

# On the topological full group containing the Grigorchuk group

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## Abstract

We consider the topological full group of a substitution subshift induced by a substitution  $a \rightarrow aca, b \rightarrow d, c \rightarrow b, d \rightarrow c$ . This group is interesting since the Grigorchuk group naturally embeds into it. We show that the topological full group is finitely generated and give a simple generating set for it.

## 1 Introduction

Let  $X$  be a Cantor set and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a minimal homeomorphism. The *topological full group* of  $T$ , denoted  $[[T]]$ , is a transformation group consisting of all homeomorphisms  $f : X \rightarrow X$  that can be given by  $f(x) = T^{\nu(x)}(x)$ ,  $x \in X$  for some continuous function  $\nu : X \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ . Continuity of  $\nu$  implies that this function is locally constant and takes only finitely many values. Then nonempty level sets of  $\nu$  form a partition of the Cantor set  $X$  into clopen (i.e., both closed and open) sets. Thus every element of  $[[T]]$  is “piecewise” a power of  $T$ . The topological full group  $[[T]]$  is countable (as there are only countably many clopen subsets of  $X$ ).

The notion of the topological full group was introduced by Giordano, Putnam and Skau [GPS] who showed that  $[[T]]$  is an (almost) complete invariant of  $T$  as a topological dynamical system.

**Theorem 1.1 ([GPS])** *Given minimal homeomorphisms  $T_1 : X \rightarrow X$  and  $T_2 : X \rightarrow X$  of a Cantor set  $X$ , the topological full groups  $[[T_1]]$  and  $[[T_2]]$  are isomorphic if and only if  $T_1$  is topologically conjugate to  $T_2$  or  $T_2^{-1}$ .*

In this paper we are concerned with group-theoretical properties of a topological full group  $[[T]]$ .

**Theorem 1.2 ([GPS])** *There exists a unique homomorphism  $I : [[T]] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $I(T) = 1$ .*

The homomorphism  $I$  is called the *index map*. Clearly, every element of finite order is contained in the kernel of  $I$ .

**Theorem 1.3 ([Mat])** *The kernel of the index map is generated by elements of finite order.*

Theorem 1.3 was proved by Matui [Mat] who initiated the systematic study of group-theoretic properties of topological full groups (he also introduced the notation  $[[T]]$ ).

We can construct many elements of finite order in  $[[T]]$  as follows. Let  $U \subset X$  be a clopen set. Suppose that for some integers  $M$  and  $N$ ,  $M < N$ , the sets  $T^M(U), T^{M+1}(U), \dots, T^N(U)$  are pairwise disjoint. Then one can define a transformation  $\Psi_{U,M,N} : X \rightarrow X$  by

$$\Psi_{U,M,N}(x) = \begin{cases} T(x) & \text{if } x \in T^M(U) \cup T^{M+1}(U) \cup \dots \cup T^{N-1}(U), \\ T^{M-N}(x) & \text{if } x \in T^N(U), \\ x & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

By construction,  $\Psi_{U,M,N}$  is an element of the topological full group  $[[T]]$  of order  $N - M + 1$ . We are also going to use alternative notation  $\delta_U$  for the map  $\Psi_{U,0,1}$  and  $\tau_U$  for the map  $\Psi_{U,0,2}$ . Each  $\delta_U$  is an element of order 2 while each  $\tau_U$  is an element of order 3 (hence the notation:  $\delta$  as in  $\delta\acute{u}o$ ,  $\tau$  as in  $\tau\rho\acute{i}\alpha$ ).

It is not hard to show that every element of finite order in  $[[T]]$  can be decomposed as a product of elements of the form  $\delta_U$ . Together with Theorems 1.2 and 1.3, this yields the following.

**Theorem 1.4 ([Mat])** *The topological full group  $[[T]]$  is generated by  $T$  and all transformations of the form  $\delta_U$ .*

There is much more to say about the commutator group of  $[[T]]$ .

**Theorem 1.5 ([Mat])** *The commutator group of  $[[T]]$  is generated by all elements of the form  $\tau_U$ .*

**Theorem 1.6 ([Mat])** *The commutator group of  $[[T]]$  is simple.*

**Theorem 1.7 ([Mat])** *The commutator group of  $[[T]]$  is finitely generated if and only if  $T$  is topologically conjugate to a (minimal) subshift.*

Now we introduce a specific transformation  $T$ , a substitution subshift. Let  $\sigma$  denote the *Lysenok substitution* over the alphabet  $\mathcal{A} = \{a, b, c, d\}$ , namely,  $\sigma(a) = aca$ ,  $\sigma(b) = d$ ,  $\sigma(c) = b$ , and  $\sigma(d) = c$ . This substitution was originally used by Lysenok [Lys] to obtain a nice recursive presentation of the Grigorchuk group:

$$\mathcal{G} = \langle a, b, c, d \mid 1 = a^2 = b^2 = c^2 = d^2 = bcd = \sigma^k((ad)^4) = \sigma^k((adacac)^4), k \geq 0 \rangle.$$

The substitution  $\sigma$  acts naturally on the set  $\mathcal{A}^*$  of finite words over the alphabet  $\mathcal{A}$  as well as on the set  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{N}}$  of infinite words over  $\mathcal{A}$ . There exists a unique infinite word  $\xi \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{N}}$  fixed by  $\sigma$ :  $\xi = acabacad\dots$ . Let  $T : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  be the two-sided subshift generated by  $\xi$ . The phase space  $\Omega$  of the subshift  $T$  consists of bi-infinite sequences  $\omega = \dots\omega_{-2}\omega_{-1}\omega_0.\omega_1\omega_2\dots$  such that every finite subword  $\omega_l\omega_{l+1}\dots\omega_{m-1}\omega_m$  occurs somewhere in  $\xi$ . The transformation is defined by  $T(\omega) = \dots\omega_{-1}\omega_0\omega_1.\omega_2\omega_3\dots$

**Theorem 1.8 ([Vor])** *The subshift  $T$  is a minimal homeomorphism of the Cantor set  $\Omega$ .*

Given two finite words  $u$  and  $w$  over the alphabet  $\mathcal{A}$ , we denote by  $[u.w]$  the set of all bi-infinite sequences  $\omega = \dots\omega_{-2}\omega_{-1}\omega_0.\omega_1\omega_2\dots$  in  $\Omega$  such that  $\omega_{-M+1}\dots\omega_{-1}\omega_0 = u$  and  $\omega_1\omega_2\dots\omega_N = w$ , where  $M$  is the length of  $u$  and  $N$  is the length of  $w$  ( $M, N \geq 0$ ). We refer to  $[u.w]$  as a *cylinder of dimension  $M + N$* . The cylinder is a clopen set. Any clopen subset of  $\Omega$  splits into a disjoint union of cylinders of dimension  $N$  provided that  $N$  is large enough.

The cylinder  $[u.w]$  is a nonempty set if and only if the concatenated word  $uw$  occurs in  $\xi$  infinitely many times. Infinitely many occurrences are required since  $\xi$  is an infinite sequence while elements of  $\Omega$  are bi-infinite sequences. Actually,  $\xi$  is a Toeplitz sequence (see [Vor] or Lemma 2.2 below), which implies that every word occurring in  $\xi$  does this infinitely often. If at least one of the words  $u$  and  $w$  is not empty, then the cylinder  $[u.w]$  is disjoint from its image  $T([u.w])$  (because there are no double letters in  $\xi$ ) so that the transformation  $\delta_{[u.w]}$  is well defined.

A direct relation between the Grigorchuk group  $\mathcal{G}$  and the topological full group of the substitution subshift  $T$  was established by Matte Bon [M-B] who showed that  $[[T]]$  contains a copy of  $\mathcal{G}$ .

**Theorem 1.9 ([M-B])** *The subgroup of  $[[T]]$  generated by  $\delta_{[.a]}$ ,  $\delta_{[.b]}\delta_{[.c]}$ ,  $\delta_{[.c]}\delta_{[.d]}$ , and  $\delta_{[.d]}\delta_{[.b]}$  is isomorphic to the Grigorchuk group.*

Theorem 1.7 implies that the commutator group of  $[[T]]$  is finitely generated. The main result of this paper is that the entire group  $[[T]]$  is finitely generated. Moreover, we provide an explicit generating set.

**Theorem 1.10** *The topological full group of the substitution subshift  $T$  is generated by transformations  $T$ ,  $\delta_{[.b]}$ ,  $\delta_{[.d]}$ , and  $\delta_{[.acacac]}$ .*

Note that  $\delta_{[.a]}$  and  $\delta_{[.c]}$  are not on the list of generators. It turns out that

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_{[.a]} &= T^{-1}\delta_{[.b]}\delta_{[.d]}T^{-2}\delta_{[.b]}\delta_{[.d]}T^3\delta_{[.acacac]}T^2\delta_{[.acacac]}T^{-2}, \\ \delta_{[.c]} &= T^{-2}\delta_{[.b]}\delta_{[.d]}T^3\delta_{[.acacac]}T^2\delta_{[.acacac]}T^{-3}\end{aligned}$$

(see Section 4 for details).

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we obtain very detailed information on clopen subsets of the Cantor set  $\Omega$ . In Section 3 we derive some general properties of topological full groups (slightly generalizing [Mat]). In Section 4 the results of Sections 2 and 3 are applied to prove Theorem 1.10. The proof is loosely modeled upon the proof of Theorem 1.7 in [Mat].

## 2 Combinatorics of the substitution subshift

First we are going to establish some properties of the infinite word  $\xi = \xi_1\xi_2\xi_3\dots$  fixed by the Lysenok substitution  $\sigma$ .

For any integer  $n \geq 1$  let  $w_n = \sigma^{n-1}(a)$ . For example,  $w_1 = a$ ,  $w_2 = aca$ ,  $w_3 = acabaca$ ,  $w_4 = acabacadacabaca$ ,  $w_5 = acabacadacabacacacabacadacabaca$ . Since the word  $w_1 = a$  is

a proper beginning of the word  $w_2 = aca$ , it follows by induction that each  $w_n$  is a proper beginning of  $w_{n+1}$ . Consequently, there exists a unique infinite word  $\xi \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{N}}$  such that each  $w_n$  is a beginning of  $\xi$ . It is easy to see that  $\xi$  is the only infinite word fixed by  $\sigma$ .

