# Cotorsion theories cogenerated by $\aleph_1$ -free abelian groups

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ABSTRACT. Given an  $\aleph_1$ -free abelian group G we characterize the class  $\mathfrak{C}_G$  of all torsion abelian groups T satisfying  $\operatorname{Ext}(G,T)=0$  assuming the special continuum hypothesis CH. Moreover, in Gödel's constructable universe we prove that this characterizes  $\mathfrak{C}_G$  for arbitrary torsion-free abelian G. It follows that there exist some ugly  $\aleph_1$ -free abelian groups.

## 1. Introduction

In 1969 Griffith [8] solved Baer's splitting problem on mixed abelian groups when he proved that an abelian group G is free if and only if Ext(G,T)=0 for all torsion abelian groups T. It is easy to see that an abelian group G which satisfies  $\operatorname{Ext}(G,T)=0$  for all torsion abelian groups T must be torsion-free and homogeneous of type  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Thus it was natural to ask whether or not one could extend Griffith's result to homogeneous torsion-free groups which are not necessarily of idempotent type, i.e. to ak whether a torsion-free abelian group G which is homogeneous of type  $R \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$  has to be completely decomposable if and only if  $\operatorname{Ext}(G,T) = 0$ whenever  $\operatorname{Ext}(R,T) = 0$  for all torsion groups T (clearly  $\operatorname{Ext}(G,T) = 0$  implies  $\operatorname{Ext}(R,T)=0$ ). That this is not the case was shown in [10] by the second author. This was a consequence of techniques and results obtained in [12]. Inspired by Baer's question [1] to characterize all pairs of torsion-free abelian G and torsion abelian T such that Ext(G,T)=0, Wallutis and the second author considered in [12] the torsion groups of the cotorsion class singly cogenerated by a torsion-free group G. Cotorsion theories were introduced by Salce in [9] but it was the first time in [12] that only the torsion groups of the cotorsion theory were considered. Recall, that for a torsion-free abelian group G the class of all torsion abelian groups T satisfying  $\operatorname{Ext}(G,T)=0$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{TC}(G)$  (see [12]). This class is obviously closed under taking epimorphic images and contains all torsion cotorsion groups, i.e. all bounded groups. In [12] satisfactory characterizations of  $\mathcal{TC}(G)$  were obtained for countable torsion-free abelian groups and for completely decomposable groups. In fact, it was proved in [12] that for every countable torsion-free abelian group G there exists a completely decomposable group C such that  $\mathcal{TC}(G) = \mathcal{TC}(C)$ . It was later

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shown in [10] by the second author that for every finite rank torsion-free abelian group G there even exists a rational group  $R \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $\mathcal{TC}(G) = \mathcal{TC}(R)$ . Thus, knowing the class  $\mathcal{TC}(C)$  for completely decomposable groups C, it was reasonable to search for groups G of uncountable cardinality such that  $\mathcal{TC}(G)$  equals  $\mathcal{TC}(C)$  for some completely decomposable group C. Although a criterion was found in [12, Theorem 3.6] for characterizing those classes of torsion abelian groups which may appear as  $\mathcal{TC}(C)$  for completely decomposable group C, it remained open if for instance in Gödel's universe every torsion-free abelian group is of this kind. It shall be shown in this paper that this is not the case, but it holds if we replace completely decomposable by  $\aleph_1$ -free of cardinality  $\aleph_1$ .

