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## ( $p, q, r$ )-Generations and $nX$ -Complementary Generations of the Thompson Group $Th$

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**Abstract.** A group  $G$  is said to be  $(l, m, n)$ -generated if it is a quotient group of the triangle group  $T(l, m, n) = \langle x, y, z \mid x^l = y^m = z^n = xyz = 1 \rangle$ . In 1993 J. Moori posed the question of finding all triples  $(l, m, n)$  such that a given non-abelian finite simple group is  $(l, m, n)$ -generated. In this paper we partially answer this question for the Thompson group  $Th$ . In fact we study  $(p, q, r)$ -generation, where  $p, q$  and  $r$  are distinct primes, and  $nX$ -complementary generations of the Thompson group  $Th$ .

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### §1. Introduction

Let  $G$  be a group and  $nX$  a conjugacy class of elements of order  $n$  in  $G$ . Following Woldar [26], the group  $G$  is said to be  $nX$ -complementary generated if, for any arbitrary non-identity element  $x \in G$ , there exists a  $y \in nX$  such that  $G = \langle x, y \rangle$ . The element  $y = y(x)$  for which  $G = \langle x, y \rangle$  is called complementary. Furthermore, a group  $G$  is said to be  $(lX, mY, nZ)$ -generated (or  $(l, m, n)$ -generated for short) if there exist  $x \in lX, y \in mY$  and  $z \in nZ$  such that  $xy = z$  and  $G = \langle x, y \rangle$ . If  $G$  is  $(l, m, n)$ -generated, then we can see that for any permutation  $\pi$  of  $S_3$ , the group  $G$  is also  $((l)\pi, (m)\pi, (n)\pi)$ -generated. Therefore we may assume that  $l \leq m \leq n$ . By [3], if the non-abelian simple group  $G$  is  $(l, m, n)$ -generated, then either  $G \cong A_5$  or  $\frac{1}{l} + \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n} < 1$ . Hence for a non-abelian finite simple group  $G$  and divisors  $l, m, n$  of the order of  $G$  such that  $\frac{1}{l} + \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n} < 1$ , it is natural to ask if  $G$  is a  $(l, m, n)$ -generated group. The motivation for this question came from the calculation of the genus of finite simple groups [27]. It can be shown that the problem of finding the genus of a finite simple group can be reduced to one of generations.

Moori in [20], posed the problem of finding all triples  $(l, m, n)$  such that a given non-abelian finite simple group  $G$  is  $(l, m, n)$ -generated. In a series of papers [13-17] and [20,21], Moori and Ganief established all possible  $(p, q, r)$ -generations and  $nX$ -complementary generations of the sporadic groups  $J_1, J_2, J_3, J_4, HS, McL, Co_2, Co_3$ , and  $F_{22}$ , for distinct primes  $p, q, r$  and element orders  $n$  of  $|G|$ . Also, the author in [2] and [6-12](joint work) did the same work for the sporadic groups  $Co_1, ON, Ru$  and  $Ly$ . The motivation for this study is outlined in these papers and the reader is encouraged to consult these papers for background material as well as basic computational techniques.

Throughout this paper we use the same notation as in the mentioned papers. In particular,  $\Delta(G) = \Delta(lX, mY, nZ)$  denotes the structure constant of  $G$  for the conjugacy classes  $lX, mY, nZ$ , whose value is the cardinality of the set  $\Lambda = \{(x, y) | xy = z\}$ , where  $x \in lX, y \in mY$  and  $z$  is a fixed element of the conjugacy class  $nZ$ . In Table IV, we list the values  $\Delta(pX, qY, rZ)$ , where  $p, q$  and  $r$  are distinct prime divisors of  $|Th|$ , using the character table  $Th$ . Also,  $\Delta^*(G) = \Delta_G^*(lX, mY, nZ)$  and  $\Sigma(H_1 \cup H_2 \cup \dots \cup H_r)$  denote the number of pairs  $(x, y) \in \Lambda$  such that  $G = \langle x, y \rangle$  and  $\langle x, y \rangle \subseteq H_i$  (for some  $1 \leq i \leq r$ ), respectively. The number of pairs  $(x, y) \in \Lambda$  generating a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  will be given by  $\Sigma^*(H)$  and the centralizer of a representative of  $lX$  will be denoted by  $C_G(lX)$ . A general conjugacy class of a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  with elements of order  $n$  will be denoted by  $nx$ . Clearly, if  $\Delta^*(G) > 0$ , then  $G$  is  $(lX, mY, nZ)$ -generated and  $(lX, mY, nZ)$  is called a generating triple for  $G$ . The number of conjugates of a given subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  containing a fix element  $z$  is given by  $\chi_{N_G(H)}(z)$ , where  $\chi_{N_G(H)}$  is the permutation character of  $G$  with action on the conjugates of  $H$ (cf. [25]). In most cases we will calculate this value from the fusion map from  $N_G(H)$  into  $G$  stored in GAP, [22].

Now we discuss techniques that are useful in resolving generation type questions for finite groups. We begin with a theorem that, in certain situations, is very effective at establishing non-generations.