For any integer  $n \geq 1$  let  $l_n = \sigma^{n-1}(c)$ . Then  $l_n = c$  if  $n$  leaves remainder 1 under division by 3,  $l_n = b$  if  $n$  leaves remainder 2 under division by 3, and  $l_n = d$  if  $n$  is divisible by 3.

**Lemma 2.1** *The word  $w_n$  has length  $2^n - 1$  and  $w_{n+1} = w_n l_n w_n$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .*

**Proof.** For any  $n \geq 1$  we obtain that  $w_{n+1} = \sigma^n(a) = \sigma^{n-1}(\sigma(a)) = \sigma^{n-1}(aca) = \sigma^{n-1}(a)\sigma^{n-1}(c)\sigma^{n-1}(a) = w_n l_n w_n$ . Since the word  $w_1 = a$  has length  $1 = 2^1 - 1$ ,  $l_n$  is always a single letter, and  $(2^n - 1) + 1 + (2^n - 1) = 2^{n+1} - 1$ , it follows by induction that the length of  $w_n$  is  $2^n - 1$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . ■

**Lemma 2.2** *Given an integer  $N \geq 1$ , let  $N = 2^n K$ , where  $n \geq 0$  and  $K$  is odd. Then  $\xi_N = a$  if  $n = 0$  and  $\xi_N = l_n$  if  $n \geq 1$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $S$  be the set of all words of the form  $ar_1 ar_2 \dots ar_M$ , where each  $r_i \in \{b, c, d\}$ . Since  $\sigma(ab) = acad$ ,  $\sigma(ac) = acab$ , and  $\sigma(ad) = acac$ , it follows that the set  $S$  is invariant under the action of the substitution  $\sigma$ . Clearly,  $ac \in S$ . Then  $w_m l_m = \sigma^{m-1}(a)\sigma^{m-1}(c) = \sigma^{m-1}(ac)$  is in  $S$  for all  $m \geq 1$ . Since any beginning of the infinite word  $\xi$  is also a beginning of some  $w_m$ , we obtain that  $\xi = as_1 as_2 \dots$ , where each  $s_i \in \{b, c, d\}$ . In particular,  $\xi_N = a$  if and only if  $N$  is odd.

Since the infinite word  $\xi$  is fixed by the substitution  $\sigma$ , it follows that for any given  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$\xi = \sigma^{n+1}(\xi) = \sigma^{n+1}(a)\sigma^{n+1}(s_1)\sigma^{n+1}(a)\sigma^{n+1}(s_2) \dots = w_{n+1} s'_1 w_{n+1} s'_2 \dots,$$

where  $s'_i = \sigma^{n+1}(s_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ . Note that each  $s'_i$  is a single letter from  $\{b, c, d\}$ . By Lemma 2.1,  $w_{n+1} = w_n l_n w_n$  and the length of  $w_n$  is  $2^n - 1$ . Since  $\xi = w_n l_n w_n s'_1 w_n l_n w_n s'_2 \dots$ , we obtain that  $\xi_N = l_n$  for  $N = 2^n, 3 \cdot 2^n, 5 \cdot 2^n, \dots$ . That is,  $\xi_N = l_n$  if  $N = 2^n K$ , where  $K$  is odd. ■

**Lemma 2.3**  $\sigma(\xi_{2N+1}\xi_{2N+2} \dots \xi_{2N+2M}) = \xi_{4N+1}\xi_{4N+2} \dots \xi_{4N+4M}$  for all  $N \geq 0$  and  $M \geq 1$ . Moreover, if  $\sigma(w) = \xi_{4N+1}\xi_{4N+2} \dots \xi_{4N+4M}$  for some  $w$ , then  $w = \xi_{2N+1}\xi_{2N+2} \dots \xi_{2N+2M}$ .

**Proof.** For any  $M \geq 1$  the word  $\xi_1 \xi_2 \dots \xi_{2M}$  is a beginning of the infinite word  $\xi$ . Since  $\xi$  is invariant under the substitution  $\sigma$ , the word  $\sigma(\xi_1 \xi_2 \dots \xi_{2M})$  is another beginning of  $\xi$ . According to Lemma 2.2,  $\xi_i = a$  if and only if  $i$  is odd. Hence the word  $\xi_1 \xi_2 \dots \xi_{2M}$  contains  $M$  letters  $a$  and  $M$  other letters. Since  $\sigma(a) = aca$  is a word of length 3 while  $\sigma(b)$ ,  $\sigma(c)$ , and  $\sigma(d)$  are single letters, the length of  $\sigma(\xi_1 \xi_2 \dots \xi_{2M})$  is  $3M + M = 4M$ . We conclude that  $\sigma(\xi_1 \xi_2 \dots \xi_{2M}) = \xi_1 \xi_2 \dots \xi_{4M}$ . This proves the first statement of the lemma in the case  $N = 0$ . In the case  $N \geq 1$ , it follows from the above that  $\sigma(\xi_1 \xi_2 \dots \xi_{2N}) = \xi_1 \xi_2 \dots \xi_{4N}$  and  $\sigma(\xi_1 \xi_2 \dots \xi_{2N+2M}) = \xi_1 \xi_2 \dots \xi_{4N+4M}$ . Since

$$\sigma(\xi_1 \xi_2 \dots \xi_{2N+2M}) = \sigma(\xi_1 \xi_2 \dots \xi_{2N}) \sigma(\xi_{2N+1} \xi_{2N+2} \dots \xi_{2N+2M}),$$

we obtain that  $\sigma(\xi_{2N+1}\xi_{2N+2}\dots\xi_{2N+2M}) = \xi_{4N+1}\xi_{4N+2}\dots\xi_{4N+4M}$ .

To prove the second statement of the lemma, it is enough to show that the action of the substitution  $\sigma$  on finite words is one-to-one, i.e.,  $\sigma(u_1) \neq \sigma(u_2)$  if  $u_1 \neq u_2$ . The reason is that neither of the words  $\sigma(a), \sigma(b), \sigma(c), \sigma(d)$  is a beginning of another (in particular, neither is empty). Let  $u$  be the longest common beginning of the words  $u_1$  and  $u_2$ . If  $u = u_1$  then  $u_2 = u_1su'_2$  for some letter  $s$  and word  $u'_2$ . Since  $\sigma(s)$  is not empty, we obtain  $\sigma(u_2) = \sigma(u_1)\sigma(s)\sigma(u'_2) \neq \sigma(u_1)$ . The case  $u = u_2$  is treated similarly. Otherwise  $u_1 = us_1u'_1$  and  $u_2 = us_2u'_2$ , where  $s_1, s_2$  are distinct letters and  $u'_1, u'_2$  are some words. It is no loss to assume that the word  $\sigma(s_1)$  is not longer than  $\sigma(s_2)$ . Since  $\sigma(s_1)$  is not a beginning of  $\sigma(s_2)$ , it follows that  $\sigma(u)\sigma(s_1)$  is not a beginning of  $\sigma(u)\sigma(s_2)\sigma(u'_2) = \sigma(u_2)$ . Then  $\sigma(u_1) = \sigma(u)\sigma(s_1)\sigma(u'_1)$  cannot be the same as  $\sigma(u_2)$ . ■

We say that a word  $w'$  is obtained from a word  $w$  by a *cyclic permutation* of letters if there exist words  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  such that  $w = u_1u_2$  and  $w' = u_2u_1$ .

**Lemma 2.4** *Any word of length  $2^n$  that occurs as a subword in  $\xi$  can be obtained from one of the words  $w_nb, w_nc,$  and  $w_nd$  by a cyclic permutation of letters.*

**Proof.** Since the infinite word  $\xi = \xi_1\xi_2\dots$  is invariant under the substitution  $\sigma$ , it follows that  $\xi = \sigma^n(\xi) = \sigma^n(\xi_1)\sigma^n(\xi_2)\dots$ . Lemma 2.2 implies that  $\xi_N = a$  if and only if  $N$  is odd. Therefore  $\xi = w_ns_1w_ns_2w_ns_3\dots$ , where each  $s_i \in \{b, c, d\}$ . By Lemma 2.1, the length of the word  $w_n$  is  $2^n - 1$ . It follows that any subword of length  $2^n$  in  $\xi$  is of the form  $w_-lw_+$ , where  $l \in \{b, c, d\}$ ,  $w_+$  is a beginning of  $w_n$ , and  $w_-$  is an ending of  $w_n$ . Since the concatenated word  $w_+w_-$  has the same length as  $w_n$ , it has to coincide with  $w_n$ . Then the word  $w_-lw_+$  can be obtained from  $w_nl$  by a cyclic permutation of letters. ■

It turns out that the representation of the infinite word  $\xi$  as  $w_ns_1w_ns_2w_ns_3\dots$ , where each  $s_i \in \{b, c, d\}$ , does not show all occurrences of  $w_n$  as a subword in  $\xi$ . There are more occurrences, they overlap with the shown ones. As a result, it is not true that any occurrence of  $w_n$  in  $\xi$  is immediately followed by  $bw_n, cw_n,$  or  $dw_n$ . For example, some occurrences of  $w_2 = aca$  are followed by  $caba$ . The next three lemmas explain what can follow and what can precede a particular occurrence of  $w_n$ .

**Lemma 2.5** *Any occurrence of the word  $w_nl_n$  in  $\xi$  is immediately followed by  $w_nb, w_nc,$  or  $w_nd$  and, unless it is the beginning of  $\xi$ , immediately preceded by  $w_nb, w_nc,$  or  $w_nd$ .*

**Proof.** The proof is by induction on  $n$ . First consider the case  $n = 1$ . By Lemma 2.2,  $\xi_N = a$  if and only if  $N$  is odd. Therefore every occurrence of  $w_1l_1 = ac$  in  $\xi$  is immediately followed by  $ab, ac,$  or  $ad$  and, unless it is the beginning of  $\xi$ , immediately preceded by  $ab, ac,$  or  $ad$ .

