

## FINITE $p$ -GROUPS WHICH ARE NON-INNER NILPOTENT

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**Abstract.** A group  $G$  is called a non-inner nilpotent group, whenever it is nilpotent with respect to a non-inner automorphism. In 2018, all finitely generated abelian non-inner nilpotent groups have been classified. Actually, the authors proved that a finitely generated abelian group  $G$  is a non-inner nilpotent group, if  $G$  is not isomorphic to cyclic groups  $\mathbb{Z}_{p_1 p_2 \dots p_t}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}$ , for a positive integer  $t$  and distinct primes  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_t$ . In this paper, we make this conjecture that all finite non-abelian  $p$ -groups are non-inner nilpotent and we prove this conjecture for finite  $p$ -groups of nilpotency class 2 or of co-class 2.

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