

Reflexive subgroups of the Baer-Specker group and Martin's axiom

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Dedicated to Professor Laszlo Fuchs in honour of his 75th birthday

ABSTRACT. In two recent papers [9, 10] we answered a question raised in the book by Eklof and Mekler [7, p. 455, Problem 12] under the set theoretical hypothesis of \diamond_{\aleph_1} which holds in many models of set theory, respectively of the special continuum hypothesis (CH). The objects are reflexive modules over countable principal ideal domains R , which are not fields. Following H. Bass [1] an R -module G is reflexive if the evaluation map $\sigma : G \rightarrow G^{**}$ is an isomorphism. Here $G^* = \text{Hom}(G, R)$ denotes the dual module of G . We proved the existence of reflexive R -modules G of infinite rank with $G \not\cong G \oplus R$, which provide (even essentially indecomposable) counter examples to the question [7, p. 455]. Is CH a necessary condition to find 'nasty' reflexive modules? In the last part of this paper we will show (assuming the existence of supercompact cardinals) that large reflexive modules always have large summands. So at least being essentially indecomposable needs an additional set theoretic assumption. However the assumption need not be CH as shown in the first part of this paper. We will use Martin's axiom to find reflexive modules with the above decomposition which are submodules of the Baer-Specker module R^ω .

1. Introduction

We will derive our results for abelian groups, but it is an easy exercise to replace the ground ring \mathbb{Z} by any countable principal ideal domain which is not a field. Just notice that we could work with one prime only! For supercompact cardinals we refer either to Jech [13] or to Kanamori [14]. If G is any abelian group then $G^* = \text{Hom}(G, \mathbb{Z})$ denotes its dual group, and G is a *dual* if $G \cong D^*$ for some abelian group D .

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Particular dual groups are the reflexive groups D , see Bass [1, p. 476]. Recall that

$$\sigma = \sigma_D : D \longrightarrow D^{**} \quad (d \longrightarrow \sigma(d))$$

with $\sigma(d) \in D^{**}$ and

$$\sigma(d) : D^* \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \quad (\varphi \longrightarrow \varphi(d))$$

is the evaluation map and D is *reflexive* if the evaluation map σ_D is an isomorphism. Recent results about reflexive and dual abelian groups are discussed in [7, 9, 10].

In the third section we will show that dual groups, in particular reflexive groups may have large summands, hence can't be essentially indecomposable without any set-theoretic restrictions.

THEOREM 1.1. *If κ is a supercompact cardinal and H is a dual group of cardinality $\geq \kappa$, then there is a direct summand H' of H with $\chi \leq |H'| < \kappa$ for any cardinal $\chi < \kappa$.*

This theorem shows that generally we will encounter set theoretic restrictions for finding natural classes of reflexive groups. As CH implies Martin's axiom, our main result (Theorem 1.2) below gives a new proof of the existence of reflexive groups as in [10].

In order to prove a result in contrast to Theorem 1.1 we use scalar products on the Baer-Specker group P . Recall that

$$P = \mathbb{Z}^\omega$$

is the set of all elements

$$\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i \in \omega} x_i \mathbf{e}_i \quad \text{with } x_i \in \mathbb{Z}$$

where $\mathbf{e}_i \in P$ is defined by the Kronecker symbol and addition is defined component-wise. Throughout this paper we will adopt the convention in writing elements of P as displayed in the last formula. The Baer-Specker group P has the subgroup S of all elements \mathbf{x} of finite support, that is $x_i = 0$ for almost all $i \in \omega$. The crucial subgroup for constructing reflexive groups is the \mathbb{Z} -adic closure \mathbb{D} of S in P . This will be our target in Section 3. We will also show that the endomorphism ring of such a reflexive abelian group can be \mathbb{Z} modulo the ideal of all endomorphisms of finite rank. We have the following

THEOREM 1.2. *(ZFC + MA) There are two subgroups H_i ($i = 1, 2$) of the Baer-Specker group P with the following properties:*

- (i) $S \subseteq H_i \subseteq_* \mathbb{D}$ are pure.
- (ii) H_i is \aleph_1 -free and slender.
- (iii) There is a natural bilinear form $\Phi : H_1 \times H_2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ induced by $\Phi(\mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{e}_j) = \delta_{i,j}$, ($i, j \in \omega$) which yields $H_1^* \cong H_2$ and $H_2^* \cong H_1$ such that H_1 and H_2 are reflexive.
- (iv) $H_i \oplus \mathbb{Z} \not\cong H_i$ for $i = 1, 2$.
- (v) $\text{End } H_i = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \text{Fin } H_i$.

Note that $\varphi \in H_1^*$ is induced by Φ if there is $h \in H_2$ such that $\varphi = \Phi(\cdot, h)$. The set $\text{Fin } H_i$ of all endomorphisms of H_i with finite rank image is an ideal of the endomorphism ring $\text{End } H_i$ and the last statement of the theorem means that this ideal is a split extension in $\text{End } H_i$.

Hence each H_i is separable and essentially indecomposable, which means any decomposition $H_i = C \oplus E$ must have a summand E or C of finite rank. New

algebraic and combinatorial methods and some old techniques from earlier papers like [11] or [4] will be used to prove Theorem 1.2.

2. Reflexive groups of cardinality $\leq 2^{\aleph_0}$ under Martin's axiom

In this section we will now construct essentially indecomposable reflexive groups under Martin's axiom MA. This contrasts with the results in Section 3 concerning the existence of arbitrarily large summands of reflexive groups larger than a supercompact cardinal. As above let $P = \prod_{n \in \omega} e_n \mathbb{Z}$ be the Baer-Specker group of all elements

$$P = \left\{ \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i \in \omega} x_i \mathbf{e}_i : (x_i \in \mathbb{Z}) \right\}.$$

Here \mathbf{e}_i can be viewed as the element $\mathbf{x} = (x_{ij})_j$ with coefficients $x_{ij} = \delta_{ij}$ the Kronecker symbol. Hence

$$S = \langle \mathbf{e}_i : i \in \omega \rangle = \bigoplus_{i \in \omega} \mathbf{e}_i \mathbb{Z}$$

is a subgroup of P of all elements \mathbf{x} of finite support

$$[\mathbf{x}] = \{i \in \omega : x_i \neq 0\}$$

and P/S is algebraically compact by an old result of Balcerzyk (see Fuchs [8]). Obviously P/S is torsion-free or, equivalently, S is pure in P . Pure subgroups $X \subseteq P$ are denoted by $X \subseteq_* P$. Moreover, let \mathbb{D} be the \mathbb{Z} -adic closure of S in P , so \mathbb{D}/S is the maximal divisible (torsion-free) subgroup of P/S which has size 2^{\aleph_0} . If H is an abelian group, then $\text{Fin } H$ denotes the ideal of all endomorphisms $\sigma \in \text{End } H$ with $\text{Im } \sigma$ of finite rank. The groups we want to construct will be sandwiched between S and \mathbb{D} .

