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*Fox subgroups in modular group algebras*

Let  $G$  be a finite  $p$ -group,  $S$  a subgroup of  $G$ , and  $F$  the prime field of characteristic  $p$ . We denote the augmentation ideal of the group algebra  $FG$  by  $\omega(G)$ . The Zassenhaus–Jennings–Lazard series of  $G$  is defined by  $D_n(G) = G \cap (1 + \omega^n(G))$ . We first recall a theorem of Quillen stating that the graded algebra associated to  $FG$  is isomorphic as an algebra to the enveloping algebra of the restricted Lie algebra associated to the  $D_n(G)$ . We then extend a theorem of Jennings that provides a basis for the quotient  $\omega^n(G)/\omega^{n+1}(G)$  in terms of a basis of the restricted Lie algebra associated to the  $D_n(G)$ . We shall characterize the subgroups  $G \cap (1 + \omega(G)\omega^n(S))$  and  $G \cap (1 + \omega^2(G)\omega^n(S))$ , for every positive integer  $n$ . These are the modular analogues of Fox subgroups in integral group rings of free groups.