prime  $p$  such that  $h_p^{\mathbb{Z}}(n) \geq h_p^{\mathbb{Z}}(m) \geq 1$  and either  $h_p^{\mathbb{Z}}(k) = 0$  or  $h_p^{\mathbb{Z}}(n) < h_p^{\mathbb{Z}}(k)$ .

Conversely, if  $h_p^{\mathbb{Z}}(m) = i \geq 1$  and  $h_p^{\mathbb{Z}}(k) = 0$  then the subgroup  $p^i\mathbb{Z}$  is  $k\mathbb{Z}$ -essential in  $\mathbb{Z}$  and is not  $m\mathbb{Z}$ -essential in  $\mathbb{Z}$  by 1.10 [1]. In case that  $h_p^{\mathbb{Z}}(m) = i \geq 1$  and  $h_p^{\mathbb{Z}}(k) > h_p^{\mathbb{Z}}(m)$  holds the same.

(ii) It follows from (i).

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