We will use Martin's axiom for σ -centered sets, which is a (proper) consequence of the well-known Martin's axiom and equivalent to the combinatorial principle $P(2^{\aleph_0})$ (see below) as shown by Bell [2]. Recall that $D \subseteq \mathfrak{P}$ is *dense* in the poset \mathfrak{P} if for any $p \in \mathfrak{P}$ there exists $d \in D$ such that $p \leq d$. Martin's axiom is based on posets \mathfrak{P} with *c.c.c.* using that $p, q \in \mathfrak{P}$ are compatible if there is $r \in \mathfrak{P}$ with $\{p, q\} \leq r$. Recall that $F \subseteq \mathfrak{P}$ is *bounded* by r , say $F \leq r$ if $f \leq r$ for all $f \in F$. A set $X \subseteq \mathfrak{P}$ is *directed* if all finite subsets of X are bounded in X and X is called *σ -centered* (or *σ -directed*) if it is the countable union of directed subsets. Replacing *c.c.c.* by ' σ -centered' MA turns into *Martin's axiom for σ -centered sets*:

Let \mathcal{D} be a collection of dense subsets D of the poset \mathfrak{P} . If $|\mathcal{D}| < 2^{\aleph_0}$ and (\mathfrak{P}, \leq) is a σ -centered poset then there is a \mathcal{D} -generic subset $G \subseteq \mathfrak{P}$. Hence G is directed and meets every $D \in \mathcal{D}$, i.e. $G \cap D \neq \emptyset$.

See [7, p. 164] for MA with *c.c.c.* Note that the main result in Bell [2] is that Martin's axiom for σ -centered sets is equivalent to

The combinatorial principle $P(2^{\aleph_0})$: If \mathcal{D} is a collection of subsets of ω such that $|\mathcal{D}| < 2^{\aleph_0}$ and $\bigcap F$ is infinite for every finite $F \subseteq \mathcal{D}$, then there is an infinite $B \subseteq \omega$ such that $B \setminus D$ is finite for all $D \in \mathcal{D}$.

Martin's axiom will help us to define a scalar product or bilinear form Φ on suitable pairs $\mathbb{H} = (H_1, H_2)$ of pure subgroups H_j of \mathbb{D} . We begin with

$$\Phi : S \times S \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \text{ with } \Phi(\mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{e}_j) = \delta_{ij}.$$

Hence Φ is the unique integer valued, bilinear form on $S \times S$. By continuity it extends uniquely to the non-degenerate, symmetric bilinear form

$$\Phi : \mathbb{D} \times \mathbb{D} \longrightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \text{ where } \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \text{ is the } \mathbb{Z}\text{-adic completion of } \mathbb{Z}.$$

We keep this map fixed throughout this section and also denote restrictions to pairs of subgroups by Φ . Note that $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ is the cartesian product of the additive groups of p -adic integers over all primes p and if

$$\mathbf{a} = \sum_{i \in \omega} a_i \mathbf{e}_i \in \mathbb{D} \text{ and } \mathbf{b} = \sum_{i \in \omega} b_i \mathbf{e}_i \in \mathbb{D}, \text{ then } \Phi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = \sum_{i \in \omega} a_i b_i$$

is well-defined and symmetry $\Phi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = \Phi(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{a})$ is obvious. Now we consider pairs $\mathbb{H} = (H_1, H_2)$ such that $\Phi \upharpoonright (H_1, H_2)$ takes only values in \mathbb{Z} . More precisely, let $\mathbb{H} \in \mathfrak{P}$ if and only if the following hold for $j = 1, 2$:

- (i) $S \subseteq H_j \subseteq_* \mathbb{D}$
- (ii) $|H_j| < 2^{\aleph_0}$
- (iii) $\Phi : H_1 \times H_2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$.

We now define a partial order on \mathfrak{P} .

DEFINITION 2.1. *If $\mathbb{H}, \mathbb{H}' \in \mathfrak{P}$ then $\mathbb{H} \subseteq \mathbb{H}'$ if and only if $H_1 \subseteq H'_1$ and $H_2 \subseteq H'_2$.*

The next crucial lemma of this paper will show under MA that \mathfrak{P} is a rich structure.

MAIN LEMMA 2.2. *(ZFC + MA) Let $\mathbb{H} = (H_1, H_2) \in \mathfrak{P}$, $\mathbf{b} \in P \setminus \mathbb{D}$ and $\mathbf{b}^n \in H_1$ for $n \in \omega$. Then there is $\mathbf{a} = \sum_{i \in \omega} a_i \mathbf{e}_i \in \mathbb{D}$ such that for $H'_1 = \langle H_1, \mathbf{a} \rangle_* \subseteq \mathbb{D}$ and $\mathbb{H}' = (H'_1, H_2)$ the following hold.*

- (i) $\mathbb{H} \subseteq \mathbb{H}' \in \mathfrak{P}$ and $\Phi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \in \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$.
- (ii) (a) Either $\sum_{i \in \omega} a_i \mathbf{b}^i \notin H'_1$
 (b) or there is $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $\langle \mathbf{b}^j - t \mathbf{e}_j : j \in \omega \rangle$ is a free direct summand of finite rank.

Remark. By symmetry we obtain a dual result of the Main Lemma 2.2 with $\mathbf{a} \in H'_2$ and $\Phi(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{a}) \in \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$ and (ii) accordingly. From $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{D}$, it follows that $\sum_{i \in \omega} a_i \mathbf{b}^i \in \widehat{P}$ is well-defined as a member of the \mathbb{Z} -adic completion of P .

Proof. Let $\mathbf{b} = \sum_{i \in \omega} b_i \mathbf{e}_i \in P \setminus \mathbb{D}$ and $\mathbb{H} = (H_1, H_2) \in \mathfrak{P}$ be given by the lemma. Moreover we assume that condition (ii)(b) of the lemma does not hold. This is to say that we must show (ii)(a) of the lemma. This implication will follow at the end of the proof from density of the sets $D_{\mathbf{a}t n_0}^5$ and density will be a consequence of the assumption just made.