**Theorem 1.1.** ([4]) *Let  $G$  be a finite centerless group and suppose  $lX, mY$  and  $nZ$  are  $G$ -conjugacy classes for which  $\Delta^*(G) = \Delta_G^*(lX, mY, nZ) < |C_G(z)|, z \in nZ$ . Then  $\Delta^*(G) = 0$  and therefore  $G$  is not  $(lX, mY, nZ)$ -generated.*

A further useful result that we shall often use is a result from Conder, Wilson and Woldar [4], as follows:

**Lemma 1.2.** *If  $G$  is  $nX$ -complementary generated and  $(sY)^k = nX$ , for some integer  $k$ , then  $G$  is  $sY$ -complementary generated.*

Further useful results that we shall use are:

**Lemma 1.3.**([15]). *If  $G$  is  $(2X, sY, tZ)$ -generated simple group then  $G$  is*

$(sY, sY, (tZ)^2)$ -generated.

**Lemma 1.4.** *Let  $G$  be a finite simple group and  $H$  a maximal subgroup of  $G$  containing a fixed element  $x$ . Then the number  $h$  of conjugates of  $H$  containing  $x$  is  $\chi_H(x)$ , where  $\chi_H$  is the permutation character of  $G$  with action on the conjugates of  $H$ . In particular,*

$$h = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{|C_G(x)|}{|C_H(x_i)|}$$

where  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m$  are representatives of the  $H$ -conjugacy classes that fuse to the  $G$ -conjugacy class of  $x$ .

In the present paper we investigate the  $(p, q, r)$ -generation and  $nX$ -complementary generation for the Thompson group  $Th$ , where  $p, q$  and  $r$  are distinct primes and  $n$  is an element order. We prove the following results:

**Theorem A.** *The Thompson group  $Th$  is  $(p, q, r)$ -generated if and only if  $(p, q, r) \neq (2, 3, 5)$ .*

**Theorem B.** *The Thompson group  $Th$  is  $nX$ -complementary generated if and only if  $nX \notin \{1A, 2A\}$ .*

## §2. $(p, q, r)$ -Generations of $Th$

In this section we obtain all the  $(pX, qY, rZ)$ -generations of the Thompson group  $Th$ , which is a sporadic group of order  $2^{15} \cdot 3^{10} \cdot 5^3 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \cdot 31$ . Since  $31A^{-1} = 31B$ , hence, the group  $Th$  is  $(pX, qY, 31A)$ -generated if and only if it is  $(pX, qY, 31B)$ -generated. Therefore, it is enough to investigate the  $(pX, qY, 31A)$ -generation of  $Th$ .

We will use the maximal subgroups of  $Th$  listed in the ATLAS extensively, especially those with order divisible by 13 (for details see [18] and [19]). We listed in Table I, all the maximal subgroups of  $Th$  and in Table V, the partial fusion maps of these maximal subgroups into  $Th$  (obtained from GAP) that will enable us to evaluate  $\Delta_{Th}^*(pX, qY, rZ)$ , for prime classes  $pX, qY$  and  $rZ$ . In this table  $h$  denotes the number of conjugates of the maximal subgroup  $H$  containing a fixed element  $z$  (see Lemma 1.4). For basic properties of the Thompson group  $Th$  and information on its maximal subgroups the reader is referred to [5]. It is a well known fact that  $Th$  has exactly 16 conjugacy classes of maximal subgroups, as listed in Table I.

If the group  $Th$  is  $(2, 3, p)$ -generated, then by the Conder's result [3],  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{p} < 1$ . Thus we only need to consider the cases  $p = 7, 13, 19, 31$ .

**Table I**  
**The Maximal Subgroups of  $Th$**

| <i>Group</i>            | <i>Order</i>        | <i>Group</i>    | <i>Order</i>        |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| ${}^3D_4(2).3$          | $2^{12}.3^5.7^2.13$ | $2^5.PSL(5, 2)$ | $2^{15}.3^2.5.7.31$ |
| $2^{1+8}.A_9$           | $2^{15}.3^4.5.7$    | $U_3(8).6$      | $2^{10}.3^5.7.19$   |
| $(3 \times G_2(3)) : 2$ | $2^7.3^7.7.13$      | $ThN3B$         | $2^4.3^{10}$        |
| $ThM7$                  | $2^4.3^{10}$        | $3^5 : 2S_6$    | $2^5.3^7.5$         |
| $5^{1+2}.4S_4$          | $2^5.3.5^3$         | $5^2 : 4S_5$    | $2^5.3.5^3$         |
| $7^2 : (3 \times 2S_4)$ | $2^4.3^2.7^2$       | $L_2(19).2$     | $2^3.3^2.5.19$      |
| $L_3(3)$                | $2^4.3^3.13$        | $A_6.2_3$       | $2^4.3^2.5$         |
| $31 : 15$               | $3.5.31$            | $A_5.2$         | $2^3.3.5$           |

Woldar, in [27] determined which sporadic groups other than  $F_{22}$ ,  $F_{23}$ ,  $F'_{24}$ ,  $Th$ ,  $J_4$ ,  $B$  and  $M$  are Hurwitz groups, i.e. generated by elements  $x$  and  $y$  with order  $o(x) = 2$ ,  $o(y) = 3$  and  $o(xy) = 7$ . In fact,  $G$  is a Hurwitz group if and only if  $G$  is  $(2, 3, 7)$ -generated. Next, Linton [18], proved that the Thompson group  $Th$  is Hurwitz.

