

# CO-PERIODICITY ISOMORPHISMS BETWEEN FORESTS OF FINITE $p$ -GROUPS

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ABSTRACT. Based on a general theory of descendant trees of finite  $p$ -groups and the virtual periodicity isomorphisms between the branches of a coclass subtree, the behavior of algebraic invariants of the tree vertices and their automorphism groups under these isomorphisms is described with simple transformation laws. For the tree of finite 3-groups with elementary bicyclic commutator quotient, the information content of each coclass subtree with metabelian mainline is shown to be finite. As a striking novelty in this paper, evidence is provided of co-periodicity isomorphisms between coclass forests which reduce the information content of the entire metabelian skeleton and a significant part of non-metabelian vertices to a finite amount of data.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Denote by  $\mathcal{T}$  the rooted tree of all finite 3-groups  $G$  with elementary bicyclic commutator quotient  $G/G' \simeq C_3 \times C_3$ , and let  $\mathcal{T}_*$  be the infinite pruned subtree of  $\mathcal{T}$ , where all descendants of capable non-metabelian vertices are eliminated. The main intention of this paper is to prove that the information content of the tree  $\mathcal{T}_*$  can be reduced to a finite set of representatives with the aid of two kinds of periodicity.

- Firstly, the well-known *virtual periodicity* isomorphisms  $\mathcal{B}(n + \ell) \simeq \mathcal{B}(n)$  between the finite depth-pruned branches  $\mathcal{B}(n)$ ,  $n \geq n_*$ , of a coclass subtree  $\mathcal{T}^r \subset \mathcal{T}_*$  are refined to *strict periodicity* isomorphisms between complete branches which reduce the information content of the infinite coclass subtree to the finite union of pre-period  $(\mathcal{B}(n))_{n_* \leq n < p_*}$  and first primitive period  $(\mathcal{B}(n))_{p_* \leq n < p_* + \ell}$ . The virtual periodicity was proved by du Sautoy [1] and independently by Eick and Leedham-Green [2] for groups of any prime power order. The strict periodicity for  $p = 3$  and type  $C_3 \times C_3$  is proved in the present paper.
- Secondly, evidence is provided of *co-periodicity* isomorphisms  $\mathcal{F}(r+2) \simeq \mathcal{F}(r)$  between the infinite coclass forests  $\mathcal{F}(r)$ ,  $r \geq 1$ , which reduce the information content of the pruned tree  $\mathcal{T}_*$  to the union of pre-period  $(\mathcal{F}(r))_{1 \leq r \leq 4}$  and first primitive period  $(\mathcal{F}(r))_{5 \leq r \leq 6}$ , consisting of the leading six coclass forests only. The discovery of this co-periodicity is the progressive innovation in the present paper.

Together with the coclass theorems of Leedham-Green [3] and Shalev [4], which imply that each coclass forest  $\mathcal{F}(r)$  consists of a finite sporadic part  $\mathcal{F}_0(r)$  and a finite number of coclass trees  $\mathcal{T}_j^r$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq t$ , each having a finite information content due to the strict periodicity, this shows that the pruned infinite subtree  $\mathcal{T}_*$  of the tree  $\mathcal{T}$  is described by finitely many representatives only.

We begin with a general theory of descendant trees of finite  $p$ -groups with arbitrary prime  $p$  in § 2 and we explain the conceptual foundations of the *virtual periodicity* isomorphisms between the finite branches of coclass subtrees [1, 2, 5] and the recently discovered *co-periodicity* isomorphisms between infinite coclass forests in § 3. The behavior of algebraic invariants of the tree vertices and their automorphism groups is described with simple *transformation laws* in § 4. The graph theoretic preliminaries are supplemented by connections between depth, width, *information content*

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and numbers of immediate descendants in § 5, identifiers of groups in § 6, and precise definitions of mainlines and sporadic parts in § 7. The main theorems are presented in § 8.

Then we focus on the tree  $\mathcal{T}$  of finite 3-groups  $G$  with abelianization  $G/G' \simeq C_3 \times C_3$ . The flow of our investigations is guided by § 10 concerning the remarkable infinite *main trunk*  $(P_{2r-1})_{r \geq 2}$  of certain metabelian vertices in  $\mathcal{T}$  which gives rise to the top vertices of all coclass forests  $\mathcal{F}(r)$ ,  $r \geq 2$ , by periodic bifurcations and constitutes the germ of the newly discovered co-periodicity  $\mathcal{F}(r+2) \simeq \mathcal{F}(r)$  of length two. To start with a beautiful highlight, we immediately celebrate the simple structure of the first primitive period  $(\mathcal{F}(r))_{5 \leq r \leq 6}$  in §§ 11 and 12 and defer the somewhat arduous task of describing the exceptional pre-period  $(\mathcal{F}(r))_{1 \leq r \leq 4}$  to the concluding §§ 13 and 14.

Finally, we point out that our theory, together with the investigations of Eick [6], provides an independent verification and confirmation of all results about the metabelian skeleton  $\mathcal{M}$  of the tree  $\mathcal{T}$  in the dissertation of Nebelung [7], since  $\mathcal{M}$  is a subtree of the pruned tree  $\mathcal{T}_*$ . The present paper shows the co-periodicity of the sporadic parts  $\mathcal{F}_0(r)$  and coclass trees  $\mathcal{T}_j^r$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq t$ , of the coclass forests  $\mathcal{F}(r)$ , and [6, § 5.2, pp. 114–116] establishes the connection between the coclass trees  $\mathcal{T}_j^r$  and infinite metabelian pro-3 groups of coclass  $r$ .

## 2. DESCENDANT TREES AND COCLASS FORESTS

Let  $p$  be a prime number. In the mathematical theory of finite groups of order a power of  $p$ , so-called *p-groups*, the introduction of the *parent-child relation* by Leedham-Green and Newman [8, pp. 194–195] has simplified the classification of such groups considerably. The relation is defined in terms of the *lower central series*  $(\gamma_i G)_{i \geq 1}$  of a  $p$ -group  $G$ , where

$$(2.1) \quad \gamma_1 G := G \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma_i G := [\gamma_{i-1} G, G] \quad \text{for } i \geq 2,$$

in particular,  $\gamma_2 G = G'$  is the commutator subgroup of  $G$ . Since the series becomes stationary,

$$(2.2) \quad \gamma_1 G > \gamma_2 G > \dots > \gamma_c G > \gamma_{c+1} G, \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma_i G = 1 \quad \text{for } i \geq c+1,$$

a non-trivial  $p$ -group  $G > 1$  is *nilpotent* of *class*  $\text{cl}(G) = c \geq 1$ .

**Definition 2.1.** If  $G$  is non-abelian, then the class- $(c-1)$  quotient

$$(2.3) \quad \pi G := G/\gamma_c G \quad \text{with} \quad c \geq 2$$

is called the *parent* of  $G$ , and  $G$  is a *child* (or *immediate descendant*) of  $\pi G$ .

Parent and child share a common class-1 quotient (or derived quotient or *abelianization*), since

$$(2.4) \quad \gamma_2(\pi G) = \gamma_2 G/\gamma_c G \quad \text{and} \quad \pi G/\gamma_2(\pi G) = (G/\gamma_c G)/(\gamma_2 G/\gamma_c G) \simeq G/\gamma_2 G,$$

according to the isomorphism theorem. The lower central series of  $\pi G$  is shorter by one term:

$$(2.5) \quad \gamma_1(\pi G) = \gamma_1 G/\gamma_c G > \gamma_2(\pi G) = \gamma_2 G/\gamma_c G > \dots > \gamma_{c-1}(\pi G) = \gamma_{c-1} G/\gamma_c G > \gamma_c(\pi G) = 1,$$

and thus  $\text{cl}(\pi G) = c-1 = \text{cl}(G) - 1$ .

**Definition 2.2.** For an assigned finite  $p$ -group  $R > 1$ , the *descendant tree*  $\mathcal{T}(R)$  with root  $R$  is defined as the digraph  $(V, E)$  whose set of vertices  $V$  consists of all isomorphism classes of  $p$ -groups  $G$  with  $G/\gamma_i G \simeq R$ , for some  $2 \leq i \leq \text{cl}(G) + 1$ , and whose set of directed edges  $E$  consists of all child-parent pairs

$$(2.6) \quad (G \rightarrow \pi G) := (G, \pi G) \in V \times V.$$

The mapping  $\pi : V \setminus \{R\} \rightarrow V$  is called the *parent operator*.

If the root  $R$  is *abelian*, then all vertices of the tree  $\mathcal{T}(R)$  share the common abelianization  $G/G' \simeq R$ . Since a nilpotent group with cyclic abelianization is abelian, the descendant tree  $\mathcal{T}(R)$  of a cyclic root  $R > 1$  consists of the single isolated vertex  $R$ . The classification of  $p$ -groups by their abelianization is refined further, if directed edges are restricted to starting vertices  $G$  with cyclic last non-trivial lower central  $\gamma_c G$  of order  $p$ . Then the descendant tree of  $R$  splits into a countably infinite disjoint union

$$(2.7) \quad \mathcal{T}(R) = \dot{\cup}_{r=e-1}^{\infty} \mathcal{G}(p, r, R)$$

of directed subgraphs, where  $\text{ord}(R) = p^e$  and the vertices of the component  $\mathcal{G}(p, r, R)$  with fixed  $r \geq e - 1$  share the same *coclass*,  $\text{cc} = r$ , as a common invariant, since the logarithmic order  $\text{lo} := (\log_p \circ \text{ord})$  and the nilpotency class  $\text{cl}$  of the parent  $\pi G$  and child  $G$  satisfy the rule

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{lo}(\pi G) &= \text{lo}(G/\gamma_c G) = \text{lo}(G) - \text{lo}(\gamma_c G) = \text{lo}(G) - 1, & \text{cl}(\pi G) &= \text{cl}(G/\gamma_c G) = \text{cl}(G) - 1, \\ \text{whence } \text{cc}(\pi G) &= \text{lo}(\pi G) - \text{cl}(\pi G) = \text{lo}(G) - 1 - (\text{cl}(G) - 1) = \text{lo}(G) - \text{cl}(G) = \text{cc}(G). \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 2.3.** Thus, the components  $\mathcal{G}(p, r, R)$  with  $r \geq e - 1$  are called the *coclass subgraphs* of the descendant tree  $\mathcal{T}(R)$ .

According to the *coclass theorems* by Leedham-Green [3] and Shalev [4], a coclass graph  $\mathcal{G}(p, r, R)$  is the disjoint union of a finite *sporadic* part  $\mathcal{G}_0(p, r, R)$  and finitely many *coclass trees*  $\mathcal{T}_j^r$  (with infinite mainlines), that is, a *forest* for which there exist integers  $\tilde{s}, \tilde{t} \geq 0$  such that

$$(2.9) \quad \mathcal{G}(p, r, R) = \mathcal{G}_0(p, r, R) \dot{\cup} \left( \bigcup_{j=1}^{\tilde{t}} \mathcal{T}_j^r \right) \quad \text{with} \quad \#\mathcal{G}_0(p, r, R) = \tilde{s}.$$

**Definition 2.4.** In the present paper, the focus will lie on finite  $p$ -groups with fixed prime  $p = 3$  arising as descendants of the fixed elementary bicyclic 3-group  $R := C_3 \times C_3$  of order  $3^e$  with  $e = 2$ , where  $C_n$  denotes the cyclic group of order  $n$ . This assumption permits a simplified notation by omitting the explicit mention of  $p$  and  $R$ . Further, we shall slightly reduce the complexity of the forests  $\mathcal{G}(r) := \mathcal{G}(3, r, C_3 \times C_3)$ ,  $r \geq e - 1 = 1$ , by *eliminating the descendants of capable* (i.e., non-terminal) *non-metabelian* vertices. This pruned light-weight version of  $\mathcal{G}(r)$  will be denoted by  $\mathcal{F}(r)$ , called the *coclass- $r$  forest*, and Formula (2.9) becomes

$$(2.10) \quad \mathcal{F}(r) = \mathcal{F}_0(r) \dot{\cup} \left( \bigcup_{j=1}^t \mathcal{T}_j^r \right) \quad \text{with} \quad \#\mathcal{F}_0(r) = s$$

and possibly different integers  $s \neq \tilde{s}$  and  $1 \leq t \leq \tilde{t}$ .

**Remark 2.1.** In §§ 11 and 12 it will turn out that the coclass trees  $\mathcal{T}_j^r$  with metabelian mainlines do not contain any capable non-metabelian vertices. So the pruning process from  $\mathcal{G}(r)$  to  $\mathcal{F}(r)$  concerns the sporadic part  $\mathcal{F}_0(r)$ , and reduces the number  $t \leq \tilde{t}$  of coclass trees by eliminating those with non-metabelian mainlines entirely, but does not affect the coclass trees with metabelian mainlines, which remain complete in spite of pruning.

### 3. ISOMORPHIC DIGRAPHS AND TREES

In general, we denote a graph  $\mathcal{G}$  as a pair  $\mathcal{G} = (V, E)$  with set of vertices  $V$  and set of edges  $E$ .

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $\mathcal{G} = (V, E)$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}} = (\tilde{V}, \tilde{E})$  be two digraphs with directed edges in  $E \subset V \times V$ , respectively  $\tilde{E} \subset \tilde{V} \times \tilde{V}$ . If there exists a bijection  $\psi : V \rightarrow \tilde{V}$  such that

$$(3.1) \quad [ (v, w) \in E \iff (\psi(v), \psi(w)) \in \tilde{E} ], \quad \text{for all } (v, w) \in V \times V,$$

then  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}$  are called *isomorphic digraphs*, and  $\psi$  is an *isomorphism of digraphs*.