We want to approximate $\mathbf{a} \in H'_1$ by a forcing notion \mathfrak{F} , a partially ordered set, used for application of MA. The elements $p \in \mathfrak{F}$ are triples

$$(M^p, A^p, n^p) \text{ with } A^p = \langle a_l^p : l < l^p \rangle, M^p = \{m_{\mathbf{x}}^p = \sum_{l < l^p} x_l a_l^p : \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i \in \omega} x_i \mathbf{e}_i \in u^p\}$$

subject to the following conditions

- (i) u^p is a finite subset of H_2 ,
- (ii) $l^p \in \omega$, $a_l^p, m_{\mathbf{x}}^p \in \mathbb{Z}$, and $n^p \in \mathbb{N}$.

We call l^p the length of the finite sequence of integers A^p and note that $n|m$ means n divides m in \mathbb{Z} . In order to turn \mathfrak{F} into a partially ordered set let $p \leq q$ for some $p, q \in \mathfrak{F}$ if the following holds:

$$u^p \subseteq u^q, l^p \leq l^q, A^p = A^q \upharpoonright l^p,$$

$$n^p | n^q, \text{ and if } l^p \leq l < l^q \text{ then } n^p | a_l^q,$$

$$\text{if } \mathbf{x} = \sum_{l \in \omega} x_l \mathbf{e}_l \in u^p \text{ then } m_{\mathbf{x}}^q = m_{\mathbf{x}}^p =: \sum_{l < l^p} x_l a_l^p \text{ or equivalently } \sum_{l^p \leq l < l^q} x_l a_l^p = 0.$$

If $p, q \in \mathfrak{F}$, then let

$$p \sim q \Leftrightarrow (l^p = l^q, A^p = A^q, n^p = n^q)$$

and note that \sim is an equivalence relation on \mathfrak{F} . If $p \in \mathfrak{F}$, then let

$$\mathfrak{F}_p = \{q \in \mathfrak{F} : q \sim p\}.$$

Surely \mathfrak{F} decomposes into countably many such uncountable equivalence classes \mathfrak{F}_p . We claim that each of them is directed. If $q_1, q_2 \in \mathfrak{F}_p$ then $n^{q_i} = n^p, A^{q_i} = A^p, l^{q_i} = l^p$, hence $q_i = (M^{q_i}, A^p, n^p)$, and if $\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i \in \omega} x_i \mathbf{e}_i \in u^{q_1} \cap u^{q_2}$, then

$$m_{\mathbf{x}}^{q_1} = \sum_{i < l^{q_1}} x_i a_i^{q_1} = \sum_{i < l^p} x_i a_i^p = m_{\mathbf{x}}^{q_2}.$$

If we define $q' \in \mathfrak{F}$ by $u^{q'} = u^{q_1} \cup u^{q_2}, A^{q'} = A^p, l^{q'} = l^p, n^{q'} = n^p$, then

$$M^{q'} = \{m_{\mathbf{x}}^{q'} = \sum_{i < l^p} x_i a_i^p : \mathbf{x} \in u^{q'}\} = M^{q_1} \cup M^{q_2},$$

hence $q' = (M^{q'}, A^p, n^p)$ is a member of \mathfrak{F} and $q_1, q_2 \leq q'$. The claim is shown and by definition

$$(2.1) \quad (\mathfrak{F}, \leq) \text{ is a } \sigma\text{-centered poset,}$$

as required for applications of MA for σ -centered sets.

In order to apply MA effectively we must define dense subsets of \mathfrak{F} which describe 'local properties' of the desired $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{D}$. If $\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i \in \omega} x_i \mathbf{e}_i \in H_2, m \in \mathbb{N}, l_0 \in \omega$, then let

$$D_{\mathbf{x}}^1 = \{p \in \mathfrak{F} : \mathbf{x} \in u^p\}, D_m^2 = \{p \in \mathfrak{F} : m | n^p\},$$

$$D_{l_0}^3 = \{p \in \mathfrak{F} : l_0 \leq l^p\}, D_m^4 = \{p \in \mathfrak{F} : \sum_{l < l^p} b_l a_l^p \not\equiv m \pmod{n^p}\}$$

and for $\mathbf{d} \in H_1, t \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$, let

$$D_{\mathbf{d}t n_0}^5 = \{p \in \mathfrak{F} : \exists m \in \mathbb{N} (m | n^p, n_0 \sum_{i < l^p} a_i^p \mathbf{b}^i - t \sum_{i < l^p} a_i^p \mathbf{e}_i - \mathbf{d} \not\equiv 0 \pmod{m\mathbb{D}})\}.$$

First note that we defined $< 2^{\aleph_0}$ subsets of \mathfrak{F} as required for MA. Next we want to show that all these sets are dense in \mathfrak{F} . The first three cases are easy while the remaining two cases need work. For $D_{\mathbf{x}}^1$ with $\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i \in \omega} x_i \mathbf{e}_i$ we take any $p \in \mathfrak{F}$ and define q like p just by enlarging $u^q = u^p \cup \{\mathbf{x}\}$, let $m_{\mathbf{x}}^q = \sum_{l < l^p} x_l a_l^p$ and enlarge $M^q = \{m_{\mathbf{y}}^q : \mathbf{y} = \sum_{i \in \omega} y_i \mathbf{e}_i \in u^p\} \cup \{m_{\mathbf{x}}^q\}$ as well, hence $p \leq q$ and $D_{\mathbf{x}}^1$ is dense in \mathfrak{F} . Similarly take any $p \leq q \in \mathfrak{F}$ with $m | n^q$, hence D_m^2 is dense. For $D_{l_0}^3$ replace any A^p by $A^q = (A^p)^\wedge(0, \dots, 0)$ with $(0, \dots, 0)$ a vector of l_0 zeros

and let $u^q = u^p$, $l^q = l^p + l_0$, $n^q = n^p$. In the fourth case we first notice that $\mathbf{b} = \sum_{i \in \omega} b_i \mathbf{e}_i \in P \setminus \mathbb{D}$ by hypothesis, hence there is $s' \in \mathbb{N}$ such that the set

$$W = \{k \in \omega : b_k \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus s'\mathbb{Z}\} \text{ is infinite.}$$

Suppose $p \in \mathfrak{F}$ contradicts the density of D_m^A for some $m \in \mathbb{N}$, hence

$$(2.2) \quad \text{there is no } q \in D_m^A \text{ with } p \leq q.$$

We write

$$u^p = \{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_{k-1}\} \subseteq H_2 \text{ and let } \mathbf{a}_j = \sum_{i \in \omega} a_{ji} \mathbf{e}_i.$$