For the sake of completeness, in the following lemma, we prove that  $Th$  is a Hurwitz group. Therefore,  $Th$  is  $(2, 3, 7)$ -generated.

**Lemma 2.1.** *The Thompson group  $Th$  is not  $(2A, 3A, 7A)$ - and  $(2A, 3B, 7A)$ -generated, but it is  $(2A, 3C, 7A)$ -generated.*

*Proof.* From the structure constants, Table iV, we can see that  $\Delta_{Th}(2A, 3A, 7A) < |C_{Th}(7A)|$ . So, by Theorem 1.1,  $\Delta^*(G) = 0$  and therefore  $Th$  is not  $(2A, 3A, 7A)$ -generated. We now consider two cases.

*Case  $(2A, 3B, 7A)$ .* The maximal subgroups of  $Th$  that may contain  $(2A, 3B, 7A)$ -generated proper subgroups are isomorphic to  ${}^3D_4(2).3$ ,  $2^{1+8}.A_9$ ,  $U_3(8).6$  and  $(3 \times G_2(3)) : 2$ . We calculate that  $\Delta(Th) = 1372$  and  $\Sigma({}^3D_4(2).3) = 343$ . Our calculations give:

$$\Delta^*(Th) \leq \Delta(Th) - 343 = 1029 < 1176 = |C_{Th}(7A)|.$$

Thus, by Theorem 1.1,  $\Delta^*(Th) = 0$ , which shows the non-generation of this triple.

*Case  $(2A, 3C, 7A)$ .* From the list of maximal subgroups of  $Th$ , Table I, we observe that, up to isomorphisms,  ${}^3D_4(2).3$ ,  $2^5.PSL(5, 2)$ ,  $2^{1+8}.A_9$ ,  $U_3(8).6$ ,  $(3 \times G_2(3)) : 2$  and  $7^2 : (3 \times 2S_4)$  are the only maximal subgroups of  $Th$  that admit  $(2A, 3C, 7A)$ -generated subgroups. From the structure constants, Table IV, we calculate  $\Delta(Th) = 4704$ ,  $\Sigma({}^3D_4(2).3) = \Sigma(2^5.PSL(5, 2)) = \Sigma(2^{1+8}.A_9) = \Sigma(U_3(8).6) = \Sigma(7^2 : (3 \times 2S_4)) = 0$  and  $\Sigma((3 \times G_2(3)) : 2) = 42$ . Thus,  $\Delta^*(Th) \geq 4704 - 28.42 > 0$ . This shows that the Thompson group  $Th$  is  $(2A, 3C, 7A)$ -generated, proving the lemma.  $\square$

By the previous lemma,  $Th$  is a Hurwitz group. In the following results we not only prove for certain triples  $(p, q, r)$  that  $Th$  is  $(p, q, r)$ -generated, but we also find all generating triples  $(pX, qY, rZ)$ . We will use some of these generating triples later to find conjugacy classes  $nX$  for which  $Th$  is  $nX$ -complementary generated.

**Lemma 2.2.** *The Thompson group  $Th$  is  $(2A, 3X, pY)$ -generated if and only if  $p \geq 7$  and  $(3X, pY) \notin \{(3A, 7A), (3B, 7A), (3A, 13A)\}$ .*

*Proof.* As we mentioned above,  $Th$  is not  $(2, 3, 5)$ -generated. Also, by Lemma 2.1,  $Th$  is not  $(2A, 3A, 7A)$ - and  $(2A, 3B, 7A)$ -generated. We now prove the non-generation of the triple  $(2A, 3A, 13A)$ . Amongst the maximal subgroups of  $Th$  with order divisible by  $2 \times 3 \times 13$ , the only maximal subgroups with non-empty intersection with any conjugacy class in this triple are isomorphic to  ${}^3D_4(2).3$  and  $(3 \times G_2(3)) : 2$ . We can see that  $\Delta(Th) = 156$ ,  $\Sigma({}^3D_4(2).3) = 39$  and  $\Sigma((3 \times G_2(3)) : 2) = 39$ . Furthermore, a fixed element of order 13 is contained in three conjugate subgroups of  ${}^3D_4(2).3 = 39$  and one conjugate copy of  $(3 \times G_2(3)) : 2$  (see Table V).