When  $\mathcal{G} = (V, E)$  is a finite digraph with vertex cardinality  $\#(V) = n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we can identify  $V$  with the set  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ . Then the set of directed edges  $E \subset V \times V$  is characterized uniquely by the characteristic function  $\chi_E$  of  $E$  in  $V \times V = \{1, \dots, n\} \times \{1, \dots, n\}$ , which is called the  $n \times n$  *adjacency matrix*  $A = (a_{i,j})_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$  of  $\mathcal{G}$ . Its entries are defined, for all  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ , by

$$(3.2) \quad a_{i,j} = \chi_E(i, j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (i, j) \in E, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{G} = (V, E)$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}} = (\tilde{V}, \tilde{E})$  be two finite digraphs with  $n$  vertices. Then  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}$  are isomorphic if and only if there exists a bijection  $\psi : V \rightarrow \tilde{V}$  such that the entries of the adjacency matrices  $a_{i,j} = \chi_E(i, j) = \chi_{\tilde{E}}(\psi(i), \psi(j)) = \tilde{a}_{\psi(i), \psi(j)}$  coincide for all  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ .*

*Proof.* The bijection  $\psi : V \rightarrow \tilde{V}$  satisfies the condition in Formula (3.1) if and only if  $a_{i,j} = \chi_E(i, j) = 1 \iff (i, j) \in E \iff (\psi(i), \psi(j)) \in \tilde{E} \iff \tilde{a}_{\psi(i), \psi(j)} = \chi_{\tilde{E}}(\psi(i), \psi(j)) = 1$ .  $\square$

The *in-* resp. *out-degree* of a vertex  $v \in V$  in a finite digraph can be expressed in terms of the  $v$ th column- resp. row-sum of the adjacency matrix:

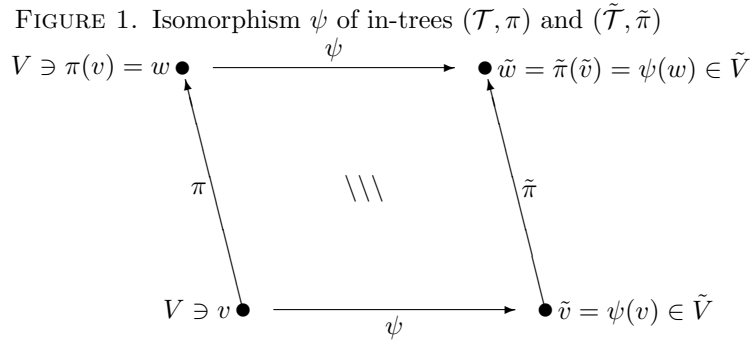
$$(3.3) \quad \text{in}(v) = \sum_{w \in V} a_{w,v} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{out}(v) = \sum_{w \in V} a_{v,w}$$

In particular, if  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{T}(R)$  is a finite directed *in-tree* with *root*  $R$ , then each row of the adjacency matrix  $A$  corresponding to a vertex  $v \neq R$  contains a unique 1 and

$$(3.4) \quad \text{in}(v) = \sum_{w \in V} a_{w,v} \begin{cases} = 0 & \text{if } v \text{ is terminal,} \\ \geq 1 & \text{if } v \text{ is capable,} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{out}(v) = \sum_{w \in V} a_{v,w} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } v = R, \\ 1 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{T}(R) = (V, E)$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}(\tilde{R}) = (\tilde{V}, \tilde{E})$  be two rooted directed in-trees, and denote by  $\pi$  and  $\tilde{\pi}$  their parent operators. Then a bijection  $\psi : V \rightarrow \tilde{V}$  with  $\psi(R) = \tilde{R}$  is an isomorphism of rooted directed in-trees if and only if  $\psi(\pi(v)) = \tilde{\pi}(\psi(v))$  for all  $v \in V \setminus \{R\}$ , that is,  $\psi \circ \pi = \tilde{\pi} \circ \psi$  (briefly:  $\psi$  commutes with the parent operator), as shown in Figure 1.*

*Proof.* Recall that each row of the adjacency matrix  $A$  of the tree  $\mathcal{T}(R)$  corresponding to a vertex  $v \in V$ ,  $v \neq R$ , contains a unique 1. This fact can be used to define the parent operator  $\pi$  of  $\mathcal{T}(R)$  by  $\pi(v) = w \iff a_{w,v} = 1$ . Consequently, if  $\psi$  has the claimed property to commute with the parent operator, then  $(v, w) \in E \iff a_{v,w} = 1 \iff \pi(v) = w \iff \psi(\pi(v)) = \psi(w) \iff \tilde{\pi}(\psi(v)) = \psi(w) \iff \tilde{a}_{\psi(v), \psi(w)} = 1 \iff (\psi(v), \psi(w)) \in \tilde{E}$ . For infinite trees, the steps concerning adjacency matrices must be omitted. The proof of the converse statement is similar.  $\square$



#### 4. ALGEBRAICALLY STRUCTURED DIGRAPHS

**4.1. General invariants and their transformation laws.** Since the vertices of all trees and branches in this paper are realized by isomorphism classes of finite  $p$ -groups, the abstract intrinsic graph theoretic structure of the trees and branches can be extended by additional concrete structures defined with the aid of algebraic invariants of  $p$ -groups.

Not all algebraic structures are strict invariants under graph isomorphisms. Some of them change in a well defined way, described by a mapping  $\phi$ , the *transformation law*, when a graph isomorphism is applied. This behaviour is made precise in the following definitions.

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $\mathcal{G} = (V, E)$  be a graph. Suppose that  $X \neq \emptyset$  is a set, and each vertex  $v \in V$  is associated with some kind of information  $\mathcal{S}(v) \in X$ . Then  $(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{S})$  is called a *structured graph* with respect to the mapping  $\mathcal{S} : V \rightarrow X$ ,  $v \mapsto \mathcal{S}(v)$ .

If  $(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{S})$  and  $(\tilde{\mathcal{G}}, \tilde{\mathcal{S}})$  are two structured digraphs with respect to mappings  $\mathcal{S} : V \rightarrow X$ ,  $v \mapsto \mathcal{S}(v)$ , and  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}} : \tilde{V} \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ ,  $v \mapsto \tilde{\mathcal{S}}(v)$ , and  $\phi : X \rightarrow \tilde{X}$  is a mapping, then an isomorphism of digraphs  $\psi : V \rightarrow \tilde{V}$  is called a  $\phi$ -*isomorphism of structured digraphs*  $(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{S})$  and  $(\tilde{\mathcal{G}}, \tilde{\mathcal{S}})$ , if  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}(\psi(v)) = \phi(\mathcal{S}(v))$  for all  $v \in V$ , that is,  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}} \circ \psi = \phi \circ \mathcal{S}$ , as visualized in Figure 2.

In particular, if the sets  $\tilde{X} = X$  coincide and  $\phi = 1_X$  is the identity mapping of the set  $X$ , then  $\psi$  is called a *strict isomorphism of structured digraphs*, and it satisfies the relation  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}} \circ \psi = \mathcal{S}$ .

FIGURE 2.  $\phi$ -Isomorphism  $\psi$  of structured digraphs  $(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{S})$  and  $(\tilde{\mathcal{G}}, \tilde{\mathcal{S}})$ 

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
V & \xrightarrow{\psi} & \tilde{V} \\
\mathcal{S} \downarrow & \text{///} & \downarrow \tilde{\mathcal{S}} \\
X & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \tilde{X}
\end{array}$$

**Definition 4.2.** Let  $\mathcal{G} = (V, E)$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}} = (\tilde{V}, \tilde{E})$  be two structured digraphs with structure mappings  $\mathcal{S} : V \rightarrow X$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}} : \tilde{V} \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ , and let  $\psi : V \rightarrow \tilde{V}$  be a  $\phi$ -isomorphism of the two structured digraphs with respect to a mapping  $\phi : X \rightarrow \tilde{X}$ , that is,  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}} \circ \psi = \phi \circ \mathcal{S}$ . Then  $\mathcal{S}$  is called a  $\phi$ -invariant under  $\psi$  (or *invariant under the isomorphism  $\psi$  and transformation law  $\phi$* ). In particular, if  $\tilde{X} = X$ ,  $\phi = 1_X$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}} \circ \psi = \mathcal{S}$ , then  $\mathcal{S}$  is called a *strict invariant* under  $\psi$ .

**4.2. Algebraic invariants considered in this paper.** With respect to applications in other mathematical theories, in particular, algebraic number theory and class field theory, certain properties of the automorphism group  $\text{Aut}(G)$  of a finite 3-group  $G$  are crucial. The general frame of these aspects is the following.

**Definition 4.3.** Let  $p$  be an odd prime number and let  $G$  be a pro- $p$  group. We call  $G$  a *group with GI-action* or a  $\sigma$ -group, if there exists a *generator inverting* automorphism  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(G)$  such that  $\sigma(x) \equiv x^{-1} \pmod{G'}$ , for all  $x \in G$ , or equivalently  $\sigma(x) = x^{-1}$ , for all  $x \in H_1(G, \mathbb{F}_p)$ . If additionally  $\sigma(x) = x^{-1}$ , for all  $x \in H_2(G, \mathbb{F}_p)$ , then  $G$  is called a *group with RI-action* or group with *relator inverting* automorphism. If  $\text{Aut}(G)$  contains a bicyclic subgroup  $C_2 \times C_2$ , then we call  $G$  a *group with  $V_4$ -action*. It is convenient to define the *action flag* of  $G$  by

$$(4.1) \quad \sigma(G) := \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } G \text{ possesses GI-action and } V_4\text{-action, starred (2*) for RI-action,} \\ 1 & \text{if } G \text{ possesses GI-action but no } V_4\text{-action, starred (1*) for RI-action,} \\ 0 & \text{if } G \text{ has no GI-action and no } V_4\text{-action.} \end{cases}$$

**Remark 4.1.** Suppose that  $G$  is a finite  $p$ -group with odd prime  $p$ . We point out that 2 divides the order  $\#\text{Aut}(G)$ , if  $G$  is a group with GI-action, but the converse claim may be false. If  $G$  is a group with  $V_4$ -action, then 4 divides  $\#\text{Aut}(G)$ , but we emphasize that the converse statement, even in the case that 8 divides  $\#\text{Aut}(G)$ , may be false, when  $\text{Aut}(G)$  contains a cyclic group  $C_4$  or a (generalized) quaternion group  $Q(2^e)$  of order  $2^e$  with  $e \geq 3$ .

For a brief description of abelian quotient invariants in logarithmic form, we need the concept of nearly homocyclic  $p$ -groups. With an arbitrary prime  $p \geq 2$  these groups appear in [9, p. 68, Thm. 3.4] and they are treated systematically in [7, § 2.4]. For our purpose, it suffices to consider the special case  $p = 3$ .

**Definition 4.4.** By the *nearly homocyclic abelian 3-group*  $A(3, n)$  of order  $3^n$ , for an integer  $n \geq 2$ , we understand the abelian group with logarithmic type invariants  $(q + r, q)$ , where  $n = 2q + r$  with integers  $q \geq 1$  and  $0 \leq r < 2$ , by Euclidean division with remainder. Additionally, including two degenerate cases, we define that  $A(3, 1)$  denotes the cyclic group  $C_3$  of order 3, and  $A(3, 0)$  denotes the trivial group 1.

The following invariants  $\mathcal{S} : V \rightarrow X$  of finite 3-groups  $v \in V$  with abelianization  $v/v' \simeq C_3 \times C_3$  will be of particular interest in the whole paper:

- The *logarithmic order*  $\text{lo} : V \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $v \mapsto n := \log_p(\text{ord}(v))$ ,
- the *nilpotency class*  $\text{cl} : V \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$ , connected with the index of nilpotency  $m$  by the relation  $c := \text{cl}(v) = m - 1$ , where the lower central series stops with  $\gamma_{m-1}v > \gamma_mv = 1$ ,

- the *coclass*  $cc : V \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$ , defined by  $r := cc(v) = n - c = \text{lo}(v) - \text{cl}(v)$ ,
- the *order of the automorphism group*  $\#\text{Aut} : V \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ ,  $v \mapsto \#\text{Aut}(v)$ ,
- the *action flag*  $\sigma : V \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$ , defined by Formula (4.1),
- the *transfer kernel type* (TKT)  $\varkappa : V \rightarrow X$ ,  $v \mapsto (\ker(T_i))_{1 \leq i \leq 4}$ , where  $T_i : v/v' \rightarrow u_i/u'_i$  denote the transfer homomorphisms from  $v$  to the maximal subgroups  $u_i < v$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ ,
- the *transfer target type* (TTT)  $\tau : V \rightarrow X$ ,  $v \mapsto (u_i/u'_i)_{1 \leq i \leq 4}$ , viewed as abelian quotient invariants, where  $u_1, \dots, u_4$  denote the maximal subgroups of  $v$  [10, Dfn. 5.3, p. 83],
- the *abelian quotient invariants* of the first TTT component  $\tau(1) : V \rightarrow X$ ,  $v \mapsto u_1/u'_1 \simeq A(3, c - k)$ , where  $k$  denotes the defect of commutativity of  $v$  [11, § 2, p. 469],
- the *abelian quotient invariants* of the commutator subgroup  $\tau_2 : V \rightarrow X$ ,  $v \mapsto v'/v'' \simeq A(3, c - 1) \times A(3, r - 1)$  (or  $A(3, c - 2) \times A(3, r)$  in irregular cases) [7, Satz 4.2.4, p. 131],
- the *relation rank*  $\mu : V \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $v \mapsto \dim_{\mathbb{F}_p} \text{H}_2(v, \mathbb{F}_p)$ , which coincides with the rank of the  $p$ -multiplicator of  $v$  [13, Thm. 2.4],
- the *nuclear rank*  $\nu : V \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$ , i.e. the rank of the nucleus of  $v \in V$  [13, Thm. 2.4]. For a coclass tree, the nuclear rank is given by  $v \mapsto \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } v \text{ is capable and coclass settled,} \\ 0 & \text{if } v \text{ is terminal.} \end{cases}$

**Remark 4.2.** Abelian quotient invariants are given in logarithmic notation. The transfer kernel type  $\varkappa(v)$  is simplified by a family of non-negative integers, in the following way: for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ ,

$$(4.2) \quad \varkappa(v)_i := \begin{cases} j & \text{if } \ker(T_i) = u_j/v' \text{ for some } j \in \{1, \dots, 4\} \text{ (partial kernel),} \\ 0 & \text{if } \ker(T_i) = v/v' \text{ (total kernel).} \end{cases}$$

## 5. THE GRAPH THEORETIC STRUCTURE OF A TREE

**5.1. Cardinality of branches and layers, depth and width of a tree.** The graph theoretic structure of a coclass tree  $\mathcal{T}$  with unique infinite mainline and finite branches, consisting of isomorphism classes of finite  $p$ -groups, is described by the following concepts.

**Definition 5.1.** Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a coclass tree. Suppose that the tree root  $R$  is of logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(R) = n_*$ , and denote by  $m_e$  the unique mainline vertex with  $\text{lo}(m_e) = e \geq n_*$ . In particular,  $R = m_{n_*}$ .

For  $e \geq n_*$ , the difference set  $\mathcal{B}(e) := \mathcal{T}(m_e) \setminus \mathcal{T}(m_{e+1})$  is called the *eth branch* of  $\mathcal{T}$ . Let  $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{T}$  be one of the branches of  $\mathcal{T}$ . For any integer  $n \geq n_*$ , we let

$$(5.1) \quad \text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{T} := \{v \in \mathcal{T} \mid \text{lo}(v) = n\}, \quad \text{respectively} \quad \text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{B} := \{v \in \mathcal{B} \mid \text{lo}(v) = n\},$$

denote the *nth layer* of  $\mathcal{T}$ , respectively  $\mathcal{B}$ .