Also consider the $k \times \omega$ -matrix ($s \in \omega$)

$$(\mathbf{G}) = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1s} & \dots \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2s} & \dots \\ \vdots & & & & \\ a_{k-1,1} & a_{k-1,2} & \dots & a_{k-1,s} & \dots \\ b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_s & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

as well as the $(k-1) \times \omega$ -matrix

$$(\mathbf{H}) = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1s} & \dots \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2s} & \dots \\ \vdots & & & & \\ a_{k-1,1} & a_{k-1,2} & \dots & a_{k-1,s} & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

which is obtained by deleting the last row of b_s 's of the matrix (\mathbf{G}) . We pick finite subsets w of $[l^p, \omega)$ and consider the column vectors g_l^p ($l \in w$) of the first matrix (\mathbf{G}) and h_l^p ($l \in w$) of the second matrix (\mathbf{H}) accordingly and claim that for all finite

$$(2.3) \quad w \subseteq [l^p, \omega) \text{ and } d_l \in \mathbb{Q} \left[\sum_{l \in w} d_l h_l^p = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{l \in w} d_l g_l^p = 0 \right].$$

The proof " \Leftarrow " is trivial. For " \Rightarrow ", suppose for contradiction that

$$\sum_{l \in w} d_l h_l^p = 0 \text{ but } \sum_{l \in w} d_l g_l^p \neq 0$$

for some finite $w \subseteq [l^p, \omega)$ and $d_l \in \mathbb{Q}$. Hence

$$(2.4) \quad \sum_{l \in w} d_l a_{jl} = 0 \text{ for } j < k \text{ and } v = \sum_{l \in w} d_l b_l \neq 0.$$

Multiplying this homogeneous system of equations and the inequality by a large enough natural number we may assume that

$$d_l \in n^p \mathbb{Z} \text{ for all } l \in w.$$

We now want to define $q > p$ with $q \in D_m^A$ and distinguish two cases. If $\sum_{l < l^p} b_l a_l^p \neq m$ then choose n^q large enough such that $n^p | n^q$ and $\sum_{l < l^p} b_l a_l^p - m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{n^q}$ and put $u^p = u^q$, $M^p = M^q$, $A^p = A^q$. Then $p < q$ and $\sum_{l < l^q} b_l a_l^q \not\equiv m \pmod{n^q}$

hence $q \in D_m^4$ is a contradiction, see (2.2). If $\sum_{l < l^p} b_l a_l^p = m$, then choose $l^q > \sup(w \cup \{l^p\})$ and define q such that

$$a_l^q(t) = \begin{cases} a_l^p(t) & \text{if } t \in [0, l^p) \\ d_l & \text{if } l \in w \\ 0 & \text{if } l \in [l^p, \omega) \setminus w. \end{cases}$$

Set $u^q = w^p \subseteq H_2$ and using (2.4) let n^q be large enough such that $n^p | n^q$ but $v \not\equiv 0 \pmod{n^q}$. It follows $p < q$ and

$$\sum_{l < l^q} b_l a_l^q = \sum_{l < l^p} b_l a_l^q + \sum_{l \in w} b_l d_l = m + v.$$

Hence $q \in D_m^4$ is another contradiction, see (2.2). The linear dependence (2.3) between the h_l^p 's and g_l^p 's is shown. Now we want to use (2.3) to derive a final contradiction for (2.2). For each finite $w \subseteq \omega$ we have a \mathbb{Q} -vector space $V_w = \langle h_l^p : l \in w \rangle$ of finite dimension $\leq k$. Hence there is an $r \in \omega$ and a finite $w^* \subseteq [l^p, \omega)$ such that h_l^p ($l \in w^*$) is a maximal independent set and V_{w^*} has maximal dimension $|w^*| = r \leq k$. If $w^* \subseteq w \subseteq [l^p, \omega)$ for some finite w , then the sub-matrix $(\mathbf{H}_w) = (h_l^p, l \in w)$ of (\mathbf{H}) has finite column rank r , hence row rank r as well and there is a subset $z \subset \{1, \dots, k-1\}$ of size r such that

$$\{\mathbf{a}_j \upharpoonright w : j \in z\} \text{ is maximal independent.}$$

By (2.3) $\mathbf{b} \upharpoonright w$ is a linear combination of the $\{\mathbf{a}_j \upharpoonright w : j \in z\}$ and there are *unique* elements $c_l \in \mathbb{Q}$, $l \in z$ such that $\mathbf{b} \upharpoonright w = \sum_{l \in z} c_l \mathbf{a}_l \upharpoonright w$. If we increase w we have the same coefficients by maximal independence. Hence

$$(2.5) \quad \mathbf{b} \upharpoonright [l^p, \omega) = \sum_{l \in z} c_l \mathbf{a}_l \upharpoonright [l^p, \omega).$$

We can choose $m' \in \mathbb{N}$ large enough such that $m'c_l \in s'\mathbb{Z}$ for all $l \in z$. If $t \in W$ is large enough, then $m'|a_{lt}$ for all $l \in z$. Using (2.5) we get

$$b_t = \sum_{l \in z} c_l a_{lt} \in s'\mathbb{Z}$$

contradicting W . Hence D_m^4 is dense in \mathfrak{F} .

In order to show density of the last collection of subsets, suppose there are $\mathbf{d} \in H_1$, $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$(2.6) \quad D_{\mathbf{d}t n_0}^5 \text{ is not dense in } \mathfrak{F}.$$

Hence there is $p \in \mathfrak{F}$ such that

$$(2.7) \quad \text{no } q \in D_{\mathbf{d}t n_0}^5 \text{ satisfies } p \leq q.$$

Let $u^p = \{\mathbf{c}^i = \sum_{j \in \omega} c_j^i \mathbf{e}_j : i < k\}$ and $l^p < l < \omega$. We want to consider extensions $p \leq q$ with $l^q = l$ and hence let

$$F_l = \{(y_{l^p}, \dots, y_{l-1}) \in \mathbb{Z}^{l-l^p} : \sum_{j=l^p}^{l-1} c_j^i y_j = 0, i < k\}$$

which is a non-trivial subgroup of the free group \mathbb{Z}^{l-l^p} for any large enough l . Also let

$$s(y_{l^p}, \dots, y_{l-1}) = n_0 \left(\sum_{i < l^p} a_i^p \mathbf{b}^i + \sum_{i=l^p}^{l-1} y_i \mathbf{b}^i \right) - t \left(\sum_{i < l^p} a_i^p \mathbf{e}_i + \sum_{i=l^p}^{l-1} y_i \mathbf{e}_i \right) - \mathbf{d}.$$