Assuming CH we give in section 2 a construction of  $\aleph_1$ -free abelian groups G of size  $\aleph_1$  having a strange class  $\mathcal{TC}(G)$ . It shall be proved that for every ideal I in the set of primes (more general in the set of all powers of primes) containing all finite subsets of the set of primes, there exists an  $\aleph_1$ -free abelian group G of size  $\aleph_1$  such that  $\bigoplus_{p \in P} \mathbb{Z}(p) \in \mathcal{TC}(G)$  if and only if  $P \in I$ . It follows in section 3 that in

Gödel's constructable universe (V = L) every torsion-free abelian group G satisfies  $\mathcal{TC}(G) = \mathcal{TC}(H)$  for some  $\aleph_1$ -free group H of size  $\aleph_1$ . Thus we obtain a characterization of the class  $\mathcal{TC}(G)$  for all torsion-free abelian groups G in Gödel's universe and prove that the structure of the group G is not very much effected by the class  $\mathcal{TC}(G)$ . This solves Baer's problem in V = L and contrasts a result from [7] in which it was shown that the cotorsion theory singly cogenerated by G determines the group G up to isomorphism in many cases.

All groups under consideration are abelian. The notations are standard and for unexplained notions in abelian group theory and set theory we refer to [6] and [5].

# 2. The construction

In this section we construct some  $\aleph_1$ -free abelian groups having special properties. Let us first recall a definition from [12]. For a torsion-free group G we denote by  $\mathcal{TC}(G)$  the class of all torsion groups T satisfying  $\operatorname{Ext}(G,T)=0$ . Obviously, the class  $\mathcal{TC}(G)$  is closed under taking epimorphic images and contains all torsion cotorsion groups, i.e. all bounded groups. Recall that a torsion-free group G is called  $\aleph_1$ -free if all its countable subgroups are free. Let  $\Pi$  be the set of natural primes. By  $\bar{\Pi}$  we denote the set of all powers of natural primes, i.e.  $\bar{\Pi} = \{p^n : p \in \Pi, n < \omega\}$ . Moreover, for an infinite subset  $P \subseteq \bar{\Pi}$  we define  $T_P = \bigoplus_{p \in P} \mathbb{Z}(p)$ ,

where  $\mathbb{Z}(p)$  denotes the cyclic group of order p. The reader should keep in mind that here p is not necessarily a prime but could be a prime power. We begin with a compactness result for countable torsion-free groups (see [10, Lemma 3.1]).

LEMMA 2.1 ([10]). Let G be a countable torsion-free group and T a torsion group. Then  $T \in \mathcal{TC}(G)$  if and only if  $T \in \mathcal{TC}(H)$  for all finite rank pure subgroups H of G.

PROOF. The proof can be found in [10, Lemma 3.1] and is based on the fact that for countable G and any pure subgroup  $H \subseteq G$  of finite rank,  $T \in \mathcal{TC}(G)$  implies  $T \in \mathcal{TC}(G/H)$  (T a torsion group).

Recall, that for a torsion-free group G of size  $\kappa$  a  $\kappa$ -filtration of G is a continuous ascending chain of pure subgroups of cardinality less than  $\kappa$  such that its union equals G.

PROPOSITION 2.2 (CH). Let G be a torsion-free group of cardinality  $\aleph_1$  and P an infinite subset of  $\bar{\Pi}$ . If  $\langle G_{\alpha} : \alpha < \omega_1 \rangle$  is an  $\omega_1$ -filtration of G, then  $T_P \notin \mathcal{TC}(G)$  if and only if one of the following conditions holds:

- (i)  $T_P \notin \mathcal{TC}(H)$  for some finite rank pure subgroup H of G or;
- (ii)  $\{\delta < \omega_1 : G/G_\delta \text{ contains a finite rank pure subgroup } L_\delta \subseteq G/G_\delta \text{ such that } T_P \notin \mathcal{TC}(L_\delta)\}$  is stationary in  $\omega_1$ .