The *width* of the tree is the maximal cardinality of its layers,

$$(5.2) \quad \text{wd}(\mathcal{T}) := \sup\{\#\text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{T} \mid n \geq n_*\}.$$

Each vertex  $v$  of the branch  $\mathcal{B}(e)$  is connected with the mainline by a unique finite path of directed edges from  $v$  to the branch root  $m_e$ , formed by the iterated parents  $\pi^i v$  of  $v$ ,

$$(5.3) \quad v = \pi^0 v \rightarrow \pi^1 v \rightarrow \pi^2 v \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \pi^d v = m_e.$$

The length  $d \geq 0$  of this path is called the *depth*  $\text{dp}(v)$  of  $v$ .

The *depth* of a branch  $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{T}$  is the maximal depth of its vertices,

$$(5.4) \quad \text{dp}(\mathcal{B}) := \max\{\text{dp}(v) \mid v \in \mathcal{B}\}.$$

**Definition 5.2.** Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a coclass tree. The *depth* of the tree is the maximal depth of its branches,

$$(5.5) \quad \text{dp}(\mathcal{T}) := \sup\{\text{dp}(\mathcal{B}(n)) \mid n \geq n_*\}.$$

Throughout this paper, we assume that both, the depth  $\text{dp}(\mathcal{T})$  and the width  $\text{wd}(\mathcal{T})$  of the tree, are *bounded*. This assumption is satisfied by all trees of finite 3-groups under investigation in the sequel. However, we point out that that tree  $\mathcal{T}^1(C_5 \times C_5)$  of finite 5-groups with coclass one has unbounded depth, and the tree  $\mathcal{T}^1(C_7 \times C_7)$  of finite 7-groups with coclass one even has unbounded width and depth. (Compare [6, § 5.1, pp. 113–114].)

**Lemma 5.1.** *Let  $e \geq n_*$ ,  $\mathcal{B} := \mathcal{B}(e)$  and  $d := \text{dp}(\mathcal{B})$ . Then*

$$(5.6) \quad \mathcal{B} = \dot{\bigcup}_{n=e}^{e+d} \text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{B} \quad \text{and} \quad \#\mathcal{B} = \sum_{n=e}^{e+d} \#\text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{B}.$$

*Proof.* Since  $m_e$  is the root of the branch  $\mathcal{B}(e)$ , we have  $\text{Lyr}_e \mathcal{B} = \{m_e\}$ , but  $(\forall n < e) \text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{B} = \emptyset$ . Since  $d = \text{dp}(\mathcal{B}) = \max\{\text{dp}(v) \mid v \in \mathcal{B}\}$ , there exists a vertex  $t \in \mathcal{B}$ , necessarily terminal if  $d > 0$ , such that  $\text{dp}(t) = d$ . The iterated parents  $\pi^i t$  of  $t$  form the unique finite path from  $t$  to the branch root  $m_e$  (see Figure 3),

$$t = \pi^0 t \rightarrow \pi^1 t \rightarrow \pi^2 t \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \pi^d t = m_e,$$

and we have  $(\forall e \leq n \leq e+d) \text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{B} \supseteq \{\pi^{e+d-n} t\} \neq \emptyset$  but  $(\forall n > e+d) \text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{B} = \emptyset$ .  $\square$

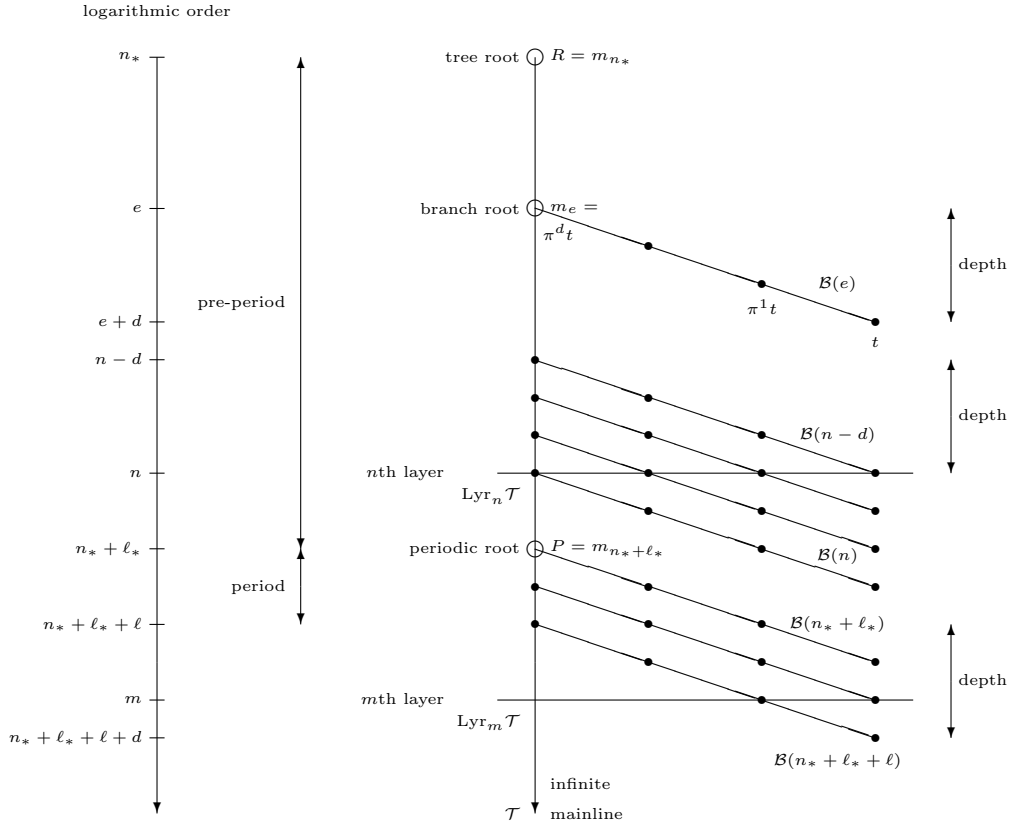
**Lemma 5.2.** *Let  $n \geq n_*$  and  $d := \text{dp}(\mathcal{T})$ . Then*

$$(5.7) \quad \#\text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{T} = \sum_{i=M}^n \#\text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{B}(i), \quad \text{where } M := \max(n_*, n-d).$$

*Proof.* Since  $\text{dp}(\mathcal{T}) = \sup\{\text{dp}(\mathcal{B}(n)) \mid n \geq n_*\}$ , we have  $\text{dp}(\mathcal{B}(i)) \leq \text{dp}(\mathcal{T}) = d$  for each  $i \geq n_*$ . A branch  $\mathcal{B}(i)$  with  $i > n$  cannot contribute to  $\text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{T}$ . On the other hand, if  $n-d > n_*$ , then a branch  $\mathcal{B}(i)$  with  $i < M = n-d$  cannot contribute to  $\text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{T}$  either, since  $\mathcal{B}(i) = \dot{\bigcup}_{j=i}^{i+\text{dp}(\mathcal{B}(i))} \text{Lyr}_j \mathcal{B}(i)$ , according to Lemma 5.1, and we obtain  $i + \text{dp}(\mathcal{B}(i)) \leq i + d < n$  (see Figure 3). Consequently,

$$(5.8) \quad \text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{T} = \dot{\bigcup}_{i=M}^n \text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{B}(i). \quad \square$$

FIGURE 3. Schematic coclass tree  $\mathcal{T}$  with ultimately periodic branches and layers



Since the implementation of the  $p$ -group generation algorithm [12, 13, 14] in the computational algebra system MAGMA [15, 16, 17] is able to give the number of all, respectively only the capable,

immediate descendants (children) of an assigned finite  $p$ -group, we express the cardinalities of the branches of a coclass tree, which were given in a preliminary form in Lemma 5.1, in terms of these numbers  $N_1$ , respectively  $C_1$ .

**Theorem 5.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{T} = (V, E)$  be a coclass tree with tree root  $R$  of logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(R) = n_*$ , pre-period of length  $\ell_* \geq 0$ , and period of primitive length  $\ell \geq 1$ . For each vertex  $v \in V$ , denote by  $N_1(v)$  the number of all children (of step size  $s = 1$ ) and by  $C_1(v)$  the number of capable children of  $v$ . When  $m_e$  is the vertex with  $\text{lo}(m_e) = e \geq n_*$  on the mainline of  $\mathcal{T}$ , let  $v_i = v_i(m_e)$  with  $1 \leq i \leq C_1(m_e)$  be the capable children of  $m_e$ , in particular, let  $v_1 = m_{e+1}$  be the next mainline vertex. Finally, let  $v_{i,j} = v_{i,j}(m_e)$  with  $1 \leq j \leq C_1(v_i)$  denote the capable children of  $v_i$ , for each  $2 \leq i \leq C_1(m_e)$ .*

(1) *If the tree is of depth  $\text{dp}(\mathcal{T}) = 1$ , then*

$$(5.9) \quad \#\mathcal{B}(e) = N_1(m_e).$$

(2) *If the tree is of depth  $\text{dp}(\mathcal{T}) = 2$ , then*

$$(5.10) \quad \#\mathcal{B}(e) = N_1(m_e) + \sum_{i=2}^{C_1(m_e)} N_1(v_i).$$

(3) *If the tree is of depth  $\text{dp}(\mathcal{T}) = 3$ , then*

$$(5.11) \quad \#\mathcal{B}(e) = N_1(m_e) + \sum_{i=2}^{C_1(m_e)} \left( N_1(v_i) + \sum_{j=1}^{C_1(v_i)} N_1(v_{i,j}) \right).$$

*Proof.* Put  $\mathcal{B} := \mathcal{B}(e)$ . Generally, we have  $\mathcal{B} = \text{Lyr}_e \mathcal{B} \dot{\cup} \dots \dot{\cup} \text{Lyr}_{e+d} \mathcal{B}$  with  $d := \text{dp}(\mathcal{B})$ , according to Lemma 5.1.

If  $\text{dp}(\mathcal{T}) = 1$ , then  $d \leq 1$  and  $\mathcal{B} = \text{Lyr}_e \mathcal{B} \dot{\cup} \text{Lyr}_{e+1} \mathcal{B}$ . We have  $\text{Lyr}_e \mathcal{B} = \{m_e\}$  and  $\#\text{Lyr}_{e+1} \mathcal{B} = N_1(m_e) - 1$ , since the next mainline vertex  $m_{e+1}$  is one of the  $N_1(m_e)$  children of  $m_e$  but does not belong to  $\mathcal{B}$ . Thus, we obtain  $\#\mathcal{B} = \#\text{Lyr}_e \mathcal{B} + \#\text{Lyr}_{e+1} \mathcal{B} = 1 + N_1(m_e) - 1 = N_1(m_e)$ .

If  $\text{dp}(\mathcal{T}) = 2$ , then  $d \leq 2$  and  $\mathcal{B} = \text{Lyr}_e \mathcal{B} \dot{\cup} \text{Lyr}_{e+1} \mathcal{B} \dot{\cup} \text{Lyr}_{e+2} \mathcal{B}$ , where  $\#\text{Lyr}_e \mathcal{B} = 1$  and  $\#\text{Lyr}_{e+1} \mathcal{B} = N_1(m_e) - 1$  as before, and  $\#\text{Lyr}_{e+2} \mathcal{B} = \sum_{i=2}^{C_1(m_e)} N_1(v_i)$ . Therefore,  $\#\mathcal{B} = \#\text{Lyr}_e \mathcal{B} + \dots + \#\text{Lyr}_{e+2} \mathcal{B} = N_1(m_e) + \sum_{i=2}^{C_1(m_e)} N_1(v_i)$ .

If  $\text{dp}(\mathcal{T}) = 3$ , then  $d \leq 3$  and  $\mathcal{B} = \text{Lyr}_e \mathcal{B} \dot{\cup} \dots \dot{\cup} \text{Lyr}_{e+3} \mathcal{B}$ , where  $\#\text{Lyr}_e \mathcal{B} = 1$ ,  $\#\text{Lyr}_{e+1} \mathcal{B} = N_1(m_e) - 1$ ,  $\#\text{Lyr}_{e+2} \mathcal{B} = \sum_{i=2}^{C_1(m_e)} N_1(v_i)$  as before, and  $\#\text{Lyr}_{e+3} \mathcal{B} = \sum_{i=2}^{C_1(m_e)} \sum_{j=1}^{C_1(v_i)} N_1(v_{i,j})$ . Thus,  $\#\mathcal{B} = \#\text{Lyr}_e \mathcal{B} + \dots + \#\text{Lyr}_{e+3} \mathcal{B} = N_1(m_e) + \sum_{i=2}^{C_1(m_e)} \left( N_1(v_i) + \sum_{j=1}^{C_1(v_i)} N_1(v_{i,j}) \right)$ .  $\square$

**Remark 5.1.** In Theorem 5.1, item (1) is included in item (2), since  $\text{dp}(\mathcal{T}) = 1$  implies  $C_1(m_e) = 1$ , and item (2) is included in item (3), since  $\text{dp}(\mathcal{T}) = 2$  implies  $C_1(v_i) = 0$ , for all  $2 \leq i \leq C_1(m_e)$ .

**Corollary 5.1.** *Under the same assumptions as in Theorem 5.1, the width of the coclass tree  $\mathcal{T}$ , in dependence on the depth  $d := \text{dp}(\mathcal{T})$  and the periodicity  $(\ell_*, \ell)$ , is generally given by*

$$(5.12) \quad \text{wd}(\mathcal{T}) = \max\{\#\text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{T} \mid n_* < n < n_* + \ell_* + \ell + d\}.$$

*For assigned small values of the depth  $d \leq 3$ , the width can be expressed in terms of descendant numbers in the following manner:*

(1) *If the tree is of depth  $d = 1$ , then*

$$(5.13) \quad \text{wd}(\mathcal{T}) = \max\{N_1(m_{n-1}) \mid n_* + 1 \leq n \leq n_* + \ell_* + \ell\}.$$

(2) *If the tree is of depth  $d = 2$ , then  $\text{wd}(\mathcal{T})$  is the maximum among the number  $N_1(m_{n_*})$  and all expressions*

$$(5.14) \quad N_1(m_{n-1}) + \sum_{i=2}^{C_1(m_{n-2})} N_1(v_i(m_{n-2})),$$

*where  $n$  runs from  $n_* + 2$  to  $n_* + \ell_* + \ell + 1$ .*



(3) If the tree is of depth  $d = 3$ , then  $\text{wd}(\mathcal{T})$  is the maximum among the numbers  $N_1(m_{n_*})$ ,  $N_1(m_{n_*+1}) + \sum_{i=2}^{C_1(m_{n_*})} N_1(v_i(m_{n_*}))$ , and all expressions

$$(5.15) \quad N_1(m_{n-1}) + \sum_{i=2}^{C_1(m_{n-2})} N_1(v_i(m_{n-2})) + \sum_{i=2}^{C_1(m_{n-3})} \sum_{j=1}^{C_1(v_i(m_{n-3}))} N_1(v_{i,j}(m_{n-3})),$$

where  $n$  runs from  $n_* + 3$  to  $n_* + \ell_* + \ell + 2$ .