**Table II**  
**Partial Fusion Maps of  ${}^3D_4(2)$  into  ${}^3D_4(2).3$  and  ${}^3D_4(2).3$  into  $Th$**

|                            |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |        |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| ${}^3D_4(2)$ -classes      | $2a'$ | $2b'$ | $3a'$ | $3b'$ | $7a'$ | $7b'$ | $7c'$ | $7d'$ | $13a'$ | $13b'$ | $13c'$ |
| $\rightarrow {}^3D_4(2).3$ | $2a$  | $2b$  | $3a$  | $3b$  | $7a$  | $7a$  | $7a$  | $7b$  | $13a$  | $13a$  | $13a$  |
| $\rightarrow Th$           | $2A$  | $2A$  | $3A$  | $3B$  | $7A$  | $7A$  | $7A$  | $7A$  | $13A$  | $13A$  | $13A$  |

Consider the subgroup  $H = {}^3D_4(2)$  of  $Th$ . In Table I, we obtain the partial fusion map of this subgroup into  ${}^3D_4(2).3$  and  ${}^3D_4(2).3$  into  $Th$ . From the character table of  $Th$  [5], we can see that  $H$  is a maximal subgroup of  ${}^3D_4(2).3$  and  ${}^3D_4(2).3$  is a maximal subgroup of  $Th$ . Consider the triple  $(2b, 3a, 13a)$ . Then  $H$  is a maximal subgroup of  ${}^3D_4(2).3$  with order divisible by 13 and non-empty intersection with the classes  $2b$ ,  $3a$  and  $13a$ . We calculate that  $\Delta(Th) = 156$ ,  $\Sigma(H) = 117$ . Since  $H$  does not have a maximal subgroup with order divisible by  $2 \times 3 \times 13$ ,  $\Delta^*({}^3D_4(2).3)(2b, 3a, 13a) = 117$ . On the other hand,  $\Sigma((3 \times G_2(3)) : 2) = 39$  and  $\Sigma((3 \times G_2(3)) : 2)$  does not have a subgroup isomorphic to  $H$ . Therefore, there exists at least one pair  $(x, y)$  such that  $x \in 2A$ ,  $y \in 3A$ ,  $xy \in 13A$  and  $\langle x, y \rangle$  is a subgroup of  $(3 \times G_2(3)) : 2$ , but it is not a subgroup of  ${}^3D_4(2).3$ . This shows that

$$\Delta^*(Th) \leq 156 - 117 - 1 = 38 < 39 = |C_{Th}(13A)|$$

and non-generation of  $Th$  by this triple follows from Theorem 1.1. We now prove the  $(2A, 3X, pY)$ -generations of other triples. We will treat each triple separately.

*Case (2A, 3A, 13A).* From the list of maximal subgroups of  $Th$ , we observe that, up to isomorphisms,  $U_3(8).6$  is the only maximal subgroup of  $Th$  that admit  $(2A, 3A, 13A)$ -generated subgroups. From the structure constants, we calculate  $\Delta(Th) = 19$  and  $\Sigma(U_3(8).6) = 0$ . Thus,  $\Delta^*(Th) = \Delta(Th) = 19 > 0$ . This shows that the Thompson group  $Th$  is  $(2A, 3A, 13A)$ -generated.

*Case (2A, 3B, 13A).* The maximal subgroups of  $Th$  that have non-empty intersection with the classes  $2A$ ,  $3B$  and  $13A$  are, up to isomorphism,  ${}^3D_4(2).3$ ,  $(3 \times G_2(3)) : 2$  and  $L_3(3)$ . We calculate that  $\Delta(Th) = 1261$ ,  $\Sigma({}^3D_4(2).3) = 91$ ,  $\Sigma((3 \times G_2(3)) : 2) = 13$  and  $\Sigma(L_3(3)) = 52$ . From Table V it follows that

$$\Delta^*(Th) \geq 1261 - 3(91) - 13 - 12(52) = 351,$$

and hence  $Th$  is  $(2A, 3B, 13A)$ -generated.

Using similar argument as in above, we can prove the generation of other triples.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $5 \leq p < q$  are prime divisors of  $|Th|$ . Then the Thompson group  $Th$  is  $(2A, pX, qY)$ -generated.*

*Proof.* Set  $K = \{(5A, 13A), (13A, 19A), (13A, 31A), (19A, 31A)\}$ . From Table V, we can see that for every pairs  $(pX, qY)$  in the set  $K$ , there is no maximal subgroups that contains  $(2A, pX, qY)$ -generated proper subgroups. Therefore,  $\Delta^*(Th) = \Delta(Th) > 0$ , and so  $Th$  is  $(2A, pX, qY)$ -generated. On the other hand, we can see that  $2^5.PSL(5, 2)$  is, up to isomorphism, the only maximal subgroup of  $Th$  which intersects the conjugacy classes  $2A$ ,  $7A$  and  $31A$ . Since  $\Sigma(2^5.PSL(5, 2)) = 0$ ,  $Th$  is  $(2A, 7A, 31A)$ -generated. We investigate another triples case by case.

*Case (2A, 5A, 7A).* The only maximal subgroups that may contain  $(2A, 5A, 7A)$ - generated subgroups are isomorphic to  $2^5.PSL(5, 2)$  and  $2^{1+8}.A_9$ . We calculate that

$$14\Sigma(2^5.PSL(5, 2)) + 21\Sigma(2^{1+8}.A_9) = 14(672) + 21(224) = 14112$$

Since  $\Delta(Th) = 362208$ , we have  $\Delta^*(Th) > 0$ . This proves generation by this triple.