We claim that

$$(2.8) \quad (y_{l^p}, \dots, y_{l-1}) \in F_l \Rightarrow s(y_{l^p}, \dots, y_{l-1}) = 0 \text{ holds in } \mathbb{D}.$$

If $s(y_{l^p}, \dots, y_{l-1}) \neq 0$ for some $(y_{l^p}, \dots, y_{l-1}) \in F_l$, then there is some $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$(2.9) \quad s(y_{l^p}, \dots, y_{l-1}) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{m\mathbb{D}}.$$

We now define some $q \in \mathfrak{F}$ taking

$$l^q = l, n^q = n^p \cdot m, u^q = u^p, M^q = \{m_{\mathbf{x}}^q = \sum_{i < l^q} x_i a_i^q : \mathbf{x} \in u^q\}$$

where

$$a_i^q = \begin{cases} a_i^p & \text{if } i < l^p \\ y_i & \text{if } l^p \leq i < l. \end{cases}$$

Clearly $q \in \mathfrak{F}$ and also $q \in D_{\text{at}n_0}$ from (2.9), hence $p \not\leq q$ from (2.7). On the other hand $\sum_{j=l^p}^{l-1} c_j^i a_j^q = 0$ from F_l and definition of a_i^q would imply $p \leq q$, a contradiction which proves the claim (2.8).

If we let

$$\mathbf{s}^i = \sum_{j \in \omega} s_j^i \mathbf{e}_j = n_0 \mathbf{b}^i - t \mathbf{e}_i \in \mathbb{D} \quad (l^p \leq i < \omega),$$

then the implication of (2.8) can be written as

$$\sum_{i=l^p}^{l-1} y_i \mathbf{s}^i = \mathbf{d} + t \sum_{i < l^p} a_i \mathbf{e}_i - n_0 \sum_{i < l^p} a_i^p \mathbf{b}^i.$$

From $(0, \dots, 0) \in F_l$ follows

$$(2.10) \quad n_0 \sum_{i < l^p} a_i^p \mathbf{b}^i = \mathbf{d} + t \sum_{i < l^p} a_i \mathbf{e}_i$$

and from $(y_{l^p}, \dots, y_{l-1}) \in F_l$ also follows

$$(2.11) \quad \sum_{i=l^p}^{l-1} y_i \mathbf{s}^i = 0.$$

If we view $\mathbf{s}^i = \sum_{j \in \omega} s_j^i \mathbf{e}_j$ as an infinite row vector ($l^p \leq i < l$), then from the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} s_0^{l^p} & s_1^{l^p} & \dots & s_k^{l^p} & \dots \\ s_0^{l^p+1} & s_1^{l^p+1} & \dots & s_k^{l^p+1} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ s_0^{l-1} & s_1^{l-1} & \dots & s_k^{l-1} & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

we have finite column vectors $\mathbf{s}_n = (s_n^i : l^p \leq i < l)$ for any $n \in \omega$. Let $\mathbf{c}^i \upharpoonright [l^p, l)$ be the restriction of \mathbf{c}^i viewed as an infinite column vector restricted to the coordinates j such that $l^p \leq j < l$, then

$$\langle \mathbf{c}^i \upharpoonright [l^p, l) : i < k \rangle$$

denotes the vector space over \mathbb{Q} generated by these finite column vectors. We claim that

$$\mathbf{s}_n \in \langle \mathbf{c}^i \upharpoonright [l^p, l) : i < k \rangle \quad \text{for all } n \in \omega.$$

Naturally $F_l \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^{l-l^p} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}^{l-l^p}$. If $\overline{F}_l = \langle F_l \rangle$ denotes the subspace of \mathbb{Q}^{l-l^p} generated by F_l , then $\overline{F}_l = \langle \mathbf{c}^i \upharpoonright [l^p, l] : i < k \rangle^\perp$ where orthogonality is defined naturally by

$$U^\perp = \{x \in \mathbb{Q}^{l-l^p} : x \cdot u = 0 \quad \forall u \in U\}$$

for $U \subseteq \mathbb{Q}^{l-l^p}$ and the obvious scalar product $x \cdot u = \sum_{i \leq l-l^p} x_i u_i$. From (2.11) follows

$$\overline{F}_l = \langle \mathbf{s}_n : n \in \omega \rangle^\perp.$$

Using \perp again, we have

$$\langle \mathbf{s}_n : n \in \omega \rangle^{\perp\perp} \subseteq \langle \mathbf{c}^i \upharpoonright [l^p, l] : i < k \rangle^{\perp\perp}$$

which is

$$\langle \mathbf{s}_n : n \in \omega \rangle \subseteq \langle \mathbf{c}^i \upharpoonright [l^p, l] : i < k \rangle$$

as $\dim \mathbb{Q}^{l-l^p}$ is finite. This shows the claim.

Now let l be large enough such that $\langle \mathbf{c}^i \upharpoonright [l^p, l] : i < k \rangle$ has maximal dimension $k' \leq k$ and let $\mathbf{c}^i \upharpoonright [l^p, l]$ ($i < k'$) be a basis of this vector space. We now can write

$$\mathbf{s}_n = \sum_{i < k'} r_i^{nl} \mathbf{c}^i \upharpoonright [l^p, l]$$

with *unique* coefficients $r_i^{nl} \in \mathbb{Q}$. By uniqueness these coefficients are independent of l for any larger l , say that $r_i^{nl} = r_i^n$. In the system of equations

$$\mathbf{s}_n = \sum_{i < k'} r_i^n \mathbf{c}^i \upharpoonright [l^p, l], \quad (l^p \leq l < \omega, n \in \omega)$$

we can also eliminate l and get

$$\mathbf{s}_n = \sum_{i < k'} r_i^n \mathbf{c}^i \upharpoonright [l^p, \omega], \quad n \in \omega.$$

From \mathbf{s}^j and $\mathbf{b}^j = \sum_{n \in \omega} b_n^j \mathbf{e}_n$ we have that $s_n^j = n_0 b_n^j - t \delta_{jn} = \sum_{i < k'} r_i^n c_n^i$ for any $n \geq l^p$, hence $(n_0 \mathbf{b}^j - t \mathbf{e}_j) \upharpoonright [l^p, \omega) \in \langle \mathbf{c}^i \upharpoonright [l^p, \omega) : i < k' \rangle$ and

$$U = \langle n_0 \mathbf{b}^j - t \mathbf{e}_j : j \in \omega \rangle_* \subseteq \mathbb{D}$$

has finite rank. Hence U is a free direct summand of \mathbb{D} , see Fuchs [8]. If n_0 does not divide t , then *modulo* $n_0 \mathbb{D}$ the image of U is $\langle t \mathbf{e}_j + n_0 \mathbb{D} : j \in \omega \rangle_*$ and has infinite rank, which is impossible. Hence $n_0 | t$ and we rename tn_0^{-1} by t . Using purity, we get that $U = \langle \mathbf{b}^j - t \mathbf{e}_j : j \in \omega \rangle_*$ is a free direct summand of \mathbb{D} which contradicts our assumption that condition (ii)(b) does not hold. Hence $D_{\text{dt}n_0}$ is dense in \mathfrak{F} indeed, see (2.6).