Now let  $k \geq 1$  and assume the lemma holds for  $n = k$ . Suppose  $\xi_{N+1}\xi_{N+2}\dots\xi_{N+M}$  is an occurrence of the word  $w_{k+1}l_{k+1}$  in  $\xi$ . The first four letters of  $w_{k+1}l_{k+1}$  are  $acab$  so that  $\xi_{N+4} = b$ . Lemma 2.2 implies that  $N + 4$  is divisible by 4. Besides,  $M = 2^{k+1}$  due to Lemma 2.1. Hence  $N$  and  $M$  are both divisible by 4, i.e.,  $N = 4N'$  and  $M = 4M'$  for some  $M', N' \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since  $\xi_{N+1}\xi_{N+2}\dots\xi_{N+M} = w_{k+1}l_{k+1} = \sigma(w_kl_k)$ , it follows from Lemma 2.3 that  $\xi_{2N'+1}\xi_{2N'+2}\dots\xi_{2N'+2M'}$  is an occurrence of  $w_kl_k$ . By the inductive assumption,

$\xi_{2N'+2M'+1}\xi_{2N'+2M'+2}\cdots\xi_{2N'+4M'}$  is an occurrence of  $w_k b$ ,  $w_k c$ , or  $w_k d$  and, unless  $N' = 0$ , we have  $N' \geq M'$  and  $\xi_{2N'-2M'+1}\xi_{2N'-2M'+2}\cdots\xi_{2N'}$  is also an occurrence of  $w_k b$ ,  $w_k c$ , or  $w_k d$ . Applying Lemma 2.3 two more times, we obtain that  $\xi_{N+1}\xi_{N+2}\cdots\xi_{N+M}$  is immediately followed by  $\sigma(w_k b) = w_{k+1}d$ ,  $\sigma(w_k c) = w_{k+1}b$ , or  $\sigma(w_k d) = w_{k+1}c$  and, unless  $N = 0$ , immediately preceded by one of the same three words. This completes the induction step. ■

**Lemma 2.6** *Any occurrence of the word  $w_n l_{n+1}$  in  $\xi$  is immediately followed by  $w_n l_n$  and immediately preceded by another  $w_n l_n$ .*

**Proof.** The proof is by induction on  $n$ . First consider the case  $n = 1$ . By Lemma 2.2,  $\xi_N = a$  if  $N$  is odd and  $\xi_N = c$  if  $N$  is even while not divisible by 4. It follows that every occurrence of  $b$  or  $d$  in  $\xi$  is immediately followed and immediately preceded by  $aca$ . Therefore every occurrence of  $w_1 l_2 = ab$  is immediately followed and preceded by  $ac = w_1 l_1$ .

Now let  $k \geq 1$  and assume the lemma holds for  $n = k$ . Suppose  $\xi_{N+1}\xi_{N+2}\cdots\xi_{N+M}$  is an occurrence of the word  $w_{k+1}l_{k+2}$  in  $\xi$ . The first four letters of  $w_{k+1}l_{k+2}$  are  $acab$  (if  $k > 1$ ) or  $acad$  (if  $k = 1$ ). In either case, Lemma 2.2 implies that  $N + 4$  is divisible by 4. Besides,  $M = 2^{k+1}$  due to Lemma 2.1. Hence  $N$  and  $M$  are both divisible by 4, i.e.,  $N = 4N'$  and  $M = 4M'$  for some  $M', N' \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since  $\xi_{N+1}\xi_{N+2}\cdots\xi_{N+M} = w_{k+1}l_{k+2} = \sigma(w_k l_{k+1})$ , it follows from Lemma 2.3 that  $\xi_{2N'+1}\xi_{2N'+2}\cdots\xi_{2N'+2M'}$  is an occurrence of  $w_k l_{k+1}$ . By the inductive assumption,  $N' \geq M'$  and

$$\xi_{2N'+2M'+1}\xi_{2N'+2M'+2}\cdots\xi_{2N'+4M'} = \xi_{2N'-2M'+1}\xi_{2N'-2M'+2}\cdots\xi_{2N'} = w_k l_k.$$

Applying Lemma 2.3 two more times, we obtain that  $\xi_{N+1}\xi_{N+2}\cdots\xi_{N+M}$  is immediately followed and immediately preceded by  $\sigma(w_k l_k) = w_{k+1}l_{k+1}$ . This completes the induction step. ■

**Lemma 2.7** *Any occurrence of the word  $w_{n+1}l_n = w_n l_n w_n l_n$  in  $\xi$  is immediately followed and immediately preceded by the same word of length  $2^{n+1}$ , which can be either  $w_n l_n w_n l_{n+1}$  or  $w_n l_{n+1} w_n l_n$ .*

**Proof.** The proof is by induction on  $n$ . First consider the case  $n = 1$ . By Lemma 2.2,  $\xi_N = a$  if  $N$  is odd,  $\xi_N = c$  if  $N$  is even but not divisible by 4, and  $\xi_N = b$  if  $N$  is divisible by 4 but not by 8. Suppose  $\xi_{M+1}\xi_{M+2}\xi_{M+3}\xi_{M+4}$  is an occurrence of  $w_2 l_1 = acac$  in  $\xi$ . Then  $M$  is even. Moreover, the one of the numbers  $M + 2$  and  $M + 4$  that is divisible by 4 must be divisible by 8 as well. In particular,  $M \geq 4$ . If  $M + 4$  is divisible by 8 then  $\xi_{M+5}\xi_{M+6}\xi_{M+7}\xi_{M+8} = \xi_{M-3}\xi_{M-2}\xi_{M-1}\xi_M = acab = w_1 l_1 w_1 l_2$ . If  $M + 2$  is divisible by 8 then  $\xi_{M+5}\xi_{M+6}\xi_{M+7}\xi_{M+8} = \xi_{M-3}\xi_{M-2}\xi_{M-1}\xi_M = abac = w_1 l_2 w_1 l_1$ .

Now let  $k \geq 1$  and assume the lemma holds for  $n = k$ . Suppose  $\xi_{N+1}\xi_{N+2}\cdots\xi_{N+M}$  is an occurrence of the word  $w_{k+2}l_{k+1}$  in  $\xi$ . The first four letters of  $w_{k+2}l_{k+1}$  are  $acab$  so that  $\xi_{N+4} = b$ . Lemma 2.2 implies that  $N + 4$  is divisible by 4. Besides,  $M = 2^{k+2}$  due to Lemma 2.1. Hence  $N$  and  $M$  are both divisible by 4, i.e.,  $N = 4N'$  and  $M = 4M'$  for some  $M', N' \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since  $\xi_{N+1}\xi_{N+2}\cdots\xi_{N+M} = w_{k+2}l_{k+1} = \sigma(w_{k+1}l_k)$ , it follows from Lemma 2.3 that  $\xi_{2N'+1}\xi_{2N'+2}\cdots\xi_{2N'+2M'}$  is an occurrence of  $w_{k+1}l_k$ . By the inductive assumption,

this occurrence is immediately followed and immediately preceded by the same word  $u$  of even length, where  $u = w_k l_k w_k l_{k+1}$  or  $u = w_k l_{k+1} w_k l_k$ . Applying Lemma 2.3 two more times, we obtain that  $\xi_{N+1} \xi_{N+2} \dots \xi_{N+M}$  is immediately followed and immediately preceded by  $\sigma(u)$ . Note that  $\sigma(u) = \sigma(w_k l_k w_k l_{k+1}) = w_{k+1} l_{k+1} w_{k+1} l_{k+2}$  or  $\sigma(u) = \sigma(w_k l_{k+1} w_k l_k) = w_{k+1} l_{k+2} w_{k+1} l_{k+1}$ . The length of  $\sigma(u)$  is  $2^{k+2}$  due to Lemma 2.1. This completes the induction step.  $\blacksquare$

Next we are going to derive some properties of the cylinders in  $\Omega$ .

**Lemma 2.8** *Let  $n \geq 2$ . Then the cylinder  $[.w_n]$  is disjoint from  $T^N([.w_n])$  for  $1 \leq N < 2^{n-1}$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $n \geq 2$  and suppose the cylinder  $[.w_n]$  is not disjoint from  $T^N([.w_n])$  for some  $N \geq 1$ . We need to show that  $N \geq 2^{n-1}$ . Take any element  $\omega = \dots \omega_{-2} \omega_{-1} \omega_0 \omega_1 \omega_2 \dots$  of the intersection  $[.w_n] \cap T^N([.w_n])$ . Then  $\omega$  and  $T^{-N}(\omega)$  are both in  $[.w_n]$ . By construction of the infinite word  $\xi = \xi_1 \xi_2 \dots$ , the word  $w_n$  is a beginning of  $\xi$ . The length of  $w_n$  is  $2^n - 1$  due to Lemma 2.1. Since  $\omega$  and  $T^{-N}(\omega)$  belong to  $[.w_n]$ , it follows that  $\omega_i = \omega_{i-N} = \xi_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 2^n - 1$ . As a consequence,  $\xi_i = \xi_{i+N}$  whenever  $1 \leq i < i + N \leq 2^n - 1$ .