*Case (2A, 5A, 19A).* From the list of maximal subgroups of  $Th$  we observe that, up to isomorphisms,  $L_2(19).2$  is the only maximal subgroup of  $Th$  that admit  $(2A, 5A, 19A)$ -generated subgroups. From the structure constants, Table IV, we calculate  $\Delta(Th) = 342304$  and  $\Sigma(L_2(19).2) = 38$ . Thus,  $\Delta^*(Th) \geq \Delta(Th) - 38 > 0$ . This shows that the Thompson group  $Th$  is  $(2A, 5A, 19A)$ -generated.

*Case (2A, 5A, 31A).* In this case,  $\Delta(Th) = 320447$  and the only maximal subgroup with non-empty intersection with any conjugacy class in this triple

is isomorphic to  $2^5.PSL(5, 2)$ . We calculate,  $\Sigma(2^5.PSL(5, 2)) = 744$ . Our calculations give,  $\Delta^*(Th) \geq \Delta(th) - 3(744) > 0$ . Therefore,  $Th$  is  $(2A, 5A, 31A)$ -generated.

*Case (2A, 7A, 13A).* Amongst the maximal subgroups of  $Th$  with order divisible by  $2 \times 7 \times 13$ , the only maximal subgroups with non-empty intersection with any conjugacy class in this triple are isomorphic to  ${}^3D_4(2).3$  and  $(3 \times G_2(3)) : 2$ . Using Table I, we can see that  $\Delta(Th) = 819754$ ,  $\Sigma({}^3D_4(2).3) = 1430$  and  $\Sigma((3 \times G_2(3)) : 2) = 1066$ . Our calculations give,

$$\Delta^*(Th) \geq \Delta(Th) - 3(1430) - 1066 > 0,$$

proving the generation of  $Th$  by this triple.

*Case (2A, 7A, 19A).* We have  $\Delta(Th) = 753730$ . The  $(2A, 7A, 19A)$ -generated proper subgroups of  $Th$  are contained in the maximal subgroups isomorphic to  $U_3(8).6$ . We calculate further that  $\Sigma(U_3(8).6) = 513$ . From Table V we conclude that  $\Delta^*(Th) \geq 753730 - 513 > 0$  and the generation of  $Th$  by this triple follows. This completes the proof.  $\square$

In the following lemma we determine all the generating triples  $(pX, qY, rZ)$  for the group  $Th$ , where  $p, q, r$  are distinct odd primes.

**Lemma 2.4.** *If  $p, q$  and  $r$  are odd primes, then the Thompson group  $Th$  is  $(pX, qY, rZ)$ -generated.*

*Proof.* The proof is similar to Lemma 2.2 and 2.3 and it omitted.  $\square$

We are now ready to state one of main results of this paper.

**Theorem A.** *The Thompson group  $Th$  is  $(p, q, r)$ -generated if and only if  $(p, q, r) \neq (2, 3, 5)$ .*

*Proof.* The proof follows from the Lemmas 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4.  $\square$

### §3. $nX$ -Complementary Generations of $Th$

In this section we investigate the  $nX$ -complementary generations of the Thompson group  $Th$ . Let  $G$  be a group and  $nX$  be a conjugacy class of elements of order  $n$  in  $G$ . In [25], Woldar proved that every sporadic simple group is  $pX$ -complementary generated, for the greatest prime divisor  $p$  of the order of the group. Therefore,  $Th$  is  $31X$ -complementary generated.

As a consequence of a result in [26], a group  $G$  is  $nX$ -complementary generated if and only if  $G$  is  $(pY, nX, t_pZ)$ -generated, for all conjugacy classes  $pY$  with representatives of prime order and some conjugacy class  $t_pZ$  (depending

on  $pY$ ). Using this result, we obtain all of the conjugacy class  $nX$  such that  $Th$  is  $nX$ -complementary generated.

First of all, we show that  $Th$  is not  $2X$ -complementary generated. To see this, we notice that for any positive integer  $n$ ,  $T(2, 2, n) \cong D_{2n}$ , the dihedral group of order  $2n$ . Thus if  $G$  is a finite group which is not isomorphic to some dihedral group, then  $G$  is not  $(2X, 2X, nY)$ -generated, for all classes of involutions and any  $G$ -class  $nY$ . Thus,  $Th$  is not  $2X$ -complementary generated.

In [26], Woldar proved that every sporadic simple group is  $pX$ -complementary generated, for the greatest prime divisor  $p$  of the order of the group. So,  $Th$  is  $31A$ - and  $31B$ -complementary generated.