We are ready to apply Martin's axiom. There is a generic set $\mathbb{G} \subseteq \mathfrak{F}$ which meets the dense subsets of \mathfrak{F} just constructed. We define $\mathbf{a} = \sum_{i \in \omega} a_i \mathbf{e}_i$ such that $a_i = a_i^p$ for any $p \in \mathbb{G}$ with $i < l^p$. Here we applied $D_{i_0}^3$ and note that \mathbb{G} is directed, hence \mathbf{a} is well-defined. Also $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{D}$ by D_m^2 . Let $H'_1 = \langle H_1, \mathbf{a} \rangle_* \subseteq \mathbb{D}$ be the *pure* subgroup of \mathbb{D} generated by $H''_1 = H_1 + \mathbb{Z}\mathbf{a}$ and $\mathbb{H}' = \langle H'_1, H_2 \rangle$. Then clearly $\mathbb{H} \subseteq \mathbb{H}'$ and we claim that $\mathbb{H}' \in \mathfrak{P}$. It is enough to show (iii) for \mathfrak{P} . If $\mathbf{c} \in H'_1$ then $\mathbf{c} = k\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{e}$ for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $\mathbf{e} \in H_1$. If $\mathbf{y} \in H_2$, then consider $\Phi(\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{y}) = k\Phi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{y}) + \Phi(\mathbf{e}, \mathbf{y})$. From density of $D_{\mathbf{y}}^1$ and $p \in D_{\mathbf{y}}^1 \cap \mathbb{G}$ and the choice of \mathbf{a} follows $\Phi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{y}) = m_{\mathbf{y}}^p \in \mathbb{Z}$ and therefore $\Phi(\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{y}) \in \mathbb{Z}$. The map Φ extends to $H'_1 \times H_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$. If $\mathbf{x} \in H'_1$

then $t\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{h} \in H_1''$ for some $t \in \mathbb{N}$ and if $\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i \in \omega} x_i \mathbf{e}_i$, $\mathbf{h} = \sum_{i \in \omega} h_i \mathbf{e}_i$ then $t\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i \in \omega} tx_i \mathbf{e}_i = \sum_{i \in \omega} h_i \mathbf{e}_i$ and $h_i = tx_i$ for all $i \in \omega$. Hence

$$\Phi(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{y}) = \Phi(t\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i \in \omega} tx_i y_i = t \left(\sum_{i \in \omega} x_i y_i \right) = t\Phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in t\widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \cap \mathbb{Z}$$

and by purity of $\mathbb{Z} \subseteq_* \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ also $t\Phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in t\mathbb{Z}$ and by torsion-freeness $\Phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in \mathbb{Z}$. We have seen that $\mathbb{H}' \in \mathfrak{P}$. Next we claim that

$$(2.12) \text{ by definition of } \mathbf{a} \text{ and } \mathbf{b} \text{ we have } z = \Phi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = \sum_{i \in \omega} b_i a_i \in \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \setminus \mathbb{Z}.$$

Note that $a_i \rightarrow 0$ in the \mathbb{Z} -adic topology, hence $b_i a_i \rightarrow 0$ and $z \in \widehat{\mathbb{Z}}$ is well-defined. If $z \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$ then $\sum_{i < k} b_i a_i \equiv z \pmod{n}$ for any large enough k , which contradicts $D_{|z|}^4$.

Finally we show that $\sum_{i \in \omega} a_i \mathbf{b}^i \notin H_1'$. Otherwise there are $t, n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\mathbf{d} \in H_1$ such that

$$(2.13) \quad n \sum_{i \in \omega} a_i \mathbf{b}^i - t\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{d} = 0.$$

Let $p \in \mathbb{G} \cap D_{\mathbf{d}t n}^5$ from density of $D_{\mathbf{d}t n}^5$ and choose m from the definition of $D_{\mathbf{d}t n}^5$. Hence

$$n \sum_{i < l^p} a_i^p \mathbf{b}^i - t \sum_{i < l^p} a_i^p \mathbf{e}_i - \mathbf{d} \in \mathbb{D} \setminus m\mathbb{D}.$$

On the other hand $a_i^p = a_i$ for all $i < l^p$ from $p \in \mathbb{G}$ and $m|n^p$ by $p \in D_{\mathbf{d}t n}^5$. The set \mathbb{G} is directed, hence $m|a_i$ for all $i \geq l^p$. So $n \sum_{i \geq l^p} a_i \mathbf{b}^i \in m\mathbb{D}$ as well as $t \sum_{i \geq l^p} a_i^p \mathbf{e}_i \in m\mathbb{D}$. The last displayed expression becomes $n \sum_{i \in \omega} a_i \mathbf{b}^i - t\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{d} \in \mathbb{D} \setminus m\mathbb{D}$ which contradicts (2.13). The Main Lemma 2.2 is shown. \square

From the proof of the Main Lemma 2.2 we have an immediate

COROLLARY 2.3. *If $\mathbb{H} = (H_1, H_2) \in \mathfrak{P}$, $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{D}$ with $\Phi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{y}) \in \mathbb{Z}$ for all $\mathbf{y} \in H_2$ and $\mathbb{H}'_1 = \langle H_1, \mathbf{a} \rangle_* \subseteq \mathbb{D}$ then $(H'_1, H_2) \in \mathfrak{P}$, in particular $\Phi : H'_1 \times H_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$.*

In order to show Theorem 1.2 we want to use an *ad hoc* and preliminary definition. Here we also use that Φ is symmetric.