The integer  $N$  is uniquely represented as  $N = 2^k K$ , where  $k \geq 0$  and  $K$  is odd. By Lemma 2.2,  $\xi_N = l_k$  if  $k \geq 1$  and  $\xi_N = a$  if  $k = 0$ . By the same lemma,  $\xi_{2N} = l_{k+1}$ , which implies that  $\xi_N \neq \xi_{2N} = \xi_{N+N}$ . Then it follows from the above that  $2N > 2^n - 1$ . Since  $N$  is an integer, this is equivalent to  $2N \geq 2^n$  or  $N \geq 2^{n-1}$ .  $\blacksquare$

**Lemma 2.9**  *$[l.w_n l_n] = [w_n l.w_n l_n w_n]$  and  $[l_n.w_n l] = [w_n l_n.w_n l w_n]$  for all  $l \in \{b, c, d\}$  and  $n \geq 1$ . Moreover, if  $l \neq l_n$  then  $[l.w_n l_n] = [w_n l_n w_n l]$ .*

**Proof.** By Lemma 2.5, any occurrence of the word  $w_n l_n$  in  $\xi$  is immediately followed by  $w_n b$ ,  $w_n c$ , or  $w_n d$  and, unless it is the beginning of  $\xi$ , immediately preceded by  $w_n b$ ,  $w_n c$ , or  $w_n d$ . As a consequence, any occurrence of  $l w_n l_n$  is immediately followed and preceded by  $w_n$ . This implies an equality of cylinders  $[l.w_n l_n] = [w_n l.w_n l_n] = [w_n l.w_n l_n w_n]$ . In the case  $l = l_n$ , we are done. In the other cases, two more equalities are to be derived.

Next consider the case  $l = l_{n+1}$ . By Lemma 2.6, any occurrence of the word  $w_n l_{n+1}$  in  $\xi$  is immediately followed and preceded by  $w_n l_n$ . Therefore any occurrence of  $l_n w_n l$  is immediately followed and preceded by  $w_n$  so that  $[l_n.w_n l] = [w_n l_n.w_n l w_n]$ . Besides, this implies that  $[w_n l_n w_n l] = [w_n l.] = [w_n l.w_n l_n]$ . We already know that  $[w_n l.w_n l_n] = [l.w_n l_n]$ .

Now consider the case when  $l \neq l_n$ ,  $l \neq l_{n+1}$ , and  $n \geq 2$ . In this case,  $l = l_{n-1}$ . By Lemma 2.7, any occurrence of the word  $w_n l_{n-1} = w_{n-1} l_{n-1} w_{n-1} l_{n-1}$  in  $\xi$  is immediately followed and preceded by the same word of length  $2^n$ , which can be either  $w_{n-1} l_{n-1} w_{n-1} l_n = w_n l_n$  or  $w_{n-1} l_n w_{n-1} l_{n-1}$ . Therefore any occurrence of  $l_n w_n l$  is immediately followed and preceded by  $w_n$  so that  $[l_n.w_n l] = [w_n l_n.w_n l w_n]$ . Another consequence is that  $[w_n l_n w_n l] = [w_n l_n w_n l.w_n l_n] = [w_n l.w_n l_n]$  (unlike the previous case, this does not equal  $[w_n l.]$ ). We already know that  $[w_n l.w_n l_n] = [l.w_n l_n]$ .

It remains to consider the case when  $l \neq l_n$ ,  $l \neq l_{n+1}$ , and  $n = 1$ . In this case,  $w_n = a$ ,  $l_n = c$ , and  $l = d$ . As already observed in the proof of Lemma 2.6, every occurrence of the letter  $d$  in  $\xi$  is immediately followed and preceded by  $aca$ . Therefore  $[c.ad] = [ac.ada]$  and  $[d.ac] = [acad.aca] = [acad.]$ .  $\blacksquare$

The following lemma is crucial for the proof of Theorem 1.10.

**Lemma 2.10** *If  $C$  is a nonempty cylinder of dimension  $2^n$ , then  $C = T^N([\cdot w_n l])$  for some  $l \in \{b, c, d\}$  and  $N \in \mathbb{Z}$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $C$  be a nonempty cylinder of dimension  $2^n$ . We have  $C = [w_- \cdot w_+]$  for some words  $w_-$  and  $w_+$  such that the concatenated word  $w = w_- w_+$  has length  $2^n$ . Since  $C$  is a nonempty set, the word  $w$  must occur as a subword in the infinite word  $\xi$ . By Lemma 2.4,  $w$  can be obtained from a word  $w_n l$ ,  $l \in \{b, c, d\}$ , by a cyclic permutation of letters. We are going to show that  $[\cdot w] = T^N([\cdot w_n l])$  for some  $N \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $C = T^M([\cdot w]) = T^{M+N}([\cdot w_n l])$ , where  $M$  is the length of  $w_-$ .

First consider the case  $n = 1$ . In this case,  $w = w_1 l = al$  or  $w = la$ . By Lemma 2.2,  $\xi_N = a$  if and only if  $N$  is odd. Hence every occurrence of the letter  $l$  in  $\xi$  is immediately followed and preceded by  $a$ . Therefore  $[la] = [l] = [a \cdot l] = T([\cdot al])$ .

Now assume  $n \geq 2$ . In this case,  $w_n = w_{n-1} l_{n-1} w_{n-1}$  due to Lemma 2.1. Let  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  be words such that  $w_n l = u_1 u_2$  and  $w = u_2 u_1$ . If  $u_2$  is longer than  $u_1$ , then  $l_{n-1} w_{n-1} l$  is an ending of  $u_2$ , i.e.,  $u_2 = u'_2 l_{n-1} w_{n-1} l$  for some word  $u'_2$ . Clearly,  $w = u'_2 l_{n-1} w_{n-1} l u_1$  and  $u_1 u'_2 = w_{n-1}$ . If  $u_2$  is not longer than  $u_1$  and not empty, we have  $u_1 = w_{n-1} l_{n-1} u'_1$  and  $u_2 = u'_2 l$  for some words  $u'_1$  and  $u'_2$ . Then  $w = u'_2 l w_{n-1} l_{n-1} u'_1$  and  $u'_1 u'_2 = w_{n-1}$ . Finally, if  $u_2$  is empty, then  $w = w_n l = w_{n-1} l_{n-1} w_{n-1} l = u'_2 l_{n-1} w_{n-1} l u'_1$ , where  $u'_1$  is the empty word and  $u'_2 = w_{n-1}$ .

By the above the word  $w$  can be represented as  $u'_2 l_{n-1} w_{n-1} l u'_1$  or  $u'_2 l w_{n-1} l_{n-1} u'_1$ , where the words  $u'_1$  and  $u'_2$  satisfy  $u'_1 u'_2 = w_{n-1}$ . Note that both representations are the same if  $l = l_{n-1}$  (also, in this case there are two different choices for the pair  $u_1, u_2$ ). First assume that  $w = u'_2 l_{n-1} w_{n-1} l u'_1$ . Since  $u'_1$  is a beginning of  $w_{n-1}$  and  $u'_2$  is an ending of  $w_{n-1}$ , it follows that  $[w_{n-1} l_{n-1} \cdot w_{n-1} l w_{n-1}] \subset [u'_2 l_{n-1} \cdot w_{n-1} l u'_1] \subset [l_{n-1} \cdot w_{n-1} l]$ . Similarly,  $[w_{n-1} l_{n-1} \cdot w_{n-1} l w_{n-1}] \subset [w_{n-1} l_{n-1} \cdot w_{n-1} l] \subset [l_{n-1} \cdot w_{n-1} l]$ . Since  $[w_{n-1} l_{n-1} \cdot w_{n-1} l w_{n-1}] = [l_{n-1} \cdot w_{n-1} l]$  due to Lemma 2.9, we obtain that  $[u'_2 l_{n-1} \cdot w_{n-1} l u'_1] = [w_{n-1} l_{n-1} \cdot w_{n-1} l]$ . The latter equality can be rewritten as  $T^{N_1}([\cdot w]) = T^{N_2}([\cdot w_n l])$ , where  $N_1$  is the length of  $u'_2 l_{n-1}$  and  $N_2$  is the length of  $w_{n-1} l_{n-1}$  ( $N_2 = 2^{n-1}$ ). Then  $[\cdot w] = T^{N_2 - N_1}([\cdot w_n l])$ .

Now assume that  $l \neq l_{n-1}$  and  $w = u'_2 l w_{n-1} l_{n-1} u'_1$ . Just like in the previous case, we obtain that  $[w_{n-1} l \cdot w_{n-1} l_{n-1} w_{n-1}] \subset [u'_2 l \cdot w_{n-1} l_{n-1} u'_1] \subset [l \cdot w_{n-1} l_{n-1}]$ . By Lemma 2.9,  $[w_{n-1} l \cdot w_{n-1} l_{n-1} w_{n-1}] = [l \cdot w_{n-1} l_{n-1}] = [w_{n-1} l_{n-1} w_{n-1} l]$ . It follows that  $[u'_2 l \cdot w_{n-1} l_{n-1} u'_1] = [w_{n-1} l_{n-1} w_{n-1} l]$ . The latter equality can be rewritten as  $T^{N_1}([\cdot w]) = T^{N_2}([\cdot w_n l])$ , where  $N_1$  is the length of  $u'_2 l$  and  $N_2$  is the length of  $w_n l$  ( $N_2 = 2^n$ ). Then  $[\cdot w] = T^{N_2 - N_1}([\cdot w_n l])$ . ■

The next three lemmas establish relations between cylinders of dimension  $2^n$  and cylinders of dimension  $2^{n+1}$ . We shall use  $\sqcup$  to denote disjoint unions. Namely,  $U = U_1 \sqcup U_2 \sqcup \dots \sqcup U_k$  means that  $U = U_1 \cup U_2 \cup \dots \cup U_k$  and the sets  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_k$  are pairwise disjoint.

**Lemma 2.11**  $[\cdot w_n l_n] = [\cdot w_{n+1} b] \sqcup [\cdot w_{n+1} c] \sqcup [\cdot w_{n+1} d]$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .

**Proof.** The cylinders  $[\cdot w_{n+1} b]$ ,  $[\cdot w_{n+1} c]$ , and  $[\cdot w_{n+1} d]$  are clearly disjoint. Since  $w_{n+1} = w_n l_n w_n$  (due to Lemma 2.1), each of them is contained in  $[\cdot w_n l_n]$ . Lemma 2.5 implies that the union of the three cylinders is exactly  $[\cdot w_n l_n]$ . ■



**Lemma 2.12**  $[\cdot w_n l_{n+1}] = T^{2^n}([\cdot w_{n+1} l_{n+1}])$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .

**Proof.** Lemma 2.6 implies that  $[\cdot w_n l_{n+1}] = [w_n l_n \cdot w_n l_{n+1}]$ . Since the length of the word  $w_n l_n$  is  $2^n$ , we obtain that  $[\cdot w_n l_{n+1}] = T^{2^n}([\cdot w_n l_n w_n l_{n+1}])$ . It remains to notice that  $w_n l_n w_n = w_{n+1}$ . ■

**Lemma 2.13**  $[\cdot w_{n+1} l_n] = T^{2^{n+1}}([\cdot w_{n+2} l_n]) \sqcup T^{3 \cdot 2^n}([\cdot w_{n+2} l_n])$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .

**Proof.** Lemma 2.7 implies that the cylinder  $[\cdot w_{n+1} l_n] = [w_n l_n w_n l_n]$  is the union of cylinders  $C_1 = [w_n l_n w_n l_{n+1} \cdot w_n l_n w_n l_n]$  and  $C_2 = [w_n l_{n+1} w_n l_n \cdot w_n l_n w_n l_n]$ , which are disjoint since  $l_{n+1}$  is always different from  $l_n$ . Lemma 2.6 further implies that  $C_2 = [w_n l_n w_n l_{n+1} w_n l_n \cdot w_n l_n w_n l_n]$ . Then it follows from Lemma 2.7 that  $C_2 = [w_n l_n w_n l_{n+1} w_n l_n \cdot w_n l_n]$ .

Notice that  $w_n l_n w_n l_{n+1} w_n l_n w_n l_n = w_{n+1} l_{n+1} w_{n+1} l_n = w_{n+2} l_n$ . Since the word  $w_n l_n w_n l_{n+1}$  has length  $2^{n+1}$  and the word  $w_n l_n w_n l_{n+1} w_n l_n$  has length  $3 \cdot 2^n$ , we obtain that  $C_1 = T^{2^{n+1}}([\cdot w_{n+2} l_n])$  and  $C_2 = T^{3 \cdot 2^n}([\cdot w_{n+2} l_n])$ . ■

### 3 General topological full group

We proceed to the study of the topological full group  $[[T]]$ . Let us begin with some general properties of transformations  $\Psi_{U,M,N}$  that hold for any homeomorphism  $T : X \rightarrow X$  of a Cantor set  $X$  onto itself.

**Lemma 3.1** If  $\Psi_{U,M,N}$  is well defined for a clopen set  $U$  and integers  $M, N$ ,  $M < N$ , then  $\Psi_{T^K(U), M+J, N+J}$  is well defined for any  $J, K \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\Psi_{T^K(U), M+J, N+J} = T^{J+K} \Psi_{U,M,N} T^{-J-K}$ .

**Proof.** Since  $\Psi_{U,M,N}$  is well defined, the sets  $T^M(U), T^{M+1}(U), \dots, T^N(U)$  are pairwise disjoint. Since  $T$  is an invertible transformation, it follows that for any  $J \in \mathbb{Z}$  the sets  $T^{M+J}(U), T^{M+J+1}(U), \dots, T^{N+J}(U)$  are also pairwise disjoint. Hence  $\Psi_{U, M+J, N+J}$  is defined as well. Suppose  $x \in X$  and let  $y = T^{-J}(x)$ . Then  $\Psi_{U, M+J, N+J}(x) = T^n(x)$  for a specific  $n$  (which can be 0, 1, or  $M-N$ ) if and only if  $\Psi_{U, M, N}(y) = T^n(y)$ . It follows that  $\Psi_{U, M+J, N+J} = T^J \Psi_{U, M, N} T^{-J}$ .

Given  $K \in \mathbb{Z}$ , let  $V = T^K(U)$ . Then  $V$  is a clopen set and  $T^i(V) = T^{i+K}(U)$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . It follows that  $\Psi_{V, M', N'} = \Psi_{U, M'+K, N'+K}$  whenever one of these transformations is defined. In particular,  $\Psi_{V, M+J, N+J} = \Psi_{U, M+J+K, N+J+K}$  for all  $J \in \mathbb{Z}$ . By the above,  $\Psi_{U, M+J+K, N+J+K} = T^{J+K} \Psi_{U, M, N} T^{-J-K}$ . ■

**Lemma 3.2** Suppose  $\Psi_{U, M, N}$  is well defined and  $U = U_1 \sqcup U_2 \sqcup \dots \sqcup U_k$ , where  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_k$  are clopen sets. Then transformations  $\Psi_{U_i, M, N}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$  are also well defined, they commute with one another, and  $\Psi_{U, M, N} = \Psi_{U_1, M, N} \Psi_{U_2, M, N} \dots \Psi_{U_k, M, N}$ .

**Proof.** Since  $\Psi_{U, M, N}$  is well defined, the sets  $T^M(U), T^{M+1}(U), \dots, T^N(U)$  are pairwise disjoint. Since each  $U_i$  is a subset of  $U$ , the sets  $T^M(U_i), T^{M+1}(U_i), \dots, T^N(U_i)$  are also pairwise disjoint. Hence  $\Psi_{U_i, M, N}$  is defined as well. The transformation  $\Psi_{U_i, M, N}$  coincides

with  $\Psi_{U,M,N}$  on the set  $\widetilde{U}_i = T^M(U_i) \cup T^{M+1}(U_i) \cup \dots \cup T^N(U_i)$  and with the identity map anywhere else. Since  $U = U_1 \sqcup U_2 \sqcup \dots \sqcup U_k$ , it follows that  $T^J(U) = T^J(U_1) \sqcup T^J(U_2) \sqcup \dots \sqcup T^J(U_k)$  for all  $J \in \mathbb{Z}$ . As a consequence,  $T^M(U) \cup T^{M+1}(U) \cup \dots \cup T^N(U) = \widetilde{U}_1 \sqcup \widetilde{U}_2 \sqcup \dots \sqcup \widetilde{U}_k$ . This implies that transformations  $\Psi_{U_1,M,N}, \Psi_{U_2,M,N}, \dots, \Psi_{U_k,M,N}$  commute with one another and  $\Psi_{U_1,M,N} \Psi_{U_2,M,N} \dots \Psi_{U_k,M,N} = \Psi_{U,M,N}$ .  $\blacksquare$

**Lemma 3.3** *If  $\Psi_{U,M,N}$  is well defined and  $N - M \geq 2$ , then  $\Psi_{U,M,N} = \Psi_{U,M,K} \Psi_{U,K,N}$  for any  $K$ ,  $M < K < N$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $\Psi_{U,M,N}$  is well defined, the sets  $T^M(U), T^{M+1}(U), \dots, T^N(U)$  are pairwise disjoint. It follows that transformations  $\Psi_{U,M,K}$  and  $\Psi_{U,K,N}$  are well defined for any  $K$ ,  $M < K < N$ . We need to show that  $\Psi_{U,M,N}(x) = \Psi_{U,M,K}(\Psi_{U,K,N}(x))$  for all  $x \in X$ . First consider the case  $x \in T^i(U)$ , where  $M \leq i \leq K - 1$ . Then  $x \notin T^j(U)$  for  $K \leq j \leq N$ . Hence  $x$  is fixed by  $\Psi_{U,K,N}$ . Consequently,  $\Psi_{U,M,K}(\Psi_{U,K,N}(x)) = \Psi_{U,M,K}(x) = T(x)$ , which coincides with  $\Psi_{U,M,N}(x)$ .

Next consider the case  $x \in T^i(U)$ , where  $K \leq i \leq N - 1$ . In this case,  $\Psi_{U,K,N}(x) = T(x)$ . Since  $T(x) \in T^{i+1}(U)$  and  $K + 1 \leq i + 1 \leq N$ , it follows that  $T(x) \notin T^j(U)$  for  $M \leq j \leq K$ . Hence  $T(x)$  is fixed by  $\Psi_{U,M,K}$  so that  $\Psi_{U,M,K}(\Psi_{U,K,N}(x)) = T(x) = \Psi_{U,M,N}(x)$ .

Now consider the case  $x \in T^N(U)$ . In this case,  $\Psi_{U,K,N}(x) = T^{K-N}(x)$ , which belongs to  $T^K(U)$ . Then  $\Psi_{U,M,K}(\Psi_{U,K,N}(x)) = \Psi_{U,M,K}(T^{K-N}(x)) = T^{M-K}(T^{K-N}(x)) = T^{M-N}(x)$ , which coincides with  $\Psi_{U,M,N}(x)$ .

Finally, if  $x \notin T^i(U)$  for all  $i$ ,  $M \leq i \leq N$ , then  $x$  is fixed by all three transformations. In particular,  $\Psi_{U,M,K}(\Psi_{U,K,N}(x)) = x = \Psi_{U,M,N}(x)$ .  $\blacksquare$

**Lemma 3.4** *Suppose  $\Psi_{U,M,K}$  and  $\Psi_{V,K,N}$  are well defined. If  $T^i(V) \cap U = \emptyset$  for  $1 \leq i \leq N - M$ , then  $\Psi_{V,K,N} \Psi_{U,M,K}^{-1} \Psi_{V,K,N}^{-1} \Psi_{U,M,K} = \Psi_{U \cap V, K-1, K+1}$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $\Psi_{U,M,K}$  is well defined, the sets  $T^M(U), T^{M+1}(U), \dots, T^K(U)$  are pairwise disjoint. Since  $\Psi_{V,K,N}$  is well defined, the sets  $T^K(V), T^{K+1}(V), \dots, T^N(V)$  are pairwise disjoint. Further,  $T^i(U) \cap T^j(V) = T^i(U \cap T^{j-i}(V))$  for all  $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Therefore  $T^i(U)$  is disjoint from  $T^j(V)$  whenever  $1 \leq j - i \leq N - M$ . In particular, the two sets are disjoint if  $M \leq i \leq K \leq j \leq N$  and at least one of the numbers  $i$  and  $j$  is different from  $K$ . It follows that sets  $T^M(U), T^{M+1}(U), \dots, T^{K-1}(U), T^K(U) \cup T^K(V) = T^K(U \cup V), T^{K+1}(V), \dots, T^{N-1}(V), T^N(V)$  are pairwise disjoint.