**Lemma 3.1.** *The Thompson group  $Th$  is  $3X$ -complementary generated.*

*Proof.* By Lemmas 1.3, 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3, it is enough to show that there are the conjugacy classes  $t_1Z$ ,  $t_2Z$  and  $t_3Z$  such that  $Th$  is  $(3A, 3B, t_1Z)$ -,  $(3A, 3C, t_2Z)$ -, and  $(3B, 3C, t_3Z)$ -generated. Suppose  $t_1Z = 31A$ ,  $t_2Z = t_3Z = 19A$ . From Table V, we can see that there is no maximal subgroups contains the triple  $(3A, 3B, t_1Z)$ . Since  $\Delta_{Th}(3A, 3B, t_1Z) = 14880$ ,  $\Delta^*(Th) = \Delta(Th) > 0$ . This proves the generation by this triple. For other triples,  $\Delta_{Th}(3A, 3C, 19A) = 39990$ ,  $\Delta_{Th}(3B, 3C, 19A) = 1072848$  and the only maximal subgroups that may contain  $(3A, 3C, 19A)$ - or  $(3B, 3C, 19A)$ -generated subgroups is isomorphic to  $U_3(8).6$ . Next we calculate

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{Th}^*(3A, 3C, 19A) &\geq \Delta_{Th}(3A, 3C, 19A) - \Sigma(U_3(8).6) \\ &= 39990 - 380 > 0 \\ \Delta_{Th}^*(3B, 3C, 19A) &\geq \Delta_{Th}(3B, 3C, 19A) - \Sigma(U_3(8).6) \\ &= 1072848 - 0 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

proving the generation of  $Th$  by these triples.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2.** *The Thompson group  $Th$  is  $pX$ -complementary generated, for every prime class  $pX$  with  $p \geq 5$ .*

*Proof.* By a result of Woldar, mentioned above,  $Th$  is  $31X$ -complementary generated. Suppose  $pX$ ,  $5 \leq p \leq 19$ , is a conjugacy class with prime order representatives and  $qY$  is another conjugacy class with prime order representatives and  $q \neq p$ . We consider a conjugacy class in the form  $t_pZ$ , where  $t_p$  is a prime divisor of  $|Th|$  different from  $p$  and  $q$ . Then by Lemmas [2.1-2.4],  $Th$  is  $(qY, pX, t_pZ)$ -generated. Therefore, it remains to investigate the case  $q = p$ . Apply Lemma 1.3, we can see that  $Th$  is  $(pX, pX, t_pZ)$ -generated, for some prime class  $t_pZ$ . Therefore,  $Th$  is  $pX$ -complementary generated, proving the lemma.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.3.** *The Thompson group  $Th$  is  $4X$ -complementary generated.*



*Proof.* First of all, we assume that  $X = A$ . For every conjugacy class  $pY$  with prime order representatives, we define  $t_pY = 19A$ . From the list of maximal subgroups of  $Th$  we observe that, up to isomorphisms,  $U_3(8).6$  is the only maximal subgroup of  $Th$  that admit  $(pY, 4A, 19A)$ -generated subgroups. Then we have,

$$\Delta^*(Th) = \Delta(Th) - \Sigma(U_3(8).6) > 0.$$

Therefore,  $Th$  is  $4A$ -complementary generated. We next suppose that  $X = B$ . In this case, for any prime class  $pY$ , we define  $t_pY = 31A$ . The  $(pY, 4B, 31A)$ -generated proper subgroups of  $Th$  are contained in the maximal subgroups isomorphic to  $2^5.PSL(5, 2)$ . Now with the tedious calculations we can see that

$$\Delta^*(Th) = \Delta(Th) - \Sigma(2^5.PSL(5, 2)) > 0.$$

This proves generation by these triples.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.4.** *The Thompson group  $Th$  is  $nX$ -complementary generated, for every element order  $n \geq 5$ .*

*Proof.* In Table III, we compute the power maps of  $Th$ . The lemma now follows from Lemmas 3.1-3.3 and Lemma 1.2.

We are now ready to state the second main results of this paper.

**Theorem B.** *The Thompson group  $Th$  is  $nX$ -complementary generated if and only if  $nX \notin \{1A, 2A\}$ .*

*Proof.* The result follows from Lemmas 3.1-3.4.  $\square$

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**Table III**  
**The Power Maps of  $Th$**

|                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| $(6A)^2 = 3C$   | $(6B)^2 = 3A$   | $(6C)^2 = 3B$   | $(8A)^2 = 4A$   | $(8B)^2 = 4B$   |
| $(9A)^3 = 3B$   | $(9B)^3 = 3B$   | $(9C)^3 = 3C$   | $(10A)^2 = 5A$  | $(12A)^2 = 6B$  |
| $(12B)^2 = 6B$  | $(12C)^2 = 6C$  | $(12D)^2 = 6A$  | $(14A)^2 = 7A$  | $(15A)^3 = 5A$  |
| $(15B)^3 = 5A$  | $(18A)^3 = 6C$  | $(18B)^3 = 6C$  | $(20A)^2 = 10A$ | $(21A)^3 = 7A$  |
| $(24A)^2 = 12A$ | $(24B)^2 = 12B$ | $(24C)^2 = 12C$ | $(24D)^2 = 12C$ | $(27A)^3 = 9B$  |
| $(27B)^3 = 9B$  | $(27C)^3 = 9B$  | $(28A)^2 = 14A$ | $(30A)^2 = 15A$ | $(30B)^2 = 15B$ |
| $(36A)^2 = 18A$ | $(36B)^2 = 18A$ | $(36C)^2 = 18A$ | $(39A)^3 = 13A$ | $(39B)^3 = 13A$ |