*Proof.* According to [1, 2, 5], the periodicity of the branches of a coclass tree  $\mathcal{T}$  with root  $R := m_{n_*}$  and bounded depth  $d := \text{dp}(\mathcal{T})$  and width  $\text{wd}(\mathcal{T})$  can be expressed by means of isomorphisms between branches, starting from the *periodic root*  $P := m_{n_* + \ell_*}$ :

$$(5.16) \quad (\forall k \geq n_* + \ell_*) \mathcal{B}(k + \ell) \simeq \mathcal{B}(k),$$

where  $\ell_* \geq 0$  denotes the length of the pre-period and  $\ell \geq 1$  is the primitive period length. With Lemma 5.1, an immediate consequence is the periodicity of branch layer cardinalities:

$$(\forall k \geq n_* + \ell_*) (\forall k \leq n \leq k + d) \#\text{Lyr}_{n+\ell} \mathcal{B}(k + \ell) = \#\text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{B}(k).$$

According to Lemma 5.2, we have  $\#\text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{T} = \sum_{k=\max(n_*, n-d)}^n \#\text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{B}(k)$ , and thus

$$\#\text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{T} = \begin{cases} \#\text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{B}(n_*) & \text{if } n = n_*, \\ \#\text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{B}(n_*) + \#\text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{B}(n_* + 1) & \text{if } n = n_* + 1, \\ \dots & \dots \\ \#\text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{B}(n_*) + \dots + \#\text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{B}(n_* + d) & \text{if } n = n_* + d, \\ \#\text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{B}(n_* + x - d) + \dots + \#\text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{B}(n_* + x) & \text{if } n = n_* + x, x \geq d. \end{cases}$$

For finding the maximal layer cardinality, the root term  $\#\text{Lyr}_{n_*} \mathcal{T} = \#\text{Lyr}_{n_*} \mathcal{B}(n_*) = 1$  can be omitted, since each layer contains a mainline vertex. Beginning with  $n = n_* + d$ , the expression for the tree layer cardinality  $\#\text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{T}$  is a sum of  $d + 1$  terms and we must find the logarithmic order  $n = n_* + x$  where periodicity of all terms sets in. This leads to the inequality  $n_* + x - d \geq n_* + \ell_* + \ell$  with solution  $x \geq \ell_* + \ell + d$ . Consequently,  $m = n_* + \ell_* + \ell + d - 1$  is the biggest logarithmic order for which a new value of the tree layer cardinality  $\#\text{Lyr}_m \mathcal{T}$  may occur (see Figure 3). At the logarithmic order  $m + 1$ , periodic repetitions of the values of tree layer cardinalities begin. In the special case of  $d \leq 3$ , Theorem 5.1 yields an expression in terms of descendant numbers:

$$\begin{aligned} \#\text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{T} &= \#\text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{B}(n - d) + \dots + \#\text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{B}(n) \\ &= N_1(m_{n-1}) + \sum_{i=2}^{C_1(m_{n-2})} N_1(v_i(m_{n-2})) + \sum_{i=2}^{C_1(m_{n-3})} \sum_{j=1}^{C_1(v_i(m_{n-3}))} N_1(v_{i,j}(m_{n-3})). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

The following concept provides a quantitative measure for the *finite* information content of an *infinite* tree with periodic branches.

**Definition 5.3.** By the *information content* of a coclass tree  $\mathcal{T}$  we understand the sum of the cardinalities of all branches belonging to the pre-period and to the primitive period of  $\mathcal{T}$ ,

$$(5.17) \quad \text{IC}(\mathcal{T}) := \left( \sum_{n=n_*}^{p_*-1} \#\mathcal{B}(n) \right) + \left( \sum_{n=p_*}^{p_*+\ell-1} \#\mathcal{B}(n) \right),$$

where  $p_* = n_* + \ell_*$  denotes the logarithmic order of the periodic root  $P$  of  $\mathcal{T}$  (see Figure 3).

## 6. IDENTIFIERS OF THE SMALLGROUPS LIBRARY

Independently of being metabelian or non-metabelian, a finite 3-group  $G$  of order up to  $3^8 = 6561$  will be characterized by its absolute identifier  $G \simeq \langle |G|, i \rangle$ , according to the SmallGroups Database [18, 19]. Starting with order  $3^9 = 19683$ , a group  $G$  is characterized by the absolute identifier of the parent  $\pi(G) \simeq \langle |\pi(G)|, i \rangle$  in the SmallGroups Database [19] together with a relative identifier  $\#s; j$  generated by the ANUPQ package [20] of MAGMA [17]. Here,  $s$  denotes the step size of

the directed edge  $G \rightarrow \pi(G)$ . Occasionally, certain groups of order  $3^6 = 729$  and coclass 2 are identified by single capital letters  $A, \dots, X$  similarly as in [21, 22, 23].

## 7. MAINLINES OF COCLASS TREES AND SPORADIC PARTS OF COCLASS FORESTS

If we define a *mainline* as a maximal path of infinitely many directed edges of step size  $s = 1$ , then there arises the ambiguity that a vertex could be root of several coclass trees. The metabelian 3-group  $\langle 243, 3 \rangle = P_5$ , for instance, would be the end vertex of more than one mainline, namely on the one hand of the metabelian mainline

$$P_5 \leftarrow \langle 729, 40 \rangle = B = R_1^2 \leftarrow \langle 2187, 247 \rangle \leftarrow \langle 6561, 1988 \rangle \leftarrow \dots$$

and on the other hand of non-metabelian mainlines, one which ends with

$$P_5 \leftarrow \langle 729, 35 \rangle = I \leftarrow \langle 2187, 235 \rangle \leftarrow \langle 6561, 1979 \rangle \leftarrow \dots \text{ and}$$

three which end with  $P_5 \leftarrow \langle 729, 34 \rangle = H \leftarrow \langle 2187, 228 \rangle \leftarrow \langle 6561, i \rangle \leftarrow \dots$ ,  $i \in \{1916, 1920, 1928\}$ .

Therefore, an additional condition is required in the precise definition of a mainline.

**Definition 7.1.** A *mainline* is a maximal path of infinitely many equally oriented edges of step size  $s = 1$ , in none of whose vertices other infinite paths of step size  $s = 1$  are ending.

The end vertex of a mainline is called the *root of a coclass tree*.

Definition 7.1 can be expressed equivalently in terms of infinite pro- $p$  groups [6, § 3.1, p. 107].

**Example 7.1.** The metabelian 3-group  $\langle 729, 40 \rangle = B$  is root of the coclass-2 tree  $\mathcal{T}^2 B$  with *metabelian* mainline.

The metabelian 3-group  $\langle 729, 35 \rangle = I$  is root of the coclass-2 tree  $\mathcal{T}^2 I$  with *non-metabelian* mainline. According to our pruning convention that descendants of capable non-metabelian vertices do not belong to the coclass forests  $\mathcal{F}(r)$ , this tree is not an object of examination in the present paper.

Finally, the metabelian 3-group  $\langle 729, 34 \rangle = H$  is *not* root of a coclass tree.

Based on the precise definition of a mainline and a root of a coclass tree, we are now in the position to give an exact specification of the sporadic part of a coclass forest.

**Definition 7.2.** The *sporadic part* of the coclass forest  $\mathcal{F}(r)$  with  $r \geq 1$  is the complement of the union of the (finitely many) coclass trees in the forest,

$$(7.1) \quad \mathcal{F}_0(r) = \mathcal{F}(r) \setminus \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^t \mathcal{T}_i^r \right) \text{ with } t \geq 0.$$

There is no necessity, to restrict the concepts of a mainline, a coclass tree and its root further by stipulating the *coclass stability* of the root. It is therefore admissible that directed edges of step size  $s \geq 2$  end in vertices (mainline or of depth  $\text{dp} \geq 1$ ) of a coclass tree, due to the phenomenon of *multifurcation*.

**Example 7.2.** In the second mainline vertex  $m_6 = \langle 729, 49 \rangle = Q$  of the coclass-2 tree  $\mathcal{T}^2 R_2^2$  with root  $R_2^2 = \langle 243, 6 \rangle$ , a *bifurcation* occurs, due to the nuclear rank  $\nu(Q) = 2$ . In fact, the directed edge of step size  $s = 2$  which ends in the vertex  $m_6 = Q$  is the final edge of an infinite path with alternating step sizes  $s = 2$  and  $s = 1$ , due to *periodic bifurcations*. However, this non-metabelian path is not the topic of investigations in the present paper. For detailed information on these matters see [24] and [25].

The same is true for the second mainline vertex  $\langle 729, 54 \rangle = U$  of the coclass-2 tree  $\mathcal{T}^2 R_3^2$  with root  $R_3^2 = \langle 243, 8 \rangle$ .

The unnecessary requirement of coclass stability would eliminate the pre-periods of the trees  $\mathcal{T}^2 R_2$  and  $\mathcal{T}^2 R_3$  and enforce *purely* periodic subtrees with periodic *coclass-settled* roots, namely  $\mathcal{T}^2 \langle 2187, 285 \rangle \subset \mathcal{T}^2 R_2$  and  $\mathcal{T}^2 \langle 2187, 303 \rangle \subset \mathcal{T}^2 R_3$ .

## 8. TWO MAIN THEOREMS ON PERIODICITY AND CO-PERIODICITY ISOMORPHISMS

An important technique in the theory of descendant trees is to reduce the structure of an infinite tree to a periodically repeating finite pattern. In particular, it is well known [1, 2, 5] that an infinite coclass tree  $\mathcal{T}^r$  of finite  $p$ -groups with fixed coclass  $r \geq 1$  is the disjoint union of its branches  $\mathcal{T}^r = \dot{\bigcup}_{n=n_*}^{\infty} \mathcal{B}(n)$ , which can be partitioned into a single finite pre-period  $\dot{\bigcup}_{n=n_*}^{p_*-1} \mathcal{B}(n)$  of length  $\ell_* = p_* - n_* \geq 0$  and infinitely many copies of a finite primitive period  $\dot{\bigcup}_{n=p_*}^{p_*+\ell-1} \mathcal{B}(n)$  of length  $\ell \geq 1$ , where the integer  $p_* \geq n_*$  characterizes the position of the *periodic root* on the mainline, provided the tree is suitably *depth-pruned*.

The following *first main result* of this paper establishes the details of the primitive period of branches of five coclass-4 trees  $\mathcal{T}^4 R_i^4 = \dot{\bigcup}_{n=n_*}^{\infty} \mathcal{B}(n)$ , with  $n_* = 9$ , respectively of three coclass-5 trees  $\mathcal{T}^5 R_j^5 = \dot{\bigcup}_{n=n_*}^{\infty} \mathcal{B}(n)$ , with  $n_* = 11$ , of finite 3-groups with mainline vertices having a single total transfer kernel and roots  $R_i^4 := \langle 2187, 64 \rangle - \#2; n(i)$  with  $(n(i))_{2 \leq i \leq 6} = (39, 44, 54, 57, 59)$ , respectively  $R_j^5 := \langle 2187, 64 \rangle - \#2; 33 - \#2; n(j)$  with  $(n(j))_{2 \leq j \leq 4} = (29, 37, 39)$ , written in the notation of [18, 19, 20]. In fact, we prove more than the *virtual* periodicity for arbitrary finite  $p$ -groups in [1, 2, 5], since all trees of the particular finite 3-groups in our investigation have *bounded depth* and therefore reveal *strict* periodicity.

**Theorem 8.1. (Main Theorem on Strict Periodicity Isomorphisms of Branches.)**

For each integer  $n \geq n_*$ , there exists a bijective mapping  $\psi : \mathcal{B}(n) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(n+2)$  which is a strict isomorphism of finite structured in-trees for the **strict invariants** in-degree  $\text{in}()$ , out-degree  $\text{out}()$ , coclass  $r = \text{cc}()$ , relation rank  $\mu()$ , nuclear rank  $\nu()$ , action flag  $\sigma()$ , and transfer kernel type  $\varkappa()$ . Moreover,  $\psi$  is a  $\phi$ -isomorphism of finite structured in-trees for the following  $\phi$ -invariants with their transformation laws  $\phi$ :

- logarithmic order  $n = \text{lo}()$  with  $\phi(n) = n + 2$ ,
- nilpotency class  $m - 1 = c = \text{cl}()$  with  $\phi(c) = c + 2$ ,
- order of the automorphism group  $a = \#\text{Aut}()$  with  $\phi(a) = a \cdot 3^4$ ,
- first component of the transfer target type  $\tau(1)()$  with  $\phi(A(3, c - k)) = A(3, 2 + c - k)$ , and
- commutator subgroup  $\tau_2()$  with  $\phi(A(3, c - 1) \times A(3, r - 1)) = A(3, c + 1) \times A(3, r - 1)$ , respectively  $\phi(A(3, c - 2) \times A(3, r)) = A(3, c) \times A(3, r)$ .

Consequently, the branches of each tree  $\mathcal{T}^4 R_i^4$  ( $2 \leq i \leq 6$ ), respectively  $\mathcal{T}^5 R_j^5$  ( $2 \leq j \leq 4$ ), are purely periodic with primitive length at most  $\ell = 2$ .

*Proof.* The  $\phi$ -isomorphisms between the finite branches of a tree describe the *first periodicity* and reduce an infinite tree to its finite primitive period, provided the periodicity is pure. This will be proved for even coclass  $r \geq 4$  in Theorem 11.3 for  $i = 39$ , in Thm. 11.4 for  $i = 44$ , in Thm. 11.5 for  $i = 54$ , in Thm. 11.6 for  $i = 57$ , and in Thm. 11.7 for  $i = 59$ . For odd coclass  $r \geq 5$ , it will be proved in Theorem 12.3 for  $j = 29$ , in Thm. 12.4 for  $j = 37$ , and in Thm. 12.5 for  $j = 39$ .

Invariants connected with the nilpotency class are not strict and satisfy the following transformation laws: the shift  $\phi(i) = i + 2$  for  $\text{lo}()$  and  $\text{cl}()$ , and the corresponding transformations  $\phi(A(3, c - k)) = A(3, 2 + c - k)$  for  $\tau(1)()$ , and  $\phi(A(3, c - 1) \times A(3, r - 1)) = A(3, 2 + c - 1) \times A(3, r - 1)$  for  $\tau_2()$ , with fixed coclass  $r$ . For  $\#\text{Aut}()$ , the transformation law is described by the homothety  $\phi(i) = i \cdot 3^4$ .  $\square$

Theorems 11.3, 11.4, 11.5, 11.6, 11.7 and 12.3, 12.4, 12.5 will give detailed descriptions of the structure of these trees, in particular they will establish a quantitative measure for the finite information content of each tree.