Let  $W = U \cap V$ ,  $Y = U \setminus W$ , and  $Z = V \setminus W$ . Then  $W$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Z$  are clopen sets. We have  $U = W \sqcup Y$ ,  $V = W \sqcup Z$ , and  $U \cup V = W \sqcup Y \sqcup Z$ . By Lemma 3.2,  $\Psi_{U,M,K} = \Psi_{W,M,K} \Psi_{Y,M,K}$  and  $\Psi_{V,K,N} = \Psi_{W,K,N} \Psi_{Z,K,N}$ . The transformation  $\Psi_{Y,M,K}$  moves points only within the set  $\widetilde{Y} = T^M(Y) \cup T^{M+1}(Y) \cup \dots \cup T^K(Y)$ . Likewise,  $\Psi_{Z,K,N}$  moves points only within the set  $\widetilde{Z} = T^K(Z) \cup T^{K+1}(Z) \cup \dots \cup T^N(Z)$ . The transformations  $\Psi_{W,M,K}$  and  $\Psi_{W,K,N}$  do not move points outside of the set  $\widetilde{W} = T^M(W) \cup T^{M+1}(W) \cup \dots \cup T^N(W)$ . Note that  $T^i(U) = T^i(W) \sqcup T^i(Y)$  for  $M \leq i \leq K - 1$ ,  $T^i(V) = T^i(W) \sqcup T^i(Z)$  for  $K + 1 \leq i \leq N$ , and  $T^K(U \cup V) = T^K(W) \sqcup T^K(Y) \sqcup T^K(Z)$ . It follows that the sets  $\widetilde{W}$ ,  $\widetilde{Y}$ , and  $\widetilde{Z}$  are pairwise

disjoint. This implies that the transformations  $\Psi_{Y,M,K}$  and  $\Psi_{Z,K,N}$  commute with  $\Psi_{W,M,K}$ ,  $\Psi_{W,K,N}$ , and with each other. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Psi_{V,K,N} \Psi_{U,M,K}^{-1} \Psi_{V,K,N}^{-1} \Psi_{U,M,K} = \\
& = (\Psi_{W,K,N} \Psi_{Z,K,N}) (\Psi_{W,M,K} \Psi_{Y,M,K})^{-1} (\Psi_{W,K,N} \Psi_{Z,K,N})^{-1} (\Psi_{W,M,K} \Psi_{Y,M,K}) \\
& = \Psi_{W,K,N} \Psi_{Z,K,N} \Psi_{Y,M,K}^{-1} \Psi_{W,M,K}^{-1} \Psi_{Z,K,N}^{-1} \Psi_{W,K,N}^{-1} \Psi_{W,M,K} \Psi_{Y,M,K} \\
& = \Psi_{W,K,N} \Psi_{W,M,K}^{-1} (\Psi_{Z,K,N} \Psi_{Y,M,K}^{-1} \Psi_{Z,K,N}^{-1} \Psi_{Y,M,K}) \Psi_{W,K,N}^{-1} \Psi_{W,M,K} \\
& = \Psi_{W,K,N} \Psi_{W,M,K}^{-1} \Psi_{W,K,N}^{-1} \Psi_{W,M,K}.
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $L = \Psi_{W,M,K-1}$  if  $M < K - 1$  and let  $L$  be the identity map otherwise. Let  $R = \Psi_{W,K+1,N}$  if  $K + 1 < N$  and let  $R$  be the identity map otherwise. It follows from Lemma 3.3 that  $\Psi_{W,M,K} = L \Psi_{W,K-1,K}$  and  $\Psi_{W,K,N} = \Psi_{W,K,K+1} R$ . The transformation  $L$  fixes all points in the set  $T^K(W) \cup T^{K+1}(W) \cup \dots \cup T^N(W)$ , which implies that  $L$  commutes with  $\Psi_{W,K,K+1}$  and  $R$ . Similarly,  $R$  fixes all points in the set  $T^M(W) \cup T^{M+1}(W) \cup \dots \cup T^K(W)$ , which implies that  $R$  commutes with  $\Psi_{W,K-1,K}$  and  $L$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\Psi_{W,K,N} \Psi_{W,M,K}^{-1} \Psi_{W,K,N}^{-1} \Psi_{W,M,K} & = (\Psi_{W,K,K+1} R) (L \Psi_{W,K-1,K})^{-1} (\Psi_{W,K,K+1} R)^{-1} (L \Psi_{W,K-1,K}) \\
& = \Psi_{W,K,K+1} R \Psi_{W,K-1,K}^{-1} L^{-1} R^{-1} \Psi_{W,K,K+1}^{-1} L \Psi_{W,K-1,K} \\
& = \Psi_{W,K,K+1} \Psi_{W,K-1,K}^{-1} (R L^{-1} R^{-1} L) \Psi_{W,K,K+1}^{-1} \Psi_{W,K-1,K} \\
& = \Psi_{W,K,K+1} \Psi_{W,K-1,K}^{-1} \Psi_{W,K,K+1}^{-1} \Psi_{W,K-1,K}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\Psi_{W,K-1,K}$  and  $\Psi_{W,K,K+1}$  are involutions, we obtain that

$$\Psi_{W,K,K+1} \Psi_{W,K-1,K}^{-1} \Psi_{W,K,K+1}^{-1} \Psi_{W,K-1,K} = (\Psi_{W,K,K+1} \Psi_{W,K-1,K})^2 = (\Psi_{W,K-1,K} \Psi_{W,K,K+1})^{-2}.$$

It follows from the above that sets  $T^M(W), \dots, T^{K-1}(W), T^K(W), T^{K+1}(W), \dots, T^N(W)$  are pairwise disjoint. In particular, the transformation  $\Psi_{W,K-1,K+1}$  is well defined. We have  $\Psi_{W,K-1,K} \Psi_{W,K,K+1} = \Psi_{W,K-1,K+1}$  due to Lemma 3.3 and  $\Psi_{W,K-1,K+1}^{-2} = \Psi_{W,K-1,K+1}$  since  $\Psi_{W,K-1,K+1}$  has order 3.  $\blacksquare$

## 4 Topological full group of the substitution subshift

Now we restrict our attention to the substitution subshift  $T : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$ . Let  $G$  be the subgroup of  $[[T]]$  generated by transformations  $T$ ,  $\delta_{[.b]}$ ,  $\delta_{[.d]}$ , and  $\delta_{[.acacac]}$ . For any  $n \geq 1$  let  $G_n$  be the subgroup of  $[[T]]$  generated by  $\delta_{[.wnb]}$ ,  $\delta_{[.wnc]}$ ,  $\delta_{[.wnd]}$ , and  $T$ .

**Lemma 4.1**  $G_3 = G$ .

**Proof.** First we show that the group  $G_3$  contains  $\delta_{[.w_2b]}$ . By Lemma 2.11,  $[.w_2b] = [.w_3b] \sqcup [.w_3c] \sqcup [.w_3d]$ . Then Lemma 3.2 implies that  $\delta_{[.w_2b]} = \delta_{[.w_3b]}\delta_{[.w_3c]}\delta_{[.w_3d]}$ .

By Lemma 2.2,  $\xi_i = a$  if  $i$  is odd,  $\xi_i = c$  if  $i$  is even but not divisible by 4, and  $\xi_i = b$  if  $i$  is divisible by 4 but not by 8. It follows that every occurrence of the letter  $b$  in  $\xi$  is immediately preceded by  $aca$  while every occurrence of  $d$  is preceded by  $acabaca$ . As a consequence,  $[.b] = [aca.b] = T^3([.w_2b])$  and  $[.d] = [acabaca.d] = T^7([.w_3d])$ . Besides, Lemma 2.7 implies that  $[.acacac] = [acab.acacacab] = [acab.acac] = T^4([.w_3c])$ . By Lemma 3.1,  $\delta_{[.b]} = T^3\delta_{[.w_2b]}T^{-3}$ ,  $\delta_{[.d]} = T^7\delta_{[.w_3d]}T^{-7}$ , and  $\delta_{[.acacac]} = T^4\delta_{[.w_3c]}T^{-4}$ . Therefore all generators of the group  $G$  belong to  $G_3$  so that  $G \subset G_3$ .

Conversely, it follows from the above that  $\delta_{[.w_2b]} = T^{-3}\delta_{[.b]}T^3$ ,  $\delta_{[.w_3c]} = T^{-4}\delta_{[.acacac]}T^4$ ,  $\delta_{[.w_3d]} = T^{-7}\delta_{[.d]}T^7$ , and

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_{[.w_3b]} &= \delta_{[.w_2b]}\delta_{[.w_3d]}^{-1}\delta_{[.w_3c]}^{-1} = \delta_{[.w_2b]}\delta_{[.w_3d]}\delta_{[.w_3c]} \\ &= (T^{-3}\delta_{[.b]}T^3)(T^{-7}\delta_{[.d]}T^7)(T^{-4}\delta_{[.acacac]}T^4) = T^{-3}\delta_{[.b]}T^{-4}\delta_{[.d]}T^3\delta_{[.acacac]}T^4.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore all generators of the group  $G_3$  belong to  $G$  so that  $G_3 \subset G$ .  $\blacksquare$

As a follow-up to the previous proof, let us derive the formulas for  $\delta_{[.a]}$  and  $\delta_{[.c]}$ . We begin with some auxiliary formulas. By Lemma 2.13,  $[.acac] = T^4([.w_3c]) \sqcup T^6([.w_3c])$ . Then Lemmas 3.1 and 3.2 imply that

$$\delta_{[.acac]} = (T^4\delta_{[.w_3c]}T^{-4})(T^6\delta_{[.w_3c]}T^{-6}) = T^4\delta_{[.w_3c]}T^2\delta_{[.w_3c]}T^{-6}.$$