Proof. Let

(2.1)  $S = \{\delta < \omega_1 : G/G_\delta \text{ contains a finite rank pure subgroup } L_\delta \subseteq G/G_\delta \}$ 

such that 
$$T_P \notin \mathcal{TC}(L_\delta)$$
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By Lemma 2.1  $S = \{\delta < \omega_1 : T_P \notin \mathcal{TC}(G_\beta/G_\delta) \text{ for some } \delta < \beta < \omega_1 \}$ . Now it is easy to see that S stationary implies that the relative  $\Gamma$ -invariant  $\Gamma_{T_P}(G) \neq 0$ . Since we are assuming CH the weak diamond  $\Phi_{\aleph_1}$  holds (see [3]). Thus (i) or (ii) imply  $T_P \notin \mathcal{TC}(G)$  by [5, Proposition XII.1.15]. Conversely, assume that  $T_P \notin \mathcal{TC}(G)$  but (i) and (ii) do not hold. Then, the relative  $\Gamma$ -invariant  $\Gamma_{T_P}(G) = 0$  and hence [5, Theorem XII.1.14] shows that  $T_P \in \mathcal{TC}(G)$  - a contradiction.

REMARK 2.3. If we assume V = L, then we could extend Proposition 2.2 to larger cardinalities using techniques as for instance developed in [2, Theorem 3.1] and using an appropriate filtration but it is not needed here.

Let S be a stationary subset of  $\omega_1$  consisting of limit ordinals, i.e. for all  $\alpha \in S$ ,  $cf(\alpha) = \omega$ . Recall the following definition.

DEFINITION 2.4. A ladder system  $\bar{\eta}$  on S is a family of functions  $\bar{\eta} = \langle \eta_{\delta} : \delta \in S \rangle$  such that  $\eta_{\delta} : \omega \to \delta$  is strictly increasing with  $\sup(\operatorname{rg}(\eta_{\delta})) = \delta$ , where  $\operatorname{rg}(\eta_{\delta})$  denotes the range of  $\eta_{\delta}$ . We call the ladder system tree-like if for all  $\delta, \nu \in \bar{\eta}$  and every  $\alpha, \beta \in \omega$ ,  $\eta_{\delta}(\alpha) = \eta_{\nu}(\beta)$  implies  $\alpha = \beta$  and  $\eta_{\delta}(\rho) = \eta_{\nu}(\rho)$  for all  $\rho \leq \alpha$ .

PROPOSITION 2.5 (CH). Let  $\langle P_{\alpha} : \alpha < \omega_1 \rangle$  be a sequence of infinite subsets of  $\bar{\Pi}$ . Then there exists an  $\aleph_1$ -free torsion-free group G of cardinality  $\aleph_1$  such that for any infinite subset P of  $\bar{\Pi}$ ,  $T_P \notin \mathcal{TC}(G)$  if and only if  $\{\delta < \omega_1 : |P \cap P_{\delta}| = \aleph_0\}$  is stationary.

PROOF. Since we are assuming CH the weak diamond  $\Phi_{\aleph_1}$  holds. Let S be a stationary subset of  $\omega_1$  such that  $\Phi_{\aleph_1}(S)$  holds. Since  $\lim(\omega_1)$  is a cub in  $\omega_1$  we may assume without loss of generality that  $S = \lim(\omega_1)$ , i.e. S consists of all limit ordinals of  $\omega_1$ . Choose a tree-like ladder system  $\bar{\eta} = \langle \eta_{\delta} : \delta \in S \rangle$  such that  $\eta_{\delta}(\alpha)$  is a successor ordinal for all  $\alpha < \omega$  and  $\delta \in S$  (see [5, page 386, Exercise 17]). We enumerate the sets  $P_{\alpha}$  by  $\omega$  without repetitions, e.g.  $P_{\alpha} = \{p_{\alpha,n} : n < \omega\}$ . Now let F be the free group generated by the elements  $\{x_{\nu} : \nu < \omega_1\} \cup \{y_{\delta,n} : \delta \in S, n < \omega\}$ . Let  $z_{\delta,-1} = y_{\delta,0}/p_{\delta,0}$  and for  $n \geq 0$ 

$$z_{\delta,n} = (y_{\delta,0} - w_{\delta,n}) / (\prod_{i=0}^{n+1} p_{\delta,i}),$$