DEFINITION 2.4. *A pair $\mathbb{H} = (H_1, H_2)$ of pure subgroups of \mathbb{D} is a full pair if the following holds.*

- (i) *There is an increasing continuous chain $\mathbb{H}_\alpha = (H_{\alpha 1}, H_{\alpha 2}) \in \mathfrak{P}$ with $\alpha \in 2^{\aleph_0}$ whose union is (H_1, H_2) .*
- (ii) *If $\mathbf{b} \in P \setminus \mathbb{D}$ and $d \in \{1, 2\}$, there is $\mathbf{a} \in H_d$ such that $\Phi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \in \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$.*
- (iii) *If $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{D}$, then for all $d \in \{1, 2\}$ either $\mathbf{b} \in H_d$ or for some $\mathbf{a} \in H_{3-d}$ we have $\Phi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \in \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$.*
- (iv) *If $d \in \{1, 2\}$ and $\mathbf{b}^n \in H_d$, ($n \in \omega$), there is $\mathbf{a} = \sum_{i \in \omega} a_i \mathbf{e}_i \in H_d$ such that*
 - (a) *either $\sum a_i \mathbf{b}^i \notin H_d$*
 - (b) *or there is $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $\langle \mathbf{b}^j - t\mathbf{e}_j : j \in \omega \rangle$ is a free direct summand of finite rank.*

Remark. As in the Main Lemma 2.2, the element $\sum a_i \mathbf{b}^i$ is a well-defined member of the \mathbb{Z} -adic closure \widehat{P} of P .

LEMMA 2.5. (ZFC + MA) *There is a full pair $\mathbb{H} = (H_1, H_2)$.*

Proof. Enumerate $P \setminus \mathbb{D} = \{\mathbf{b}_\alpha : \alpha \in 2^{\aleph_0}\}$, $\mathbb{D} = \{\mathbf{c}_\alpha : \alpha \in 2^{\aleph_0}\}$ and $\mathbb{D}^\omega = \{(\mathbf{b}_\alpha^n)_{n \in \omega} : \alpha \in 2^{\aleph_0}\}$ with 2^{\aleph_0} repetitions such that any element appears 2^{\aleph_0} times. We want to construct the \mathfrak{P} -chain inductively and let $(H_{01}, H_{02}) = (S, S)$. By continuity we only have to define $\mathbb{H}_{\alpha+1}$. Alternatively we switch between 1 and 2, say we are in case $H_{\alpha 1}$ and consider \mathbf{b}_α , \mathbf{c}_α and $(\mathbf{b}_\alpha^n)_{n \in \omega}$. By the Main Lemma 2.2 there is $\mathbf{a}_\alpha \in \widehat{\mathbb{D}}$ such that $(H'_{(\alpha+1)1}, H_{\alpha 2}) \in \mathfrak{P}$ where $H'_{(\alpha+1)1} = \langle H_{\alpha 1}, \mathbf{a}_\alpha \rangle_* \subseteq \mathbb{D}$ and $\Phi(\mathbf{a}_\alpha, \mathbf{b}_\alpha) \in \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$. Moreover $(\mathbf{b}_\alpha^n)_{n \in \omega}$ satisfies condition (ii) of the Main Lemma 2.2 for $\mathbf{b}^n = \mathbf{b}_\alpha^n$. If $\mathbf{c}_\alpha \in H'_{(\alpha+1)1}$, then let $H'_{(\alpha+1)2} = H_{\alpha 2}$ and if $\mathbf{c}_\alpha \notin H'_{(\alpha+1)1}$, then by Main Lemma 2.2 there is $\mathbf{d}_\alpha \in \mathbb{D}$ such that $\Phi(\mathbf{c}_\alpha, \mathbf{d}_\alpha) \in \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$. We let $H'_{(\alpha+1)2} = \langle H_{\alpha 2}, \mathbf{d}_\alpha \rangle_* \subseteq \mathbb{D}$ and treat $(H'_{(\alpha+1)1}, H'_{(\alpha+1)2})$ by a dual argument (case 2). Hence we get $\mathbb{H}_{\alpha+1} = (H_{(\alpha+1)1}, H_{(\alpha+1)2}) \in \mathfrak{P}$. This finishes the construction of \mathbb{H} and Definition 2.4 is easily checked. \square

LEMMA 2.6. *If $\varphi \in H_1^*$ for a full pair $\mathbb{H} = (H_1, H_2)$, then there is $\mathbf{b} \in H_2$ with $\varphi = \Phi(\cdot, \mathbf{b})$*

Remark A similar result holds for $\varphi \in H_2^*$.

Proof. Let $b_j = \mathbf{e}_j \varphi \in \mathbb{Z}$ for all $j \in \omega$, and set $\mathbf{b} = \sum_{j \in \omega} b_j \mathbf{e}_j \in P$. If $\mathbf{a} \in H_1 \subseteq \mathbb{D}$, then write $\mathbf{a} = \sum_{j \in \omega} a_j \mathbf{e}_j$ and by continuity $\mathbf{a}\varphi = (\sum_{j \in \omega} a_j \mathbf{e}_j)\varphi = \sum_{j \in \omega} a_j (\mathbf{e}_j \varphi) = \sum_{j \in \omega} a_j b_j = \Phi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$. Hence $\varphi = \Phi(\cdot, \mathbf{b})$. If $\mathbf{b} \in P \setminus \mathbb{D}$, then by Definition 2.4 there is $\mathbf{x} \in H_1$ with $\mathbf{x}\varphi = \Phi(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{x}) \in \widehat{\mathbb{Z}} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$ contradicting $\varphi \in H_1^*$, hence $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{D}$. Similarly by Definition 2.4 (iii) we have $\mathbf{b} \in H_2$ and the lemma follows. \square

The pair $\mathbb{H} = (H_1, H_2)$ in Lemma 2.6 satisfies conditions (i) and (iii) of Theorem 1.2. Reflexivity follows easily as in [9] or [10] because the dual maps are induced by scalar multiplication. As a subgroup of P , each H_i is \aleph_1 -free (see Fuchs [8]). Slenderness can easily be checked and is left to the reader, hence (ii) of Theorem 1.2 follows. Condition (iv) can be derived using the arguments in [9] or [10]. The final condition (v) will follow immediately from our next Lemma 2.7.