Since  $\delta_{[.w_3c]} = T^{-4}\delta_{[.acacac]}T^4$ , we obtain that  $\delta_{[.acac]} = \delta_{[.acacac]}T^2\delta_{[.acacac]}T^{-2}$ . Further,  $[.acad] = T^4([.w_3d])$  due to Lemma 2.12. Hence  $\delta_{[.acad]} = T^4\delta_{[.w_3d]}T^{-4} = T^4(T^{-7}\delta_{[.d]}T^7)T^{-4} = T^{-3}\delta_{[.d]}T^3$ . Next,  $[.ac] = [.acab] \sqcup [.acac] \sqcup [.acad]$  due to Lemma 2.12. By Lemma 3.2,

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_{[.ac]} &= \delta_{[.acab]}\delta_{[.acad]}\delta_{[.acac]} = (T^{-3}\delta_{[.b]}T^3)(T^{-3}\delta_{[.d]}T^3)(\delta_{[.acacac]}T^2\delta_{[.acacac]}T^{-2}) \\ &= T^{-3}\delta_{[.b]}\delta_{[.d]}T^3\delta_{[.acacac]}T^2\delta_{[.acacac]}T^{-2}.\end{aligned}$$

Finally,  $[.c] = [a.c] = T([.ac])$  so that

$$\delta_{[.c]} = T\delta_{[.ac]}T^{-1} = T^{-2}\delta_{[.b]}\delta_{[.d]}T^3\delta_{[.acacac]}T^2\delta_{[.acacac]}T^{-3}.$$

Since  $[.a] = T^{-1}([a.])$  and  $[a.] = [.b] \sqcup [.c] \sqcup [.d]$ , it follows from Lemma 3.2 that  $\delta_{[a.]} = \delta_{[.b]}\delta_{[.c]}\delta_{[.d]}$  and then from Lemma 3.1 that

$$\delta_{[.a]} = T^{-1}\delta_{[a.]}T = T^{-1}\delta_{[.b]}\delta_{[.c]}\delta_{[.d]}T = T^{-1}\delta_{[.b]}\delta_{[.c]}\delta_{[.d]}T^{-2}\delta_{[.b]}\delta_{[.c]}\delta_{[.d]}T^3\delta_{[.acacac]}T^2\delta_{[.acacac]}T^{-2}.$$

**Lemma 4.2** *Any given transformation of the form  $\delta_U$  is contained in the group  $G_n$  for  $n$  large enough.*

**Proof.** If  $U$  is an empty set, then  $\delta_U$  is the identity map. Now suppose  $U \subset \Omega$  is a nonempty clopen set. Then there exists  $n_0 \geq 1$  such that for any  $n \geq n_0$  the set  $U$  can be represented as a union  $U = C_1 \cup C_2 \cup \dots \cup C_s$ , where each  $C_i$  is of the form  $[u.w]$  for some words  $u, w$  of length  $2^{n-1}$ . We can assume that the cylinders  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_s$  are nonempty and distinct. Then  $U = C_1 \sqcup C_2 \sqcup \dots \sqcup C_s$ . If  $\delta_U$  is well defined, then  $\delta_U = \delta_{C_1}\delta_{C_2} \dots \delta_{C_s}$  due to Lemma 3.2. Since each  $C_i$  is a nonempty cylinder of dimension  $2^n$ , Lemma 2.10 implies that  $C_i = T^N([.w_n l])$  for some  $l \in \{b, c, d\}$  and  $N \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $\delta_{C_i} = T^N\delta_{[.w_n l]}T^{-N}$  due to Lemma 3.1. In particular, each  $\delta_{C_i}$  belongs to the group  $G_n$ . It follows that  $\delta_U \in G_n$  as well.  $\blacksquare$

For any  $n \geq 3$  let  $H_n$  be the subgroup of  $[[T]]$  generated by  $\tau_{[.w_nb]}$ ,  $\tau_{[.w_nc]}$ ,  $\tau_{[.w_nd]}$ , and  $T$ . The restriction  $n \geq 3$  is necessary since  $\tau_{[.ac]}$  and  $\tau_{[.acac]}$  are not defined. If  $n \geq 3$  then the cylinders  $[.w_nb]$ ,  $[.w_nc]$ , and  $[.w_nd]$  are contained in  $[.acab]$ . Since sets  $[.acab]$ ,  $T([.acab]) = [.acab]$ , and  $T^2([.acab]) = [.ac.ab]$  are disjoint from one another, the transformation  $\tau_{[.acab]}$  is well defined and so are the generators of the group  $H_n$ .

**Lemma 4.3**  $\delta_{[.w_{n+1}l_n]} \in H_{n+2}$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .

**Proof.** By Lemma 2.13,  $[.w_{n+1}l_n] = T^{N_n}(U_n) \sqcup T^{M_n}(U_n)$ , where  $U_n = [.w_{n+2}l_n]$ ,  $N_n = 2^{n+1}$ , and  $M_n = 3 \cdot 2^n$ . Note that  $M_n - N_n \geq 2$ . It follows from Lemmas 3.1 and 3.2 that  $\delta_{[.w_{n+1}l_n]} = \Psi_{U_n, N_n, N_{n+1}} \Psi_{U_n, M_n, M_{n+1}}$ . Since  $\Psi_{U_n, N, N+1}$  is an involution for all  $N \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{[.w_{n+1}l_n]} &= \Psi_{U_n, N_n, N_{n+1}} \Psi_{U_n, N_n+1, N_{n+2}}^2 \Psi_{U_n, N_n+2, N_{n+3}}^2 \cdots \Psi_{U_n, M_n-1, M_n}^2 \Psi_{U_n, M_n, M_{n+1}} \\ &= (\Psi_{U_n, N_n, N_{n+1}} \Psi_{U_n, N_n+1, N_{n+2}}) (\Psi_{U_n, N_n+1, N_{n+2}} \Psi_{U_n, N_n+2, N_{n+3}}) \cdots (\Psi_{U_n, M_n-1, M_n} \Psi_{U_n, M_n, M_{n+1}}). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\tau_{U_n}$  is well defined, it follows from Lemma 3.1 that  $\Psi_{U_n, N, N+2}$  is well defined for any  $N \in \mathbb{Z}$ . By Lemma 3.3,  $\Psi_{U_n, N, N+2} = \Psi_{U_n, N, N+1} \Psi_{U_n, N+1, N+2}$  for all  $N \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Therefore

$$\delta_{[.w_{n+1}l_n]} = \Psi_{U_n, N_n, N_{n+2}} \Psi_{U_n, N_n+1, N_{n+3}} \cdots \Psi_{U_n, M_n-2, M_n}.$$

By Lemma 3.1,  $\Psi_{U_n, N, N+2} = T^N \tau_{U_n} T^{-N}$  for all  $N \in \mathbb{Z}$ . It follows by induction that

$$\Psi_{U_n, N, N+2} \Psi_{U_n, N+1, N+3} \cdots \Psi_{U_n, N+K-1, N+K+1} = T^N (\tau_{U_n} T)^K T^{-N-K}$$

for all  $N \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $K \geq 1$ . In the case  $N = N_n$ ,  $K = M_n - N_n - 1$ , we obtain that

$$\delta_{[.w_{n+1}l_n]} = T^{2^{n+1}} (\tau_{[.w_{n+2}l_n]} T)^{2^n-1} T^{1-3 \cdot 2^n},$$

which belongs to the group  $H_{n+2}$ . ■

**Lemma 4.4**  $H_n = H_4$  for all  $n > 4$ .

**Proof.** Let us fix an arbitrary  $n \geq 4$ . First we are going to show that  $\tau_{[.w_{n+1}l]} \in H_n$  for each  $l \in \{b, c, d\}$  (so that  $H_{n+1} \subset H_n$ ). Let  $U = [.w_n l_n]$  and  $V_l = [.w_n l]$ . By Lemma 2.1,  $w_n$  has length  $2^n - 1$  and  $w_{n+1} = w_n l_n w_n$ . It follows that  $U = T^{2^n}([.w_n l_n])$  and  $U \cap V_l = [w_n l_n \cdot w_n l] = T^{2^n}([.w_{n+1}l])$ . By Lemma 2.11, the cylinder  $[.w_n l_n]$  is the union of  $[.w_{n+1}b]$ ,  $[.w_{n+1}c]$ , and  $[.w_{n+1}d]$ . Therefore  $U$  is the union of  $T^{2^n}([.w_{n+1}b]) = [w_n l_n \cdot w_n b]$ ,  $T^{2^n}([.w_{n+1}c]) = [w_n l_n \cdot w_n c]$ , and  $T^{2^n}([.w_{n+1}d]) = [w_n l_n \cdot w_n d]$ . As a consequence, the cylinder  $U$  is contained in  $[.w_n]$ . Clearly,  $V_l \subset [.w_n]$  as well.

By Lemma 2.8, the cylinder  $[.w_n]$  is disjoint from  $T^N([.w_n])$  for  $1 \leq N < 2^{n-1}$ . In particular, it is disjoint from  $T([.w_n])$ ,  $T^2([.w_n])$ ,  $T^3([.w_n])$ , and  $T^4([.w_n])$ . Since  $U$  and  $V_l$  are subsets of  $[.w_n]$ , the cylinder  $U$  is disjoint from  $T(V_l)$ ,  $T^2(V_l)$ ,  $T^3(V_l)$ , and  $T^4(V_l)$ . Then it follows from Lemma 3.4 that

$$\Psi_{V_l, 0, 2} \Psi_{U, -2, 0}^{-1} \Psi_{V_l, 0, 2}^{-1} \Psi_{U, -2, 0} = \Psi_{U \cap V_l, -1, 1}.$$

By Lemma 3.1,  $\Psi_{U \cap V_i, -1, 1} = T^{2^n-1} \tau_{[.w_{n+1}l]} T^{1-2^n}$  and  $\Psi_{U, -2, 0} = T^{2^n-2} \tau_{[.w_n l_n]} T^{2-2^n}$ . Besides,  $\Psi_{V_i, 0, 2} = \tau_{[.w_n l]}$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{[.w_{n+1}l]} &= T^{1-2^n} \Psi_{U \cap V_i, -1, 1} T^{2^n-1} = T^{1-2^n} \Psi_{V_i, 0, 2} \Psi_{U, -2, 0}^{-1} \Psi_{V_i, 0, 2}^{-1} \Psi_{U, -2, 0} T^{2^n-1} \\ &= T^{1-2^n} \tau_{[.w_n l]} (T^{2^n-2} \tau_{[.w_n l_n]} T^{2-2^n})^{-1} \tau_{[.w_n l]}^{-1} (T^{2^n-2} \tau_{[.w_n l_n]} T^{2-2^n}) T^{2^n-1} \\ &= T^{1-2^n} \tau_{[.w_n l]} T^{2^n-2} \tau_{[.w_n l_n]}^{-1} T^{2-2^n} \tau_{[.w_n l_n]}^{-1} T^{2^n-2} \tau_{[.w_n l_n]} T, \end{aligned}$$

which is in the group  $H_n$ .