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where  $w_{\delta,n} = \sum_{i=0}^{n} (\prod_{j=0}^{i} p_{\delta,j}) x_{\eta_{\delta}(i)}$ . Let G be the subgroup of F generated by the elements  $\{x_{\nu} : \nu < \omega_1\} \cup \{z_{\delta,n} : \delta \in S, n < \omega\}$ . Then the only relations between the generators of G are

$$(2.2) p_{\delta,n+1} z_{\delta,n} = z_{\delta,n-1} - x_{\eta_{\delta}(n)}$$

for  $\delta \in S$  and  $n \geq 0$ . Now, for  $\nu < \omega_1$  let  $G_{\nu}$  be the pure closure in G of  $G \cap (\{x_{\mu} : \mu < \nu\} \cup \{z_{\delta,n} : \delta \in S \cap \nu, n < \omega\})$ . Then the sequence  $\langle G_{\nu} : \nu < \omega_1 \rangle$  forms an  $\omega_1$ -filtration of G. Moreover, for  $\nu \in S$  we have

$$(2.3) G_{\nu+1}/G_{\nu} \cong F_{\nu} \oplus H_{\nu},$$

where  $F_{\nu}$  is the free group on the generator  $x_{\nu} + G_{\nu}$  and  $H_{\nu} \cong \langle 1/p_{\nu,n} : n < \omega \rangle =:$   $R_{P_{\nu}} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$ . Finally, G is  $\aleph_1$ -free by Pontryagin's criterion. Indeed, if  $J_0$  is a finite subset of G, then the pure closure of  $J_0$  is contained in the pure closure of a finite subset  $J_1$  of  $\{x_{\nu} : \nu < \omega_1\} \cup \{y_{\delta,n} : \delta \in S, n < \omega\}$ . By enlarging  $J_1$  we may assume that there exists m such that for all  $y_{\delta,o} \in J_1$ ,  $x_{\eta_{\delta}(n)} \in J_1$  if and only if  $n \leq m$ . Then the equations (2.2) show that the pure closure of  $J_1$  is free (compare [5, Example VIII 1.1]).

Finally, let P be an infinite subset of  $\bar{\Pi}$ . Since G is  $\aleph_1$ -free there exists no finite rank pure subgroup H of G such that  $T_P \notin \mathcal{TC}(H)$ , hence Proposition 2.2 shows that  $T_P \notin \mathcal{TC}(G)$  if and only if the set

(2.4) 
$$N = \{\delta < \omega_1 : G/G_\delta \text{ contains a finite rank pure subgroup } L_\delta \subseteq G/G_\delta$$

such that 
$$T_P \notin \mathcal{TC}(L_\delta)$$

is stationary in  $\omega_1$ . Since for  $\delta \in S$  we have  $G_{\delta+1}/G_{\delta} \cong R_{P_{\delta}}$  it is now easy to see that N is stationary if and only if  $U = \{\delta < \omega_1 : |P \cap P_{\delta}| = \aleph_0\}$  is stationary. Note that S is a cub in  $\omega_1$ .

If G is a torsion-free group, then it is not hard to see that the set

$$\{P \subseteq \bar{\Pi} : T_P \in \mathcal{TC}(G)\}\$$

forms an ideal on  $\mathcal{P}(\Pi)$  containing all finite subsets of  $\bar{\Pi}$ . In fact, the next theorem shows that every such ideal may appear. To avoid additional notation let us allow an ideal in  $\mathcal{P}(\bar{\Pi})$  to contain  $\bar{\Pi}$  itself.

THEOREM 2.6 (CH). Let  $I \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\bar{\Pi})$  be an ideal containing all finite subsets of  $\bar{\Pi}$ . Then there exists an  $\aleph_1$ -free group G of cardinality  $\aleph_1$  such that for every  $P \subseteq \bar{\Pi}$ ,  $T_P \in \mathcal{TC}(G)$  if and only if  $P \in I$ .