LEMMA 2.7. *If $\mathbb{H} = (H_1, H_2)$ is a full pair and $\sigma \in \text{End } H_1$, then there is $s \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $\sigma - s1 \in \text{Fin } H_1$, where $\text{Fin } H_1$ is the ideal of $\text{End } H_1$ of all endomorphisms of finite rank.*

Proof. If $\mathbf{e}_j \sigma = \mathbf{b}^j$, $j \in \omega$, then using that \mathbb{H} is a full pair, we find $\mathbf{a} = \sum_{i \in \omega} a_i \mathbf{e}_i \in H_1$ such that Definition 2.4(iv) holds. By continuity,

$$\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a}\sigma = \left(\sum_{i \in \omega} a_i \mathbf{e}_i \right) \sigma = \sum_{i \in \omega} a_i \mathbf{b}^i \in H_1$$

which shows that we are in case (b) of Definition 2.4(iv). The subgroup $U = \langle \mathbf{b}^j - t\mathbf{e}_j : j \in \omega \rangle$ is a free direct summand of finite rank of \mathbb{D} . However the image of $S = \bigoplus_{i \in \omega} \mathbf{e}_i \mathbb{Z}$ under $\sigma - t \text{id}$ is in U , hence $S(\sigma - t \text{id})$ has finite rank, and by continuity the same holds for $H_1(\sigma - t \text{id})$, this is to say that $\sigma - t1 \in \text{Fin } H_1$. \square

3. Large reflexive groups

Let κ be a fixed supercompact cardinal. Then there is a κ -complete, fine ultrafilter U over κ such that the constant function

$$j : V \longrightarrow M = \text{Ult}(V, U) \quad (x \longrightarrow j(x)) \quad (j(x)_\alpha = x \text{ for all } \alpha \in \kappa)$$

is an elementary embedding of the universe V into the ultrapower M ; for details see Kanamori [14, pp. 471, 298–306, 37–56]. If ρ is a cardinal, then

$$\mathfrak{H}(\rho) = \{x \in V : |TC(x)| < \rho\}$$

is the set of all sets in V hereditarily $< \rho$ where $TC(x)$ denotes the transitive closure of the set x .

THEOREM 3.1. *If κ is a supercompact cardinal and H is a dual group of cardinality $\geq \kappa$, then for any $\chi < \kappa$ there is a direct summand H' of H with $\chi \leq |H'| < \kappa$.*

The following corollary is immediate.

COROLLARY 3.2. *Every reflexive group of cardinality $\geq \kappa$, with κ supercompact, has arbitrarily large summands $< \kappa$.*

Proof of Theorem 3.1: Let $H = G^* = \text{Hom}(G, \mathbb{Z})$ be as in the theorem. If $|G| = \lambda_1, |H| = \lambda_2$, then let $\lambda > 2^{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}$ and assume $G = \lambda_1, H = \lambda_2$ as sets and $\chi < \kappa$. If $\mathfrak{P} = \mathfrak{P}_\kappa(\mathfrak{H}(\lambda))$ is the poset of all subsets of $\mathfrak{H}(\lambda)$ of cardinality $< \kappa$, then by the above there is a κ -complete (normal and fine) ultrafilter D on \mathfrak{P} with elementary embedding

$$(\mathfrak{H}(\lambda), \epsilon) \prec M := \text{Ult}(\mathfrak{P}, D).$$

From $H = G^*$ each $h \in H$ gives rise to a homomorphism

$$\Phi(h, \cdot) : G \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

and $\Phi : H \oplus G \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ is a bilinear form. Moreover

$$\Phi(h, \cdot) = 0 \Rightarrow h = 0,$$

hence Φ is not degenerate. Let \mathfrak{C} be the set of all $N \in \mathfrak{P}$ subject to the conditions

- (i) $G, H, \Phi \in N$
- (ii) $\chi + 1 \subseteq N$
- (iii) N is an elementary submodel of $(\mathfrak{H}(\lambda), \epsilon)$.
- (iv) If $\tau = \text{otp}(N \cap \lambda)$ is the order type of $N \cap \lambda$, then (N, ϵ) is isomorphic to $(\mathfrak{H}(\tau), \epsilon)$, say by an isomorphism j_N .

By supercompactness $\mathfrak{C} \in D$, hence $\mathfrak{C} \neq \emptyset$ and we can choose $N \in \mathfrak{C}$. By Łoś's theorem ([14, p. 47, Theorem 5.2]) the desired properties of $\mathfrak{H}(\lambda)$ carry over to N . Now define

$$H' = H \cap N \text{ and } G' = G \cap N.$$

From $\chi + 1 \subseteq N \in P$ and $\chi + 1 \subseteq \lambda_1 = G, \lambda + 1 \subseteq \lambda_2 = H$ follows $\chi + 1 \subseteq H'$ and $\chi + 1 \subseteq G'$, hence

$$\chi \leq |H'| < \kappa \text{ and } \chi \leq |G'| < \kappa$$

and by (iii)

$$(3.1) \quad H' \subseteq H, \quad G' \subseteq G \text{ are subgroups.}$$

Similarly, if $\Phi' = \Phi \upharpoonright H' \oplus G'$, then

$$\Phi' : H' \oplus G' \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

and from (iii) and Φ' we have

$$H' = G'^*.$$

We are ready to use an old trick from functional analysis to show that H' is also a summand of H . Let

$$G'^{\perp} = \{h \in H : \Phi(h, G') = 0\} \text{ where } \Phi(h, G') = \{\Phi(h, g) : g \in G'\}.$$

Clearly $G'^{\perp} \subseteq H$, and consider any $h \in H' \cap G'^{\perp}$. We have $\Phi(h, G') = 0$ and from $h \in H'$ follows that in the submodel N the following holds

$$N \models (\forall x \in G'^N \longrightarrow \Phi(h, x) = 0).$$

By (iii) we also have

$$(\mathfrak{N}(\lambda), \epsilon) \models (\forall x \in G \longrightarrow \Phi(h, x) = 0),$$

hence $\Phi(h,) = 0$ and $h = 0$ because Φ is not degenerate. We conclude

$$H' \cap G'^{\perp} = 0, G'^{\perp} \subseteq H.$$

In order to show

$$(3.2) \quad H' + G'^{\perp} = H$$

we consider any $h \in H = G^*$ and let $\phi = \Phi(h,) \upharpoonright G'$ which belongs to G'^* . From (3.1) we find $h' \in H'$ such that $\Phi(h',) = \phi$. If $g' \in G'$ we have

$$\Phi(h - h', g') = \Phi(h, g') - \Phi(h', g') = g'\phi - g'\phi = 0,$$

hence $h - h' \in G'^{\perp}$ and $h \in H' + G'^{\perp}$, and (3.2) follows. Altogether we see that H' is a summand of H of the right size. \square

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