**Table IV**  
**The Structure Constants of  $Th$**

|      |                        |                       |                       |                       |
|------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| $pY$ | $\Delta(2A, 3A, pY)$   | $\Delta(2A, 3B, pY)$  | $\Delta(2A, 3C, pY)$  | $\Delta(2A, 5A, pY)$  |
| 7A   | 252                    | 1372                  | 4704                  | 362208                |
| 13A  | 156                    | 1261                  | 6240                  | 339417                |
| 19A  | 19                     | 2166                  | 6194                  | 342304                |
| 31A  | 62                     | 1519                  | 5084                  | 320447                |
| $pY$ | $\Delta(2A, 7A, pY)$   | $\Delta(2A, 13A, pY)$ | $\Delta(2A, 19A, pY)$ | $\Delta(3A, 5A, pY)$  |
| 7A   | -                      | -                     | -                     | 1411200               |
| 13A  | 819754                 | -                     | -                     | 1964898               |
| 19A  | 753730                 | 24015278              | -                     | 2103528               |
| 31A  | 795770                 | 25269867              | 50957738              | 2375406               |
| $pY$ | $\Delta(3A, 7A, pY)$   | $\Delta(3A, 13A, pY)$ | $\Delta(3A, 19A, pY)$ | $\Delta(3B, 5A, pY)$  |
| 7A   | -                      | -                     | -                     | 58788240              |
| 13A  | 8386794                | -                     | -                     | 61977591              |
| 19A  | 7067620                | 193359390             | -                     | 61643904              |
| 31A  | 5965578                | 182304180             | 375714234             | 64174185              |
| $pY$ | $\Delta(3B, 7A, pY)$   | $\Delta(3B, 13A, pY)$ | $\Delta(3B, 19A, pY)$ | $\Delta(3C, 5A, pY)$  |
| 7A   | -                      | -                     | -                     | 192734640             |
| 13A  | 168499786              | -                     | -                     | 178301682             |
| 19A  | 173570434              | 5014848258            | -                     | 177905664             |
| 31A  | 162605974              | 4935510837            | 10083933766           | 172500678             |
| $pY$ | $\Delta(3C, 7A, pY)$   | $\Delta(3C, 13A, pY)$ | $\Delta(3C, 19A, pY)$ | $\Delta(5A, 7A, pY)$  |
| 13A  | 421466526              | -                     | -                     | 24924811392           |
| 19A  | 419563890              | 13084126902           | -                     | 25096768640           |
| 31A  | 440991306              | 13299654348           | 27316460898           | 25723011856           |
| $pY$ | $\Delta(5A, 13A, pY)$  | $\Delta(5A, 19A, pY)$ | $\Delta(7A, 13A, pY)$ | $\Delta(7A, 19A, pY)$ |
| 19A  | 769350038016           | -                     | 2002364205478         | -                     |
| 31A  | 775606154625           | 1591873859584         | 1978741938906         | 4061042386610         |
| $pY$ | $\Delta(13A, 19A, pY)$ | -                     | -                     | -                     |
| 19A  | 122473293000346        | -                     | -                     | -                     |

**Table V**  
**Partial Fusion Maps of Maximal Subgroups into  $Th$**

|                                 |     |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |    |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| ${}^3D_4(2)$ .3-classes         | 2a  | 2b  | 3a  | 3b  | 3c  | 3d | 3e | 3f | 4a | 4b | 4c  |
| $\rightarrow Th$                | 2A  | 2A  | 3A  | 3B  | 3A  | 3A | 3C | 3C | 4A | 4A | 4B  |
| ${}^3D_4(2)$ .3-classes         | 7a  | 7b  | 13a |     |     |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| $\rightarrow Th$                | 7A  | 7A  | 13A |     |     |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| h                               | 9   | 9   | 3   |     |     |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| $2^5.PSL(5, 2)$ -classes        | 2a  | 2b  | 3a  | 3b  | 4a  | 4b | 4c | 5a | 7a | 7b | 31a |
| $\rightarrow Th$                | 2A  | 2A  | 3C  | 3A  | 4A  | 4B | 4B | 5A | 7A | 7A | 31A |
| h                               |     |     |     |     |     |    |    |    | 14 | 14 | 3   |
| $2^5.PSL(5, 2)$ -classes        | 31b | 31c | 31d | 31e | 31f |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| $\rightarrow Th$                | 31B | 31A | 31A | 31B | 31B |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| h                               | 3   | 3   | 3   | 3   | 3   |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| $2^{1+8}.A_9$ -classes          | 2a  | 2b  | 2c  | 3a  | 3b  | 3c | 5a | 7a |    |    |     |
| $\rightarrow Th$                | 2A  | 2A  | 2A  | 3C  | 3B  | 3A | 5A | 7A |    |    |     |
| h                               |     |     |     |     |     |    |    | 21 |    |    |     |
| $U_3(8)$ .6-classes             | 2a  | 2b  | 3a  | 3b  | 3c  | 3d | 3e | 3f | 4a | 4b | 7a  |
| $\rightarrow Th$                | 2A  | 2A  | 3A  | 3B  | 3A  | 3A | 3C | 3C | 4A | 4B | 7A  |
| h                               |     |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |    | 28  |
| $U_3(8)$ .6-classes             | 19a |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| $\rightarrow Th$                | 19A |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| h                               | 1   |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| $(3 \times G_3(2))$ : 2-classes | 2a  | 2b  | 3a  | 3b  | 3c  | 3d | 3e | 3f | 3g | 3h | 3i  |
| $\rightarrow Th$                | 2A  | 2A  | 3A  | 3B  | 3A  | 3A | 3B | 3A | 3C | 3B | 3A  |
| $(3 \times G_3(2))$ : 2-classes | 3j  | 7a  | 13a |     |     |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| $\rightarrow Th$                | 3C  | 7A  | 13A |     |     |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| h                               |     | 28  | 1   |     |     |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| $ThN3B$ -classes                | 2a  | 2b  | 3a  | 3b  | 3c  | 3d | 3e | 3f | 3g | 3h | 3i  |
| $\rightarrow Th$                | 2A  | 2A  | 3B  | 3B  | 3A  | 3A | 3B | 3C | 3A | 3B | 3C  |
| $ThN3B$ -classes                | 3j  | 3k  | 3l  | 3m  | 3n  | 3o | 3p | 3q |    |    |     |
| $\rightarrow Th$                | 3A  | 3C  | 3B  | 3B  | 3C  | 3C | 3B | 3C |    |    |     |