PROOF. Let I be given. If  $\bar{\Pi} \in I$ , then we choose G to be free of cardinality  $\aleph_1$  and we are done. Therefore, assume that  $\bar{\Pi} \notin I$ . Choose a continuous increasing sequence of boolean subalgebras  $\langle B_{\alpha} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\bar{\Pi}) : \alpha < \omega_1 \rangle$  such that each  $B_{\alpha}$  is countable and contains all finite subsets of  $\bar{\Pi}$ . Note that this is possible since we are assuming CH. Let  $\alpha < \omega_1$  and put

$$(2.6) I \cap B_{\alpha} = \{I_{\alpha,i}^- : i < \omega\}$$

and

$$(2.7) B_{\alpha} \backslash I = \{ I_{\alpha i}^+ : i < \omega \},$$

where we assume that each  $I_{\alpha,i}^+$  is repeated infinitely many times. Choose for  $\alpha < \omega_1$  and  $i < \omega$ 

$$(2.8) p_{\alpha,i} \in I_{\alpha,i}^+ \setminus \left( \bigcup \{I_{\alpha,j}^- : j < i\} \cup \{i_{\alpha,j} : j < i\} \right).$$

Note, that this is possible since  $I_{\alpha,i}^+$  is infinite and  $\bigcup \{I_{\alpha,j}^-: j < i\} \in I$ . Let

$$(2.9) P_{\alpha} = \{p_{\alpha,i} : i < \omega\}$$

and let G be the group from Proposition 2.5 for  $\langle P_{\alpha} : \alpha < \omega_1 \rangle$ . Then G is  $\aleph_1$ -free and of cardinality  $\aleph_1$  and by Proposition 2.5 it suffices to prove that for a subset  $P \subseteq \overline{\Pi}$  we have  $P \in I$  if and only if there exists  $\gamma < \omega_1$  such that for all  $\delta > \gamma$ ,  $P \cap P_{\alpha}$  is finite. Thus let  $P \subseteq \overline{\Pi}$  and assume that  $P \in I$ . Then there exists  $\gamma < \omega_1$  such that for all  $\delta > \gamma$ ,  $P \in I \cap B_{\delta}$ . Fix  $\delta > \gamma$ , then  $P = I_{\delta,i}^-$  for some  $i < \omega$ . Hence, for all j > i we obtain  $p_{\delta,j} \notin I_{\delta,i}^-$ . Thus,  $P \cap P_{\delta} \subseteq \{p_{\delta,j} : j \leq i\}$  which is finite. Conversely, assume that  $P \notin I$ . Then there exists  $\gamma < \omega_1$  such that for all  $\delta > \gamma$ ,  $P \in B_{\delta} \setminus I$ . Fix  $\delta > \gamma$ , then  $P = I_{\delta,j}^+$  for infinitely many  $j < \omega$  by the choice of the  $I_{\delta,i}^+$ 's. But, if  $P = I_{\delta,j}^+$ , then  $p_{\delta,j} \in P_{\delta} \cap (P \setminus \{p_{\delta,i} : i < j\})$  and hence  $P \cap P_{\delta}$  is infinite. This finishes the proof.

We are now able to characterize the class  $\mathcal{TC}(G)$  for torsion-free groups of cardinality  $\aleph_1$  assuming CH.

## 3. The characterization

In [12, Theorem 3.6] a characterization of all classes  $\mathfrak{C}$  of torsion groups was given which could satisfy  $\mathfrak{C} = \mathcal{TC}(C)$  for some completely decomposable group C. We shall show next that we can drop condition [12, Theorem 3.6 (v)] if we assume CH and replace completely decomposable by  $\aleph_1$ -free of cardinality  $\aleph_1$ . Recall, that condition [12, Theorem 3.6 (v)] says the following

(3.1) If P is an infinite set of primes such that  $T_P \notin \mathfrak{C}$ , then there exists an infinite subset P' of P such that for all infinite subsets X of P',  $T_X \notin \mathfrak{C}$ .