**Remark 8.1.** According to Theorem 8.1, the diagrams of coclass- $r$  trees ( $r \geq 4$ ) whose mainline vertices  $V$  possess a single total kernel  $\ker(T_1) = V$  among the transfers  $T_i : V \rightarrow U_i/U_i'$  to the four maximal subgroups  $U_i < V$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 4$ ) reveal several **surprising features**: firstly, the branches are **purely periodic** of primitive length at most 2 without pre-period, secondly, the branches are of **uniform depth 2 only**, and finally, none of the vertices gives rise to descendants of coclass bigger than  $r$ . So the trees are **entirely regular and coclass-stable**, in contrast to the trees with 3-groups  $G$  of coclass  $r = \text{cc}(G) \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  as vertices.

Unfortunately it is much less well known that the entire metabelian skeleton  $\mathcal{M}(R)$  of the descendant tree  $\mathcal{T}(R)$  of the elementary bicyclic 3-group  $R := \langle 9, 2 \rangle \simeq C_3 \times C_3$  is the disjoint union of its coclass subgraphs  $\mathcal{M}(R) = \dot{\bigcup}_{r=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{M}^r$ , where each component  $\mathcal{M}^r = \mathcal{M}_0^r \dot{\cup} (\dot{\bigcup} \tilde{\mathcal{T}}_i^r)$  consists of a finite sporadic part  $\mathcal{M}_0^r$  and finitely many metabelian coclass trees  $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_i^r$ , and there is a periodicity  $\mathcal{M}^r \simeq \mathcal{M}^{r+2}$  for each  $r \geq 3$ . This was proved by Nebelung [7] and confirmed by Eick [6, Cnj. 14, p. 115].

The following *second main result* of this paper extends the periodicity from the metabelian skeleton to the entire descendant tree, including all the non-metabelian vertices, provided the mainline vertices are still metabelian. Here, we include coclass trees of finite 3-groups with mainline vertices having two total transfer kernels and roots  $R_1^4 := \langle 2187, 64 \rangle - \#2; n(1)$  with  $n(1) = 33$ , respectively  $R_1^5 := \langle 2187, 64 \rangle - \#2; 33 - \#2; n(1)$  with  $n(1) = 25$ .

**Theorem 8.2. (Main Theorem on Co-Periodicity Isomorphisms of Coclass Trees.)**

Let the integer  $u := 19$  be an upper bound. For each integer  $4 \leq r \leq u$ , and for each of the six roots  $R_i^r$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 6$ , with even coclass  $r \geq 4$ , respectively the four roots  $R_j^r$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq 4$ , with odd coclass  $r \geq 5$ , there exists a bijective mapping  $\psi : \mathcal{T}^r R_i^r \rightarrow \mathcal{T}^{r+2} R_i^{r+2}$ , respectively  $\psi : \mathcal{T}^r R_j^r \rightarrow \mathcal{T}^{r+2} R_j^{r+2}$ , which is a strict isomorphism of infinite structured in-trees for the **strict invariants** in-degree  $\text{in}()$ , out-degree  $\text{out}()$ , relation rank  $\mu()$ , nuclear rank  $\nu()$ , action flag  $\sigma()$ , and transfer kernel type  $\varkappa()$ . Moreover,  $\psi$  is a  $\phi$ -isomorphism of infinite structured in-trees for the following  $\phi$ -invariants with their transformation laws  $\phi$ :

- logarithmic order  $n = \text{lo}()$  with  $\phi(n) = n + 4$ ,
- nilpotency class  $m - 1 = c = \text{cl}()$  with  $\phi(c) = c + 2$ ,
- coclass  $r = \text{cc}()$  with  $\phi(r) = r + 2$ ,
- order of the automorphism group  $a = \#\text{Aut}()$  with  $\phi(a) = a \cdot 3^8$ ,
- first component of the transfer target type  $\tau(1)()$  with  $\phi(A(3, c - k)) = A(3, 2 + c - k)$ , and
- commutator subgroup  $\tau_2()$  with  $\phi(A(3, c - 1) \times A(3, r - 1)) = A(3, c + 1) \times A(3, r + 1)$ , respectively  $\phi(A(3, c - 2) \times A(3, r)) = A(3, c) \times A(3, r + 2)$ .

*Proof.* The statement for the metabelian skeletons  $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}^r R_i^r$  of the coclass trees  $\mathcal{T}^r R_i^r$  is one of the main results of Nebelung's thesis [7]. With the aid of Theorem 8.1, the periodicity of the entire coclass trees  $\mathcal{T}^r R_i^r$  with  $4 \leq r \leq 21$  and fixed subscript  $i$  has been verified by computing the metabelian and non-metabelian vertices of the first four branches  $\mathcal{B}^r(n)$  with  $2r + 1 \leq n \leq 2r + 4$  of the trees  $\mathcal{T}^r R_i^r$ . The computations were executed by running our own program scripts for the Computer Algebra System MAGMA [17], which contains an implementation of the  $p$ -group generation algorithm by Newman [12, 26] and O'Brien [13, 14], the SmallGroups Database [18, 19], and the ANUPQ package [20]. It turned out that, firstly,  $\mathcal{B}^r(2r + 1) \simeq \mathcal{B}^r(2r + 3)$  and  $\mathcal{B}^r(2r + 2) \simeq \mathcal{B}^r(2r + 4)$ , for each  $4 \leq r \leq 21$ , and secondly,  $\mathcal{B}^r(2r + 1) \simeq \mathcal{B}^{r+2}(2(r + 2) + 1)$  and  $\mathcal{B}^r(2r + 2) \simeq \mathcal{B}^{r+2}(2(r + 2) + 2)$ , for each  $4 \leq r \leq 19$ .

The established  $\phi$ -isomorphisms between the infinite coclass trees  $\mathcal{T}^r R_i^r$  and  $\mathcal{T}^{r+2} R_i^{r+2}$ , for  $4 \leq r \leq 19$ , describe the germ of the *second periodicity* expressed in Conjecture 8.1. Invariants connected with the nilpotency class or coclass are not strict and are subject to the following mappings: the shifts  $\phi(c) = c + 2$  for  $c = \text{cl}()$ ,  $\phi(r) = r + 2$  for  $r = \text{cc}()$ , and  $\phi(n) = n + 4$  for  $n = \text{lo}()$ , and the corresponding transformations  $\phi(A(3, c - k)) = A(3, 2 + c - k)$  for  $\tau(1)()$ , and  $\phi(A(3, c - 1) \times A(3, r - 1)) = A(3, c + 1) \times A(3, r + 1)$  for  $\tau_2()$ . For  $a = \#\text{Aut}()$ , the transformation law is described by the homothety  $\phi(a) = a \cdot 3^8$ .  $\square$

Thus, the confidence in the validity of the following conjecture is supported extensively by sound numerical data.

**Conjecture 8.1. (Co-Periodicity Isomorphisms of All Coclass- $r$  Trees for  $r \geq 4$ .)**

Theorem 8.2 remains true when the upper bound  $u = 19$  is replaced by any upper bound  $u > 19$ .

Consequently, all coclass trees  $\mathcal{T}^r R_i^r$  with  $r \geq 4$  and fixed subscript  $i$  are co-periodic in the variable coclass parameter  $r$  with primitive length  $\ell = 2$ . The eight coclass trees  $\mathcal{T}^r R_i^r$  with  $r \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ , and  $i = 1$  for  $r = 1$ ,  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  for  $r = 2$ ,  $i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  for  $r = 3$ , can be viewed as the pre-period of the co-periodicity. (Compare [6, Cnj. 14, p. 115].)

## 9. PARAMETRIZED POLYCYCLIC POWER-COMMUTATOR PRESENTATIONS

The general graph theoretic and algebraic foundations of the coclass forests  $\mathcal{F}(r)$  with  $r \geq 1$  have been developed completely in the preceding sections 2 – 7. Now we can turn to the main goal of the present paper, that is, the proof of the main theorems in section 8 by the systematic investigation of finite 3-groups  $G$  with commutator quotient  $G/G' \simeq R := C_3 \times C_3$ , represented by vertices of the descendant tree  $\mathcal{T}(R)$ , with the single restriction that the parent  $\pi(G)$  of  $G$  is metabelian. To this end, we first need parametrized presentations for all metabelian vertices of  $\mathcal{T}(R)$ .

**9.1. 3-groups of coclass  $r = 1$ .** The identification of 3-groups  $G$  with coclass  $\text{cc}(G) = 1$ , which are metabelian without exceptions [27], will be achieved with the aid of parametrized polycyclic power-commutator presentations, as given by Blackburn [9]:

$$(9.1) \quad G_a^m(z, w) := \langle x, y, s_2, \dots, s_{n-1} \mid s_2 = [y, x], (\forall_{i=3}^m) s_i = [s_{i-1}, x], s_n = 1, [y, s_2] = s_{n-1}^a, \\ (\forall_{i=3}^{m-1}) [y, s_i] = 1, x^3 = s_{n-1}^w, y^3 s_2^3 s_3 = s_{n-1}^z, (\forall_{i=2}^{m-3}) s_i^3 s_{i+1}^3 s_{i+2} = 1, s_{n-2}^3 = s_{n-1}^3 = 1 \rangle,$$

where  $a \in \{0, 1\}$  and  $w, z \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$  are bounded parameters, and the *index of nilpotency*  $m = \text{cl}(G) + 1 = \text{cl}(G) + \text{cc}(G) = \log_3(\text{ord}(G)) = \text{lo}(G) = n$  is an unbounded parameter.

**9.2. 3-groups of coclass  $r \geq 2$ .** Metabelian 3-groups with coclass  $\text{cc}(G) \geq 2$  will be identified with the aid of parametrized polycyclic power-commutator presentations, given by Nebelung [7]:

$$(9.2) \quad G_{\rho}^{m,n} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix} := G_{\rho}^{m,n}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta) := \\ \langle x, y, s_2, s_3, t_3, \sigma_3, \dots, \sigma_{m-1}, \tau_3, \dots, \tau_{e+1} \mid s_2 = [y, x], s_3 = [s_2, x], t_3 = [s_2, y], \\ \sigma_3 = y^3, (\forall_{i=4}^m) \sigma_i = [\sigma_{i-1}, x], \sigma_m = 1, \tau_3 = x^3, (\forall_{i=4}^{e+2}) \tau_i = [\tau_{i-1}, y], \tau_{e+2} = 1, \\ s_2^3 = \sigma_4 \sigma_{m-1}^{-\rho\beta} \tau_4^{-1}, s_3 \sigma_3 \sigma_4 = \sigma_{m-2}^{\rho\beta} \sigma_{m-1}^{\gamma} \tau_e^{\delta}, t_3^{-1} \tau_3 \tau_4 = \sigma_{m-2}^{\rho\delta} \sigma_{m-1}^{\alpha} \tau_e^{\beta}, \tau_{e+1} = \sigma_{m-1}^{-\rho}, \\ [s_3, y] = \sigma_{m-1}^{-\rho\delta}, (\forall_{i=3}^{m-1}) [\sigma_i, y] = 1, (\forall_{i=3}^{m-3}) \sigma_i^3 \sigma_{i+1}^3 \sigma_{i+2} = 1, \sigma_{m-2}^3 = \sigma_{m-1}^3 = 1, \\ [t_3, x] = \sigma_{m-1}^{-\rho\delta}, (\forall_{i=3}^{e+1}) [\tau_i, x] = 1, (\forall_{i=3}^{e-1}) \tau_i^3 \tau_{i+1}^3 \tau_{i+2} = 1, \tau_e^3 = \tau_{e+1}^3 = 1 \rangle,$$

where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \rho \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$  are bounded parameters, and the *index of nilpotency*  $m = \text{cl}(G) + 1$ , the *logarithmic order*  $n = \text{lo}(G) = \log_3(\text{ord}(G)) = \text{cl}(G) + \text{cc}(G) = m + e - 2$ , and the *CF-invariant*  $e = \text{cc}(G) + 1$  are unbounded parameters.

10. THE BACKBONE OF THE TREE  $\mathcal{T}(R)$ : THE INFINITE MAIN TRUNK

The flow of our investigations is guided by the present section concerning the remarkable infinite *main trunk*  $(P_{2r-1})_{r \geq 2}$  of certain metabelian vertices in  $\mathcal{T}$  which gives rise to the top vertices of all coclass forests  $(\mathcal{F}(r))_{r \geq 2}$  by periodic bifurcations and constitutes the germ of the newly discovered co-periodicity  $\mathcal{F}(r+2) \simeq \mathcal{F}(r)$  of length two. Since the minimal possible values of the nilpotency class and logarithmic order of a finite metabelian 3-group with coclass  $\text{cc}(G) = r \geq 2$ , belonging to the forest  $\mathcal{F}(r)$ , are given by  $c = \text{cl}(G) = r + 1$  and  $\text{lo}(G) = \text{cl}(G) + \text{cc}(G) = 2r + 1$ , it follows that  $G$  must be an immediate descendant of step size  $s = 2$  of its parent  $\pi(G) = G/\gamma_c G$ . The crucial fact is that this parent is precisely the vertex  $\pi(G) = P_{2r-1}$  with  $\text{lo}(\pi(G)) = 2r - 1$  of the main trunk. In the following, we rather use the coclass  $j$  of the parent than  $r$  of the children.

**Theorem 10.1. (The main trunk.)**

- (1) In the descendant tree  $\mathcal{T}(R)$  of the abelian root  $R := C_3 \times C_3 = \langle 9, 2 \rangle$ , there exists a unique infinite path of (reverse) directed edges  $(P_{2j+1} \leftarrow P_{2j+3})_{j \geq 1}$  such that, for each fixed coclass  $r = j + 1 \geq 2$ , every metabelian 3-group  $G$  with  $G/G' \simeq (3, 3)$  and  $\text{cc}(G) = r$  is a proper descendant of  $P_{2j+1}$ .
- (2) The trailing vertex  $P_3$  is exactly the extra special Blackburn group  $G_0^3(0, 0) = \langle 27, 3 \rangle$  with exceptional transfer kernel type (TKT) a.1,  $\varkappa = (0000)$ .
- (3) All the other vertices  $P_{2j+1}$  with  $j \geq 2$  share the common TKT b.10,  $\varkappa = (0043)$ , possess nilpotency class  $c = j + 1$ , coclass  $r = j$ , logarithmic order  $n = c + r = 2j + 1$ , abelian commutator subgroup of type  $A(3, c - 1) \times A(3, r - 1)$ , and transfer target type  $\tau = [A(3, c), A(3, r + 1), 1^3, 1^3]$ , where  $r + 1 = c$ .