Next we are going to show that  $\tau_{[.w_{n-1}l]} \in H_n$  for each  $l \in \{b, c, d\}$  (so that  $H_{n-1} \subset H_n$ ). Note that exactly one of the letters  $l_{n-2}$ ,  $l_{n-1}$ , and  $l_n$  coincides with  $l$ . In view of Lemmas 2.11, 2.12, and 2.13, the cylinder  $[.w_{n-1}l]$  is a disjoint union of one (if  $l = l_n$ ), two (if  $l = l_{n-2}$ ), or three (if  $l = l_{n-1}$ ) sets of the form  $T^N([.w_n l'])$ , where  $l' \in \{b, c, d\}$  and  $N \in \mathbb{Z}$ . By Lemma 3.1,  $\tau_{T^N([.w_n l'])} = T^N \tau_{[.w_n l']} T^{-N}$ , which belongs to  $H_n$ . Then it follows from Lemma 3.2 that  $\tau_{[.w_{n-1}l]}$  is a product of at most three elements of the group  $H_n$ . Hence  $\tau_{[.w_{n-1}l]} \in H_n$  as well.

We have shown that  $H_{n+1} \subset H_n$  and  $H_{n-1} \subset H_n$  for all  $n \geq 4$ . As a consequence,  $H_{n+1} = H_n$  for  $n \geq 4$ . It follows by induction that  $H_n = H_4$  for  $n \geq 4$ .  $\blacksquare$

**Lemma 4.5**  $G_n = G_3$  for all  $n > 3$ .

**Proof.** First we are going to show that  $\tau_{[.w_4l]} \in G_3$  for each  $l \in \{b, c, d\}$  (so that the group  $H_4$  is a subgroup of  $G_3$ ). Let  $U = [acabacad.]$  and  $V_i = [.acabacal.]$ . Since  $w_3 = acabaca$  and  $l_3 = d$ , we have  $U = T^8([.w_3 l_3])$ ,  $V_i = [.w_3 l]$ , and  $U \cap V_i = [w_3 l_3 . w_3 l] = T^8([.w_3 l_3 w_3 l]) = T^8([.w_4 l])$ . By Lemma 2.5, any occurrence of  $w_3 l_3$  in  $\xi$  is immediately followed by  $w_3 b$ ,  $w_3 c$ , or  $w_3 d$ . As a consequence,  $U = [w_3 l_3 .]$  is contained in  $[.w_3]$ . Clearly,  $V_i \subset [.w_3]$  as well. Observe that the cylinder  $[.w_3] = [.acabaca]$  is disjoint from  $T([.w_3]) = [a.cabaca]$  and  $T^2([.w_3]) = [ac.abaca]$ . Since  $U$  and  $V_i$  are subsets of  $[.w_3]$ , the cylinder  $U$  is disjoint from  $T(V_i)$  and  $T^2(V_i)$ . Then it follows from Lemma 3.4 that

$$\Psi_{V_i, 0, 1} \Psi_{U, -1, 0}^{-1} \Psi_{V_i, 0, 1}^{-1} \Psi_{U, -1, 0} = \Psi_{U \cap V_i, -1, 1}.$$

By Lemma 3.1,  $\Psi_{U \cap V_i, -1, 1} = T^7 \tau_{[.w_4 l]} T^{-7}$  and  $\Psi_{U, -1, 0} = T^7 \delta_{[.w_3 l_3]} T^{-7}$ . Besides,  $\Psi_{V_i, 0, 1} = \delta_{[.w_3 l]}$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{[.w_4 l]} &= T^{-7} \Psi_{U \cap V_i, -1, 1} T^7 = T^{-7} \Psi_{V_i, 0, 1} \Psi_{U, -1, 0}^{-1} \Psi_{V_i, 0, 1}^{-1} \Psi_{U, -1, 0} T^7 \\ &= T^{-7} \delta_{[.w_3 l]} (T^7 \delta_{[.w_3 l_3]} T^{-7})^{-1} \delta_{[.w_3 l]}^{-1} (T^7 \delta_{[.w_3 l_3]} T^{-7}) T^7 \\ &= T^{-7} \delta_{[.w_3 l]} T^7 \delta_{[.w_3 l_3]} T^{-7} \delta_{[.w_3 l]} T^7 \delta_{[.w_3 l_3]}, \end{aligned}$$

which is in the group  $G_3$ .

Next we derive three formulas. By Lemma 2.11,  $[.w_n l_n] = [.w_{n+1} b] \sqcup [.w_{n+1} c] \sqcup [.w_{n+1} d]$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . Then Lemma 3.2 implies that  $\delta_{[.w_n l_n]} = \delta_{[.w_{n+1} b]} \delta_{[.w_{n+1} c]} \delta_{[.w_{n+1} d]}$  for  $n \geq 1$ . By Lemma 2.12,  $[.w_n l_{n+1}] = T^{2^n}([.w_{n+1} l_{n+1}])$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . Then Lemma 3.1 implies that  $\delta_{[.w_n l_{n+1}]} = T^{2^n} \delta_{[.w_{n+1} l_{n+1}]} T^{-2^n}$  for  $n \geq 1$ . By Lemma 2.13,  $[.w_n l_{n-1}] = T^{2^n}([.w_{n+1} l_{n-1}]) \sqcup T^{3 \cdot 2^{n-1}}([.w_{n+1} l_{n-1}])$  for all  $n \geq 2$ . Then Lemmas 3.1 and 3.2 imply that

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{[.w_n l_{n-1}]} &= (T^{2^n} \delta_{[.w_{n+1} l_{n-1}]} T^{-2^n}) (T^{3 \cdot 2^{n-1}} \delta_{[.w_{n+1} l_{n-1}]} T^{-3 \cdot 2^{n-1}}) \\ &= T^{2^n} \delta_{[.w_{n+1} l_{n-1}]} T^{2^n-1} \delta_{[.w_{n+1} l_{n-1}]} T^{-3 \cdot 2^{n-1}} \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \geq 2$ . Note that for any  $n \geq 2$  the triple  $l_{n-1}, l_n, l_{n+1}$  is a permutation of the triple  $b, c, d$ . Therefore the above three formulas imply that transformations  $\delta_{[.w_nb]}$ ,  $\delta_{[.w_nc]}$ , and  $\delta_{[.w_nd]}$  belong to the group  $G_{n+1}$ . Hence  $G_n \subset G_{n+1}$  for all  $n \geq 2$ .

Next we are going to show that  $G_{n+1} \subset G_n$  for all  $n \geq 3$ . By the above,  $H_4 \subset G_3$ . In view of Lemmas 4.3 and 4.4, the group  $G_3$  contains  $\delta_{[.w_{n+1}l_n]}$  for all  $n \geq 2$ . Since  $G_n \subset G_{n+1}$  for  $n \geq 2$ , it follows by induction that  $G_3 \subset G_n$  for all  $n \geq 3$ . As a consequence,  $\delta_{[.w_{n+1}l_n]} \in G_n$  for  $n \geq 3$ . Besides, for any  $n \geq 1$  we have  $\delta_{[.w_{n+1}l_{n+1}]} = T^{-2^n} \delta_{[.w_n l_{n+1}]} T^{2^n}$ , which belongs to  $G_n$ . Therefore for any  $n \geq 3$  the group  $G_n$  contains two of the three transformations  $\delta_{[.w_{n+1}b]}$ ,  $\delta_{[.w_{n+1}c]}$ , and  $\delta_{[.w_{n+1}d]}$ . Since the product of all three is  $\delta_{[.w_{n+1}b]} \delta_{[.w_{n+1}c]} \delta_{[.w_{n+1}d]} = \delta_{[.w_n l_n]} \in G_n$ , the remaining one of the three is in  $G_n$  as well. Hence  $G_n$  contains all generators of the group  $G_{n+1}$  so that  $G_{n+1} \subset G_n$ .

We have shown that  $G_n \subset G_{n+1}$  for  $n \geq 2$  and  $G_{n+1} \subset G_n$  for  $n \geq 3$ . As a consequence,  $G_{n+1} = G_n$  for  $n \geq 3$ . It follows by induction that  $G_n = G_3$  for all  $n \geq 3$ . ■

**Proof of Theorem 1.10.** According to Theorem 1.4, the topological full group  $[[T]]$  is generated by  $T$  and all transformations of the form  $\delta_U$ , where  $U \subset \Omega$  is a clopen set. By Lemma 4.2, each  $\delta_U$  is contained in the group  $G_n$  (generated by  $\delta_{[.w_nb]}$ ,  $\delta_{[.w_nc]}$ ,  $\delta_{[.w_nd]}$ , and  $T$ ) for  $n$  large enough. Then it follows from Lemma 4.5 that each  $\delta_U$  is contained in the group  $G_3$ . We conclude that  $G_3 = [[T]]$ . By Lemma 4.1, the group  $G_3$  coincides with the group generated by  $T$ ,  $\delta_{[.b]}$ ,  $\delta_{[.d]}$ , and  $\delta_{[.acacac]}$ . ■

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