Table V (Continued)

|                                  |    |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |
|----------------------------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| $ThM7$ -classes                  | 2a | 2b | 3a | 3b  | 3c  | 3d  | 3e  | 3f  | 3g | 3h | 3i |
| $\rightarrow Th$                 | 2A | 2A | 3B | 3C  | 3B  | 3A  | 3A  | 3B  | 3C | 3B | 3C |
| $ThM7$ -classes                  | 3j | 3k |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |
| $\rightarrow Th$                 | 3B | 3C |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |
| $L_2(19)$ -2-classes             | 2a | 2b | 3a | 5a  | 5b  | 19a |     |     |    |    |    |
| $\rightarrow Th$                 | 2A | 2A | 3B | 5A  | 5A  | 19A |     |     |    |    |    |
| h                                |    |    |    |     |     | 1   |     |     |    |    |    |
| $3^5.2S_6$ -classes              | 2a | 2b | 3a | 3b  | 3c  | 3d  | 3e  | 3f  | 3g | 3h | 3i |
| $\rightarrow Th$                 | 2A | 2A | 3C | 3B  | 3C  | 3A  | 3B  | 3B  | 3B | 3C | 3C |
| $3^5.2S_6$ -classes              | 3j | 3k | 3l | 3m  | 3n  | 3o  | 3p  | 3q  | 3r | 3s | 3t |
| $\rightarrow Th$                 | 3C | 3B | 3C | 3C  | 3A  | 3C  | 3C  | 3C  | 3B | 3B | 3C |
| $3^5.2S_6$ -classes              | 5a |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |
| $\rightarrow Th$                 | 5A |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |
| $5^{1+2}.4S_4$ -classes          | 2a | 2b | 3a | 5a  | 5b  |     |     |     |    |    |    |
| $\rightarrow Th$                 | 2A | 2A | 3C | 5A  | 5A  |     |     |     |    |    |    |
| $5^2.4S_5$ -classes              | 2a | 2b | 3a | 5a  | 5b  | 5c  |     |     |    |    |    |
| $\rightarrow Th$                 | 2A | 2A | 3C | 5A  | 5A  | 5A  |     |     |    |    |    |
| $7^2 : (3 \times 2S_4)$ -classes | 2a | 3a | 3b | 3c  | 3d  | 3e  | 7a  |     |    |    |    |
| $\rightarrow Th$                 | 2A | 3C | 3C | 3A  | 3A  | 3C  | 7A  |     |    |    |    |
| h                                |    |    |    |     |     |     | 8   |     |    |    |    |
| $L_3(3)$ -classes                | 2a | 3a | 3b | 13a | 13b | 13c | 13d |     |    |    |    |
| $\rightarrow Th$                 | 2A | 3B | 3B | 13A | 13A | 13A | 13A |     |    |    |    |
| h                                |    |    |    | 12  | 12  | 12  | 12  |     |    |    |    |
| $A_6.2_3$ -classes               | 2a | 3a | 5a |     |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |
| $\rightarrow Th$                 | 2A | 3B | 5A |     |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |
| $31 : 15$ -classes               | 3a | 3b | 5a | 5b  | 5c  | 5d  | 31a | 31b |    |    |    |
| $\rightarrow Th$                 | 3C | 3C | 5A | 5A  | 5A  | 5A  | 31A | 31B |    |    |    |
| h                                |    |    |    |     |     |     | 1   | 1   |    |    |    |
| $A_5.2$ -classes                 | 2a | 2b | 3a | 5a  |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |
| $\rightarrow Th$                 | 2A | 2A | 3B | 5A  |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |

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