- (4) For  $j \geq 4$ , periodicity of length 2 sets in,  $P_{2j+1}$  has nuclear rank  $\nu = 2$ , relation rank  $\mu = 6$ , and immediate descendant numbers (including non-metabelian groups)

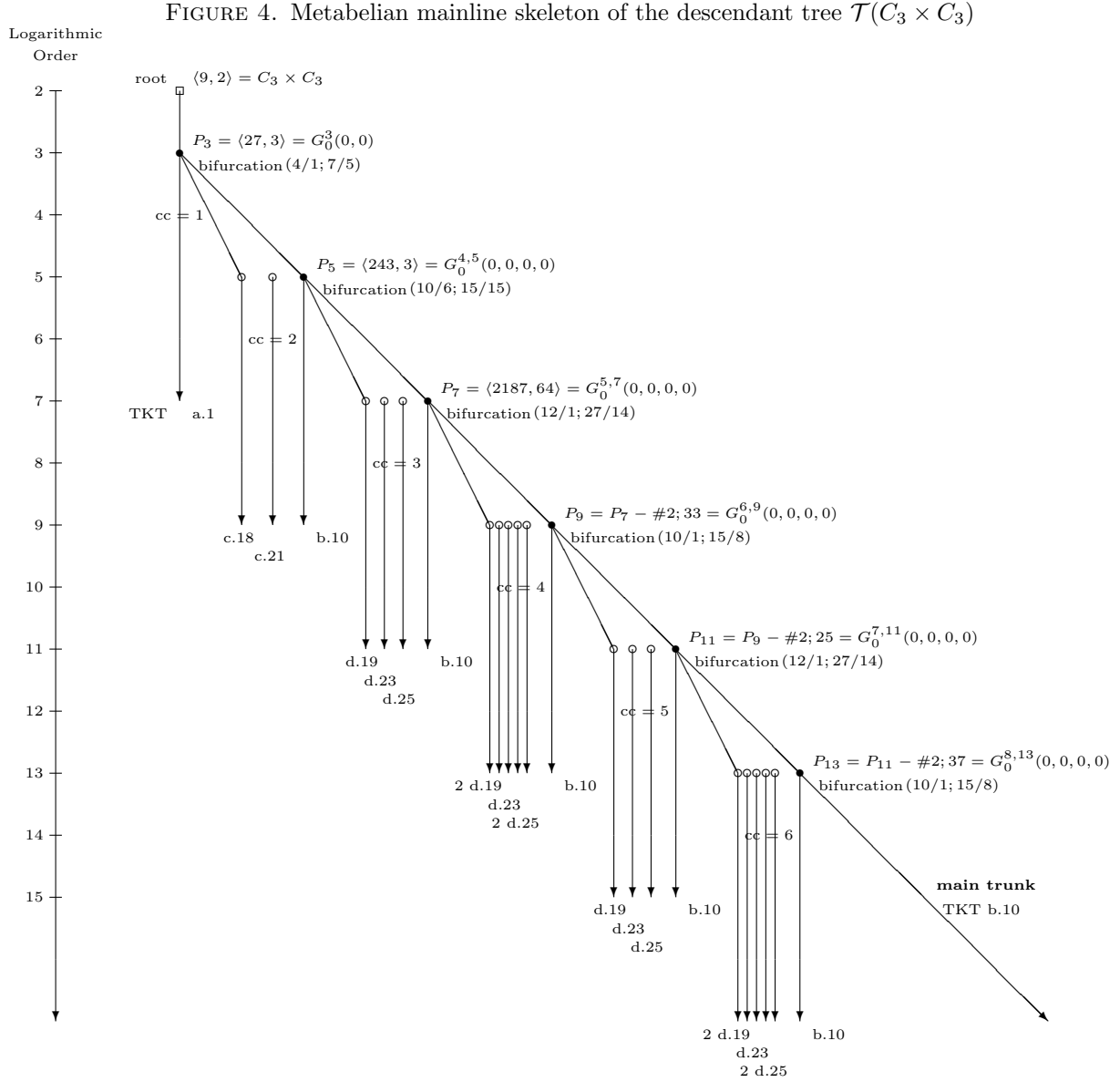
$$(N_1/C_1, N_2/C_2) = \begin{cases} (21/1, 151/21) & \text{if } j \geq 4 \text{ is even,} \\ (30/1, 295/37) & \text{if } j \geq 5 \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Restricted to metabelian groups, the immediate descendant numbers are

$$(\tilde{N}_1/\tilde{C}_1, \tilde{N}_2/\tilde{C}_2) = \begin{cases} (10/1, 15/8) & \text{if } j \geq 4 \text{ is even,} \\ (12/1, 27/14) & \text{if } j \geq 3 \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

All immediate descendants are  $\sigma$ -groups, if  $j \geq 1$  is odd, but only  $(3/3, 1/1)$ , if  $j = 2$ , and  $(3/1, 1/1)$ , if  $j \geq 4$  is even.

*Proof.* See the dissertation of Nebelung [7, p. 192]. □



**Remark 10.1.** Although the number of metabelian children of step sizes  $1 \leq s \leq 2$  of the vertex  $P_7$  with  $j = 3$  fit into the periodic pattern  $(\tilde{N}_1/\tilde{C}_1, \tilde{N}_2/\tilde{C}_2) = (12/1, 27/14)$ , the number of all children of step sizes  $1 \leq s \leq 2$  of  $P_7$  is bigger than usual with  $(N_1/C_1, N_2/C_2) = (33/2, 453/84)$  instead of  $(30/1, 295/37)$ . Therefore, periodicity starts with  $j = 4$  and not with  $j = 3$ .

**Corollary 10.1.** *(All coclass trees with metabelian mainlines.)*

The coclass trees of 3-groups  $G$  with  $G/G' \simeq (3, 3)$ , whose mainlines consist of metabelian vertices, possess the following remarkable periodicity of length 2, drawn impressively in Figure 4.

- (1) For even  $j \geq 2$ , the vertex  $P_{2j+1}$  with subscript  $2j + 1 \geq 5$  of the main trunk has exactly 4 immediate descendants of step size  $s = 2$  giving rise to coclass trees  $\mathcal{T}^{j+1} \subset \mathcal{F}(j + 1)$  whose mainline vertices are metabelian 3-groups  $G$  with odd  $\text{cc}(G) = j + 1$  and fixed TKT, either d.19,  $\varkappa = (0343)$ , or d.23,  $\varkappa = (0243)$ , or d.25,  $\varkappa = (0143)$ , or b.10,  $\varkappa = (0043)$ , the latter with root  $P_{2j+3}$ .
- (2) For odd  $j \geq 3$ , the vertex  $P_{2j+1}$  with subscript  $2j + 1 \geq 7$  of the main trunk has exactly 6 immediate descendants of step size  $s = 2$  giving rise to coclass trees  $\mathcal{T}^{j+1} \subset \mathcal{F}(j + 1)$  whose mainline vertices are metabelian 3-groups  $G$  with even  $\text{cc}(G) = j + 1$  and fixed TKT, either d.19,  $\varkappa = (0343)$ , twice, or d.23,  $\varkappa = (0243)$ , or d.25,  $\varkappa = (0143)$ , twice, or b.10,  $\varkappa = (0043)$ , the latter with root  $P_{2j+3}$ .
- (3) The unique pre-periodic exception is the vertex  $P_3$  of the main trunk, which has exactly 3 immediate descendants of step size  $s = 2$  giving rise to coclass trees  $\mathcal{T}^2 \subset \mathcal{F}(2)$  whose mainline vertices are metabelian 3-groups  $G$  with even  $\text{cc}(G) = 2$  and fixed TKT, either c.18,  $\varkappa = (0313)$ , or c.21,  $\varkappa = (0231)$ , or b.10,  $\varkappa = (0043)$ , the latter with root  $P_5$ .

*Proof.* See the dissertation of Nebelung [7, § 5.2, pp. 181–195]. □

## 11. SPORADIC AND PERIODIC 3-GROUPS $G$ OF EVEN COCLASS $\text{cc}(G) \geq 4$

Although formulated for the particular coclass  $r = 4$ , all results for periodic groups and most of the results for sporadic groups in this section are valid for any even coclass  $r \geq 4$ . The only exception is the bigger (and thus pre-periodic) sporadic part  $\mathcal{F}_0(4)$  of the coclass forest  $\mathcal{F}(4)$ , described in Proposition 11.2, whereas the (co-periodic) standard case, the sporadic part  $\mathcal{F}_0(6)$  of the coclass forest  $\mathcal{F}(6)$ , is presented in Proposition 11.1.

Figure 5 sketches an outline of the *metabelian skeleton* of the coclass forest  $\mathcal{F}(4)$  in its top region. The vertices  $P_5 = \langle 243, 3 \rangle \in \mathcal{F}(2)$  and  $P_7 = \langle 2187, 64 \rangle \in \mathcal{F}(3)$ , with the crucial bifucation from  $\mathcal{F}(3)$  to  $\mathcal{F}(4)$ , belong to the infinite main trunk (§ 10).

**Proposition 11.1.** *(Co-periodic standard case.)*

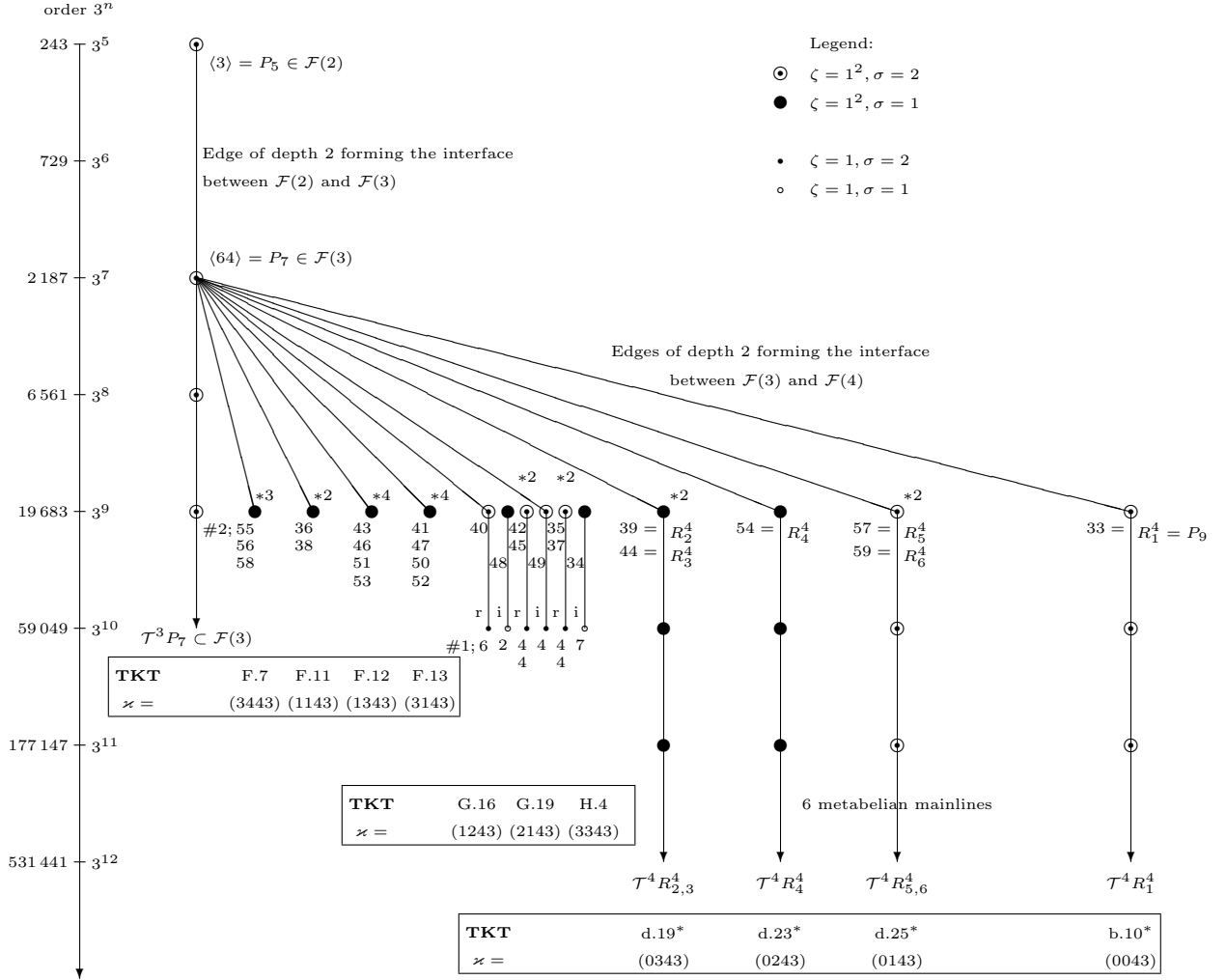
The sporadic part  $\mathcal{F}_0(6)$  of the coclass-6 forest  $\mathcal{F}(6)$  consists of

- 13  $(3 + 2 + 4 + 4)$  isolated metabelian vertices of order  $3^{13}$  with types F.7, F.11, F.12, F.13,
- 8  $(2 + 3 + 3)$  metabelian roots of finite trees with types G.16, G.19, H.4, together with a metabelian child having a GI-action, which is unique for each root, and 22 metabelian and 38 non-metabelian children without GI-action, all with depth  $\text{dp} = 1$  and  $\text{lo} = 14$ ,
- 66  $(32 + 16 + 18)$  isolated vertices with  $\text{dl} = 3$  and types d.19, d.23, d.25,
- 179 isolated vertices with  $\text{dl} = 3$  and type b.10,
- 23 capable vertices with  $\text{dl} = 3$  and type b.10,  
whose children do not belong to  $\mathcal{F}_0(6)$ , by definition.

The action flag of all metabelian top vertices with depth  $\text{dp} = 0$  is  $\sigma \geq 1$ . The value  $\sigma = 2$  only occurs for all vertices with type b.10, d.25, G.19, and certain vertices with type G.16, H.4, but never for type d.19, d.23, F.7, F.11, F.12, F.13. Exactly the isolated vertices with depth  $\text{dp} = 0$  have an RI-action.

Together with the 6 metabelian roots  $R_i^6$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 6$ , of coclass-6 trees, the  $13 + 8 + 66 + 179 + 23 = 21 + 268$  top vertices of depth  $\text{dp} = 0$  of  $\mathcal{F}_0(6)$  are exactly the  $N_2 = 295$  children of step size  $s = 2$  of the main trunk vertex  $P_{11} = \langle 2187, 64 \rangle - \#2; 33 - \#2; 25$ , and the  $6 + 8 + 23$  capable vertices among them correspond to the invariant  $C_2 = 37$  of  $P_{11}$ .