THEOREM 3.1 (CH). Let  $\mathfrak{C}$  be a class of torsion groups. Then  $\mathfrak{C} = \mathcal{TC}(G)$  for some  $(\aleph_1$ -free) torsion-free group G of cardinality less than or equal to  $\aleph_1$  if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i)  ${\mathfrak C}$  is closed under epimorphic images;
- (ii) & contains all torsion cotorsion groups:
- (iii) If p is a natural prime, then  $\bigoplus_{n<\omega}\mathbb{Z}(p^n)\in\mathfrak{C}$  if and only if  $\mathfrak{C}$  contains all p-groups:
- p-groups; (iv) If P is an infinite subset of  $\Pi$ , then  $\bigoplus_{p \in P} \mathbb{Z}(p) \in \mathfrak{C}$  if and only if  $\bigoplus_{p \in P} H_p \in \mathfrak{C}$ for all p-groups  $H_p \in \mathfrak{C}$   $(p \in P)$ .

PROOF. Let us first show that (i) to (iv) hold for  $\mathcal{TC}(G)$  for any torsion-free group G of cardinality less than or equal to  $\aleph_1$ . Clearly, (i) and (ii) are true. Moreover, if G is countable, then [12, Corollary 3.7] shows that (iii) and (iv) hold for G. Thus assume that G is of cardinality  $\aleph_1$  and let  $\langle G_\alpha : \alpha < \omega_1 \rangle$  be an  $\omega_1$ -filtration of G. Let p be a prime and assume that  $\bigoplus_{n < \omega} \mathbb{Z}(p^n) \in \mathcal{TC}(G)$ . Moreover, assume that T is a p-group and  $T \notin \mathcal{TC}(G)$ . By Proposition 2.2 there exists either a finite

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rank pure subgroup H of G such that  $T \notin \mathcal{TC}(H)$  or the set  $Q = \{\delta < \omega_1 :$  $G/G_{\delta}$  contains a finite rank pure subgroup  $L_{\delta} \subseteq G/G_{\delta}$  such that  $T \notin \mathcal{TC}(L_{\delta})$  is stationary in  $\omega_1$ . If H exists, then [12, Theorem 3.6] shows that  $\bigoplus_{n<\omega} \mathbb{Z}(p^n) \notin \mathcal{TC}(H)$  contradicting the fact that  $\bigoplus_{n<\omega} \mathbb{Z}(p^n) \in \mathcal{TC}(G) \subseteq \mathcal{TC}(H)$ . Thus assume that Q is stationary in  $\omega_1$ . Again by [12, Theorem 3.6] it follows that for  $\delta \in Q$  also  $\bigoplus \mathbb{Z}(p^n) \notin \mathcal{TC}(L_{\delta})$  since all  $G_{\alpha}$ 's are countable. Thus

 $Q = \{\delta < \omega_1 : G/G_\delta \text{ contains a finite rank pure subgroup } L_\delta \subseteq G/G_\delta$ (3.2)

such that 
$$\bigoplus_{n<\omega} \mathbb{Z}(p^n) \notin \mathcal{TC}(L_\delta)$$

such that  $\bigoplus_{n<\omega}\mathbb{Z}(p^n)\not\in\mathcal{TC}(L_\delta)$ } and Proposition 2.2 shows that  $\bigoplus_{n<\omega}\mathbb{Z}(p^n)\not\in\mathcal{TC}(G)$  - a contradiction. Thus (iii) holds since the success  $\mathbb{Z}(p^n)$  is  $\mathbb{Z}(p^n)$ . holds since the converse implication is trivial.

It is straightforward to see that also (iv) holds for  $\mathcal{TC}(G)$  using similar arguments as above.