FIGURE 5. Metabelian interface between the coclass forests  $\mathcal{F}(3)$  and  $\mathcal{F}(4)$



**Proposition 11.2. (Pre-periodic exception.)**

The constitution of the sporadic part  $\mathcal{F}_0(4)$  of the coclass-4 forest  $\mathcal{F}(4)$  with respect to the 21 metabelian top vertices and their 68 children (here with order  $3^9$ , resp.  $lo = 10$ ) is the same as described for  $\mathcal{F}_0(6)$  in Proposition 11.1, but the number of non-metabelian top vertices of depth  $dp = 0$  is bigger, namely

- 88 (40 + 22 + 26) isolated vertices with  $dl = 3$  and types d.19, d.23, d.25,
- 12 (8 + 2 + 2) capable vertices with  $dl = 3$  and types d.19, d.23, d.25, whose children do not belong to  $\mathcal{F}_0(4)$ , by definition,
- 268 isolated vertices with  $dl = 3$  and type b.10,
- 58 capable vertices with  $dl = 3$  and type b.10, whose children do not belong to  $\mathcal{F}_0(4)$ , by definition.

The distribution of the action flags  $\sigma$  is the same as in Proposition 11.1, but the total census of top vertices is considerably bigger:

Together with the 6 metabelian roots  $R_i^4$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 6$ , of coclass-4 trees, the  $13 + 8 + 88 + 12 + 268 + 58 = 21 + 426$  top vertices of depth  $dp = 0$  of  $\mathcal{F}_0(4)$  are exactly the  $N_2 = 453$  children of step size  $s = 2$  of the main trunk vertex  $P_7 = \langle 2187, 64 \rangle$ , and the  $6 + 8 + 12 + 58$  capable vertices among them correspond to the invariant  $C_2 = 84$  of  $P_7$ .



TABLE 1. Data for sporadic 3-groups  $G$  with  $9 \leq n = \log(G) \leq 10$  in the forest  $\mathcal{F}(4)$ 

#	$m, n$	$\rho; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$	dp	dl	$\zeta$	$\mu$	$\nu$	$\tau(1)$	$\tau_2$	Type	$\varkappa$	$\sigma$	#Aut
1	5, 7	0; 0, 0, 0, 0 ( $P_7$ )	0	2	$1^2$	6	4	$2^2$	$21^3$	b.10*	(0043)	$2^*$	$2^3 \cdot 3^{10}$
1	6, 9	0; 0, 0, 0, 0 ( $P_9$ )	0	2	$1^2$	6	2	32	$2^3 1$	b.10*	(0043)	2	$2^3 \cdot 3^{14}$
2	6, 9	0; 0, $\pm 1, 0, 1$	0	2	$1^2$	5	1	32	$2^3 1$	d.19*	(0343)	1	$2 \cdot 3^{14}$
1	6, 9	0; 0, 0, 0, 1	0	2	$1^2$	5	1	32	$2^3 1$	d.23*	(0243)	1	$2 \cdot 3^{14}$
2	6, 9	0; 0, $\pm 1, 0, 0$	0	2	$1^2$	5	1	32	$2^3 1$	d.25*	(0143)	2	$2^2 \cdot 3^{14}$
2	6, 9	0; $-1, \pm(1, 1), 1$	0	2	$1^2$	4	0	32	$2^3 1$	F.7	(3443)	$1^*$	$2^2 \cdot 3^{14}$
1	6, 9	0; 1, 1, $-1, 1$	0	2	$1^2$	4	0	32	$2^3 1$	F.7	(3443)	$1^*$	$2 \cdot 3^{14}$
2	6, 9	0; 1, $\pm 1, 0, 0$	0	2	$1^2$	4	0	32	$2^3 1$	F.11	(1143)	$1^*$	$2 \cdot 3^{14}$
4	6, 9	0; $\pm 1, 0, \pm 1, 1$	0	2	$1^2$	4	0	32	$2^3 1$	F.12	(1343)	$1^*$	$2 \cdot 3^{14}$
4	6, 9	0; 1, $\pm 1, \pm 1, 0$	0	2	$1^2$	4	0	32	$2^3 1$	F.13	(3143)	$1^*$	$2 \cdot 3^{14}$
1	6, 9	0; 1, 0, 0, 1	0	2	$1^2$	5	1	32	$2^3 1$	G.16	(1243)	2	$2^2 \cdot 3^{14}$
1	6, 9	0; $-1, 0, 0, 1$	0	2	$1^2$	5	1	32	$2^3 1$	G.16	(1243)	1	$2^2 \cdot 3^{14}$
2	6, 9	0; 0, $\pm(1, 1), 0$	0	2	$1^2$	5	1	32	$2^3 1$	G.19	(2143)	2	$2^3 \cdot 3^{14}$
1	6, 9	0; 0, 1, $-1, 0$	0	2	$1^2$	5	1	32	$2^3 1$	G.19	(2143)	2	$2^2 \cdot 3^{14}$
2	6, 9	0; 1, $\pm(1, 1), 1$	0	2	$1^2$	5	1	32	$2^3 1$	H.4	(3343)	2	$2^2 \cdot 3^{14}$
1	6, 9	0; $-1, 1, -1, 1$	0	2	$1^2$	5	1	32	$2^3 1$	H.4	(3343)	1	$2 \cdot 3^{14}$
1	7, 10	1; 1, 0, $-1, 1$	1	2	1	4	0	32	$32^2 1$	G.16r	(1243)	$2^*$	$2^2 \cdot 3^{16}$
1	7, 10	$-1; -1, 0, 1, 1$	1	2	1	4	0	32	$2^4$	G.16i	(1243)	$1^*$	$2^2 \cdot 3^{16}$
2	7, 10	1; 0, $\pm 1, 0, 0$	1	2	1	4	0	32	$32^2 1$	G.19r	(2143)	$2^*$	$2^3 \cdot 3^{16}$
1	7, 10	$-1; 0, 1, 0, 0$	1	2	1	4	0	32	$2^4$	G.19i	(2143)	$2^*$	$2^2 \cdot 3^{16}$
2	7, 10	1; 1, $\pm 1, -1, 1$	1	2	1	4	0	32	$32^2 1$	H.4r	(3343)	$2^*$	$2^2 \cdot 3^{16}$
1	7, 10	$-1; -1, 1, 1, 1$	1	2	1	4	0	32	$2^4$	H.4i	(3343)	$1^*$	$2 \cdot 3^{16}$
12	7, 10		1	2	1	4	0	32		G or H		0	$2 \cdot 3^{16}$
10	7, 10		1	2	1	4	0	32		G or H		0	$3^{16}$
8	7, 10		1	3	1	4	0	32	$2^3 1$	G or H		0	$2 \cdot 3^{15}$
20	7, 10		1	3	1	4	0	32	$2^3 1$	G or H		0	$3^{15}$
4	7, 10		1	3	1	4	0	32	$2^3 1$	G.19	(2143)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{14}$
6	7, 10		1	3	1	4	0	32	$2^3 1$	G or H		0	$3^{14}$

**Theorem 11.1.** *The coclass- $r$  forest  $\mathcal{F}(r)$  with any even  $r \geq 4$  is the disjoint union of its finite sporadic part  $\mathcal{F}_0(r)$  with total information content*

$$(11.1) \quad s = \#\mathcal{F}_0(r) = \begin{cases} 515 & \text{if } r = 4, \\ 357 & \text{if } r \geq 6, \text{ even,} \end{cases}$$

and  $t = 6$  infinite coclass- $r$  trees  $\mathcal{T}^r(R_i^r)$  with roots  $R_i^r := P_{2r-1} - \#2; n_i$ , where

$$(n_i)_{1 \leq i \leq 6} = \begin{cases} (33, 39, 44, 54, 57, 59) & \text{for } r = 4, \\ (37, 43, 48, 58, 61, 63) & \text{for } r = 6. \end{cases}$$

The algebraic invariants for groups with positive action flag  $\sigma \geq 1$ , and in cumulative form for  $\sigma = 0$ , are given for  $r = 4$  in Table 1, where the parent vertex  $P_{2r-1} = P_7$  on the main trunk is also included, but the 426 non-metabelian top vertices of depth  $\text{dp} = 0$  are excluded.

*Proof.* (of Propositions 11.1, 11.2, and Theorem 11.1) We have computed the sporadic parts  $\mathcal{F}_0(r)$  of coclass forests  $\mathcal{F}(r)$  with even  $r \geq 4$  up to  $r \leq 20$  by means of MAGMA [17]. Except for the

differences pointed out in the Propositions 11.1 and 11.2, they all share a common graph theoretic structure with  $\mathcal{F}_0(4)$ . The forest  $\mathcal{F}(4)$  contains 6 roots of infinite coclass trees with metabelian mainlines (a unique root  $R_1^4$  of type b and five roots  $R_2^4, \dots, R_6^4$  of type d), namely

$$R_1^4 = P_9 = G_0^{6,9}(0, 0, 0, 0) \simeq P_7 - \#2; 33, \quad R_2^4 = G_0^{6,9}(0, -1, 0, 1) \simeq P_7 - \#2; 39,$$

$$R_3^4 = G_0^{6,9}(0, 1, 0, 1) \simeq P_7 - \#2; 44, \quad R_4^4 = G_0^{6,9}(0, 0, 0, 1) \simeq P_7 - \#2; 54,$$

$$R_5^4 = G_0^{6,9}(0, 1, 0, 0) \simeq P_7 - \#2; 57, \quad R_6^4 = G_0^{6,9}(0, -1, 0, 0) \simeq P_7 - \#2; 59,$$

which give rise to the periodic part of  $\mathcal{F}(4)$ , and 51 sporadic metabelian groups of type F, G or H. Among the groups of the sporadic part  $\mathcal{F}_0(4)$ , there are 13 isolated metabelian vertices with type F, and 8 metabelian roots of finite trees with type G or H and tree depth 1, each with a *unique metabelian* child having  $\sigma \geq 1$ . The other  $60 = 8 + 6 + 5 + 5 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 12$  children with  $\sigma = 0$ , of which  $22 = 3 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 3 + 3 + 3 + 4$  are metabelian and  $38 = 5 + 4 + 3 + 3 + 5 + 5 + 5 + 8$  have derived length 3, are *omitted* in the forest diagram, Figure 5. Additionally,  $\mathcal{F}_0(4)$ , respectively  $\mathcal{F}_0(6)$ , contains 426, respectively 268, non-metabelian top vertices, which gives a total information content  $s = \#\mathcal{F}_0(r)$  of  $515 = 426 + 21 + 68$ , respectively  $357 = 268 + 21 + 68$ , representatives. The difference is an excess of  $158 = 515 - 357$  vertices in  $\mathcal{F}_0(6)$ .

The metabelian skeleton of both,  $\mathcal{F}_0(4)$  and  $\mathcal{F}_0(6)$ , consists of  $51 = 13 + (8 + 8 + 22)$  vertices. The results for metabelian groups are in accordance with the fourth tree diagram  $e \geq 5$ ,  $e \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , in [7, fourth double page between pp. 191–192]. The metabelian groups in Table 1 correspond to the representatives of isomorphism classes in [28, pp. 36–38 and 42–45].  $\square$

### 11.1. The unique mainline of type b.10\* for even coclass $r \geq 4$ .

#### Proposition 11.3. (*Periodicity and descendant numbers.*)

The branches  $\mathcal{B}(i)$ ,  $i \geq n_* = 9$ , of the coclass-4 tree  $\mathcal{T}^4((2187, 64) - \#2; 33)$  with mainline vertices of transfer kernel type b.10\*,  $\varkappa \sim (0043)$ , are periodic with pre-period length  $\ell_* = 1$  and with primitive period length  $\ell = 2$ , that is,  $\mathcal{B}(i+2) \simeq \mathcal{B}(i)$  are isomorphic as digraphs, for all  $i \geq p_* = n_* + \ell_* = 10$ .

The graph theoretic structure of the tree is determined uniquely by the numbers  $N_1$  of immediate descendants and  $C_1$  of capable immediate descendants of the mainline vertices  $m_n$  with logarithmic order  $n = \text{lo}(m_n) \geq n_* = 9$ :

$$(N_1, C_1) = (21, 1) \text{ for the root } m_9 \text{ with } n = 9,$$

$$(N_1, C_1) = (30, 1) \text{ for all mainline vertices } m_n \text{ with even logarithmic order } n \geq 10,$$

$$(N_1, C_1) = (27, 1) \text{ for all mainline vertices } m_n \text{ with odd logarithmic order } n \geq 11.$$

*Proof.* (of Proposition 11.3) The statements concerning the numbers  $N_1(m_n)$  of immediate descendants of the mainline vertices  $m_n$  with  $n \geq n_* = 9$  have been obtained by direct computation with MAGMA [17], where the  $p$ -group generation algorithm by Newman and O'Brien [12, 13, 14] is implemented. In detail, we proved that there are

4, resp. 6, metabelian vertices with bicyclic centre  $\zeta = 1^2$ , resp. cyclic centre  $\zeta = 1$ , and

5, resp. 6, non-metabelian vertices with  $\zeta = 1^2$ , resp.  $\zeta = 1$ ,

together 21 vertices (10 of them metabelian) in the pre-periodic branch  $\mathcal{B}(9)$ ,

and the primitive period  $(\mathcal{B}(10), \mathcal{B}(11))$  of length  $\ell = 2$  consists of