Finally, assume that  $\mathfrak C$  satisfies (i) to (iv). We identify  $\omega$  with  $\Pi$  by a bijection  $i:\omega\to\Pi$ . Let  $I=\{X\subseteq\omega:\ \oplus\ \mathbb{Z}(p)\in\mathfrak{C}\}$ . Then it is easy to see that I is an  $p \in i(X)$ 

ideal on  $\omega$  containing all finite subsets of  $\omega$ . Thus by Theorem 2.6 there exists an  $\aleph_1$ free group G of cardinality  $\aleph_1$  such that for every subset  $P \subseteq \bar{\Pi}$ ,  $\bigoplus \mathbb{Z}(p) \in \mathcal{TC}(G)$ 

if and only if  $i^{-1}(P) \in I$ . Since we have already shown that  $\mathcal{TC}(G)$  satisfies (i) to (iv) it is now obvious that  $\mathfrak{C} = \mathcal{TC}(G)$ . 

Since it was shown in [11, Theorem 2.7] and [12, Corollary 3.9] that in Gödel's universe for every torsion-free group G Theorem 3.1 (i) to (iv) are satisfied for  $\mathfrak{C} = \mathcal{TC}(G)$  we immediately get the following result.

COROLLARY 3.2 (V = L). For every torsion-free group G there exists an  $\aleph_1$ -free group H of cardinality  $\aleph_1$  such that  $\mathcal{TC}(G) = \mathcal{TC}(H)$ .

Moreover, we obtain the existence of some ugly torsion-free groups showing that the  $\mathcal{TC}$ -Conjecture from [11,  $\mathcal{TC}$ -Conjecture 2.12] does not hold. In [11] it was conjectured that in V = L for every torsion-free group G there exists a completely decomposable group C such that  $\mathcal{TC}(G) = \mathcal{TC}(C)$ , hence condition (3.1) would be satisfied for all torsion-free groups G. This is not the case.

COROLLARY 3.3 (CH). For every infinite set of primes P there exists an  $\aleph_1$ -free torsion-free group G of cardinality  $\aleph_1$  satisfying  $T_P \notin \mathcal{TC}(G)$  such that for every infinite subset  $Q \subseteq P$  there exists an infinite subset  $Q_1 \subseteq Q$  such that  $T_{Q_1} \in \mathcal{TC}(G)$ . Thus  $\mathcal{TC}(G) \neq \mathcal{TC}(C)$  for every completely decomposable group C.

PROOF. Let P be the given infinite set of primes. It was shown by Eda in [4, Proof of Theorem 5] that there exists a strictly decreasing chain of subsets  $P_{\alpha} \subseteq P$  $(\alpha < \omega_1)$  such that

- (i)  $P_{\alpha}$  is infinite;
- (ii)  $\alpha < \beta$  implies  $P_{\beta}$  is almost contained in  $P_{\alpha}$ ;
- (iii)  $\alpha < \beta$  implies  $|P_{\alpha} \backslash P_{\beta}|$  is infinite;
- (iv)  $\bigcap P_{\alpha}$  is finite.  $\alpha < \omega_1$

Let U be the ultrafilter generated by  $\bar{P} = \{P_{\alpha} : \alpha < \omega_1\}$  and let G be the group from Proposition 2.5 for  $\bar{P}$ . If Q is an infinite subset of P, then divide Q into two disjoint infinite subsets, e.g.  $Q = Q_1 \cup Q_2$ . Since U is an ultrafilter it follows that without loss of generality  $Q_1 \not\in U$ . Hence, there exists  $\alpha < \omega_1$  such that  $|P_{\alpha} \cap Q_1|$  is finite. Thus, for every  $\alpha \leq \beta$  we obtain  $|P_{\beta} \cap Q_1|$  is finite. Therefore, the set  $\{\delta < \omega_1 : |P \cap P_{\delta}| = \aleph_0\}$  is not stationary in  $\omega_1$  and Proposition 2.5 implies that  $T_{Q_1} \in \mathcal{TC}(G)$ .

Finally,  $\mathcal{TC}(G) \neq \mathcal{TC}(C)$  for any completely decomposable group C since  $\mathcal{TC}(G)$  violates [12, Theorem 3.2 (v)] which is our condition (3.1).

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