6, resp. 6, metabelian vertices with  $\zeta = 1^2$ , resp.  $\zeta = 1$ , and

9, resp. 9, non-metabelian vertices with  $\zeta = 1^2$ , resp.  $\zeta = 1$ ,

together 30 vertices (12 of them metabelian) in branch  $\mathcal{B}(10)$ , and

4, resp. 8, metabelian vertices with  $\zeta = 1^2$ , resp.  $\zeta = 1$ , and

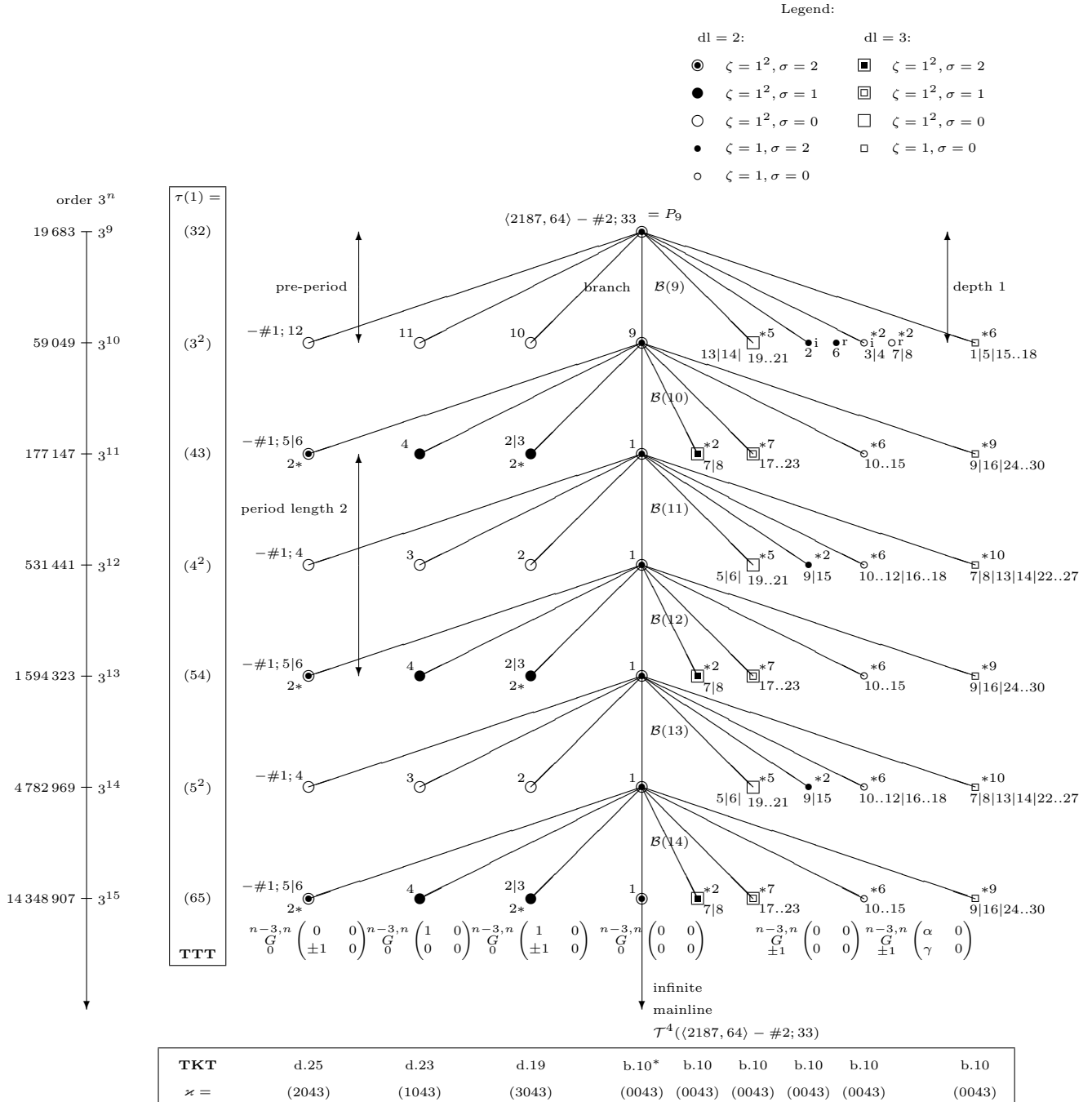
5, resp. 10, non-metabelian vertices with  $\zeta = 1^2$ , resp.  $\zeta = 1$ ,

together 27 vertices (12 of them metabelian) in branch  $\mathcal{B}(11)$ .

The results concerning the metabelian skeleton confirm the corresponding statements in the dissertation of Nebelung [7, Thm. 5.1.16, pp. 178–179, and the fourth Figure,  $e \geq 5$ ,  $e \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ], on the double page between pp. 191–192]. The tree  $\mathcal{T}^4 P_9$  corresponds to the infinite metabelian pro-3 group  $S_{3,1}$  in [6, Cnj. 15 (b), p. 116]. Although every branch contains 12 metabelian vertices, the primitive period length is  $\ell = 2$  rather than  $\ell = 1$ , even for the metabelian skeleton, since the constitution  $12 = 6 + 6$  of branch  $\mathcal{B}(10)$  is different from  $12 = 4 + 8$  for branch  $\mathcal{B}(11)$ , as proved above.

The claim of the virtual periodicity of branches has been proved generally for any coclass tree by du Sautoy [1], and independently by Eick and Leedham-Green [2]. Here, the strict periodicity was confirmed by computation up to branch  $\mathcal{B}(31)$  and undoubtedly sets in at  $p_* = 10$ .  $\square$

FIGURE 6. The unique coclass-4 tree  $\mathcal{T}^4 P_9$  with mainline of type b.10\*



**Theorem 11.2. (Graph theoretic and algebraic invariants.)**

The coclass-4 tree  $\mathcal{T} := \mathcal{T}^4 P_9$  of finite 3-groups  $G$  with coclass  $\text{cc}(G) = 4$  which arises from the metabelian root  $P_9 := \langle 2187, 64 \rangle - \#2; 33$  has the following graph theoretic properties.

- (1) The pre-period  $(\mathcal{B}(9))$  of length  $\ell_* = 1$  is irregular.
- (2) The cardinality of the irregular branch is  $\#\mathcal{B}(9) = 21$ .
- (3) The branches  $\mathcal{B}(i)$ ,  $i \geq p_* = 10$ , are periodic with primitive period  $(\mathcal{B}(10), \mathcal{B}(11))$  of length  $\ell = 2$ .
- (4) The cardinalities of the regular branches are  $\#\mathcal{B}(10) = 30$  and  $\#\mathcal{B}(11) = 27$ .
- (5) Depth, width, and information content of the tree are given by

$$(11.2) \quad \text{dp}(\mathcal{T}^4 P_9) = 1, \quad \text{wd}(\mathcal{T}^4 P_9) = 30, \quad \text{and} \quad \text{IC}(\mathcal{T}^4 P_9) = 78.$$

The algebraic invariants of the groups represented by vertices forming the pre-period  $(\mathcal{B}(9))$  and the primitive period  $(\mathcal{B}(10), \mathcal{B}(11))$  of the tree are given in Table 2. The leading six branches  $\mathcal{B}(9), \dots, \mathcal{B}(14)$  are drawn in Figure 6.

**Remark 11.1.** The algebraic information in Table 2 is visualized in Figure 6. By periodic continuation, the figure shows more branches than the table but less details concerning the exact order  $\#\text{Aut}$  of the automorphism group.

*Proof.* (of Theorem 11.2) According to Proposition 11.3, the logarithmic order of the tree root, respectively of the periodic root, is  $n_* = 9$ , respectively  $p_* = n_* + \ell_* = 10$ .

Since  $C_1(m_n) = 1$  for all mainline vertices  $m_n$  with  $n \geq n_*$ , according to Proposition 11.3, the unique capable child of  $m_n$  is  $m_{n+1}$ , and each branch has depth  $\text{dp}(\mathcal{B}(n)) = 1$ , for  $n \geq n_*$ . Consequently, the tree is also of depth  $\text{dp}(\mathcal{T}) = 1$ .

With the aid of Formula (5.9) in Theorem 5.1, the claims (2) and (4) are consequences of Proposition 11.3:

$$\#\mathcal{B}(9) = N_1(m_9) = 21, \quad \#\mathcal{B}(10) = N_1(m_{10}) = 30, \quad \text{and} \quad \#\mathcal{B}(11) = N_1(m_{11}) = 27.$$

According to Formula (5.13) in Corollary 5.1, where  $n$  runs from  $n_* + 1 = 10$  to  $n_* + \ell_* + \ell + 0 = 12$ , the tree width is the maximum  $\text{wd}(\mathcal{T}) = 30$  of the expressions  $N_1(m_9) = 21$ ,  $N_1(m_{10}) = 30$ , and  $N_1(m_{11}) = 27$ .

The information content of the tree is given by Formula (5.17) in the Definition 5.3:

$$\text{IC}(\mathcal{T}) = \#\mathcal{B}(9) + (\#\mathcal{B}(10) + \#\mathcal{B}(11)) = 21 + (30 + 27) = 78.$$

The algebraic invariants in Table 2, that is, depth  $\text{dp}$ , derived length  $\text{dl}$ , abelian type invariants of the centre  $\zeta$ , relation rank  $\mu$ , nuclear rank  $\nu$ , abelian quotient invariants  $\tau(1)$  of the first maximal subgroup, respectively  $\tau_2$  of the commutator subgroup, transfer kernel type  $\varkappa$ , action flag  $\sigma$ , and the factorized order  $\#\text{Aut}$  of the automorphism group have been computed by means of program scripts written for MAGMA [17].

Each group is characterized by the parameters of the normalized representative  $G_\rho^{m,n}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta)$  of its isomorphism class, according to Formula (9.2), and by its identifier  $\langle 3^n, i \rangle$  in the SmallGroups Database [19].

The column with header  $\#$  contains the number of groups with identical invariants (except the presentation), for each row.  $\square$

**Corollary 11.1. (Actions and relation ranks.)** The algebraic invariants of the vertices of the structured coclass-4 tree  $\mathcal{T}^4 P_9$  are listed in Table 2. In particular:

- (1) The groups with  $V_4$ -action are all mainline vertices  $G_0^{n-3,n} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $n \geq 9$ , the two terminal vertices  $G_0^{n-3,n} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \pm 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  with odd  $n \geq 11$ , the two terminal vertices  $G_{\pm 1}^{n-3,n} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  with even  $n \geq 10$ , and two terminal non-metabelian vertices with odd  $n \geq 11$ .
- (2) With respect to the kernel types, all mainline groups of type b.10\*,  $\varkappa = (0043)$ , the two leaves of type d.25,  $\varkappa \sim (2043)$ , with every odd logarithmic order, two distinguished metabelian leaves of type b.10 with every even logarithmic order, and two distinguished non-metabelian leaves of type b.10 with every odd logarithmic order possess a  $V_4$ -action.
- (3) The relation rank is given by  $\mu = 6$  for the mainline vertices  $G_0^{n-3,n} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $n \geq 9$ , and  $\mu = 5$  otherwise. There do not occur any RI-actions.

TABLE 2. Data for 3-groups  $G$  with  $9 \leq n = \log(G) \leq 12$  of the coclass tree  $\mathcal{T}^4 P_9$ 

#	$m, n$	$\rho; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$	dp	dl	$\zeta$	$\mu$	$\nu$	$\tau(1)$	$\tau_2$	Type	$\varkappa$	$\sigma$	#Aut
1	6,9	0; 0, 0, 0, 0	0	2	$1^2$	6	2	32	$2^3 1$	b.10*	(0043)	2	$2^3 \cdot 3^{14}$
1	7,10	0; 0, 0, 0, 0	0	2	$1^2$	6	1	$3^2$	$32^2 1$	b.10*	(0043)	2	$2^2 \cdot 3^{16}$
1	7,10	0; 1, 0, 1, 0	1	2	$1^2$	5	0	$3^2$	$32^2 1$	d.19	(3043)	0	$3^{16}$
1	7,10	0; 1, 0, 0, 0	1	2	$1^2$	5	0	$3^2$	$32^2 1$	d.23	(1043)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{16}$
1	7,10	0; 0, 0, 1, 0	1	2	$1^2$	5	0	$3^2$	$32^2 1$	d.25	(2043)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{16}$
1	7,10	1; 0, 0, 0, 0	1	2	1	5	0	32	$32^2 1$	b.10r	(0043)	2	$2^3 \cdot 3^{16}$
2	7,10	1; $\alpha, 0, \gamma, 0$	1	2	1	5	0	32	$32^2 1$	b.10r	(0043)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{16}$
1	7,10	-1; 0, 0, 0, 0	1	2	1	5	0	32	$2^4$	b.10i	(0043)	2	$2^3 \cdot 3^{16}$
2	7,10	-1; $\alpha, 0, \gamma, 0$	1	2	1	5	0	32	$2^4$	b.10i	(0043)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{16}$
3	7,10		1	3	$1^2$	5	0	32	$2^3 1$	b.10	(0043)	0	$3^{15}$
2	7,10		1	3	$1^2$	5	0	32	$2^3 1$	b.10	(0043)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{14}$
2	7,10		1	3	1	5	0	32	$2^3 1$	b.10	(0043)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{15}$
2	7,10		1	3	1	5	0	32	$2^3 1$	b.10	(0043)	0	$3^{15}$
2	7,10		1	3	1	5	0	32	$2^3 1$	b.10	(0043)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{14}$
1	8,11	0; 0, 0, 0, 0	0	2	$1^2$	6	1	43	$3^2 2 1$	b.10*	(0043)	2	$2^2 \cdot 3^{18}$
2	8,11	0; 1, 0, $\pm 1, 0$	1	2	$1^2$	5	0	43	$3^2 2 1$	d.19	(3043)	1	$2 \cdot 3^{18}$
1	8,11	0; 1, 0, 0, 0	1	2	$1^2$	5	0	43	$3^2 2 1$	d.23	(1043)	1	$2 \cdot 3^{18}$
2	8,11	0; 0, 0, $\pm 1, 0$	1	2	$1^2$	5	0	43	$3^2 2 1$	d.25	(2043)	2	$2^2 \cdot 3^{18}$
3	8,11	$\pm 1; \alpha, 0, \gamma, 0$	1	2	1	5	0	$3^2$	$3^2 2 1$	b.10	(0043)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{18}$
3	8,11	$\pm 1; \alpha, 0, \gamma, 0$	1	2	1	5	0	$3^2$	$3^2 2 1$	b.10	(0043)	0	$3^{18}$
6	8,11		1	3	$1^2$	5	0	$3^2$	$32^2 1$	b.10	(0043)	1	$2 \cdot 3^{17}$
2	8,11		1	3	$1^2$	5	0	$3^2$	$32^2 1$	b.10	(0043)	2	$2^2 \cdot 3^{16}$
1	8,11		1	3	$1^2$	5	0	$3^2$	$32^2 1$	b.10	(0043)	1	$2 \cdot 3^{16}$
6	8,11		1	3	1	5	0	$3^2$	$32^2 1$	b.10	(0043)	0	$3^{17}$
2	8,11		1	3	1	5	0	$3^2$	$32^2 1$	b.10	(0043)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{16}$
1	8,11		1	3	1	5	0	$3^2$	$32^2 1$	b.10	(0043)	0	$3^{16}$
1	9,12	0; 0, 0, 0, 0	0	2	$1^2$	6	1	$4^2$	4321	b.10*	(0043)	2	$2^2 \cdot 3^{20}$
1	9,12	0; 1, 0, 1, 0	1	2	$1^2$	5	0	$4^2$	4321	d.19	(3043)	0	$3^{20}$
1	9,12	0; 1, 0, 0, 0	1	2	$1^2$	5	0	$4^2$	4321	d.23	(1043)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{20}$
1	9,12	0; 0, 0, 1, 0	1	2	$1^2$	5	0	$4^2$	4321	d.25	(2043)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{20}$
2	9,12	$\pm 1; 0, 0, 0, 0$	1	2	1	5	0	43	4321	b.10	(0043)	2	$2^2 \cdot 3^{20}$
4	9,12	$\pm 1; \alpha, 0, \gamma, 0$	1	2	1	5	0	43	4321	b.10	(0043)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{20}$
2	9,12	$\pm 1; 1, 0, 1, 0$	1	2	1	5	0	43	4321	b.10	(0043)	0	$3^{20}$
3	9,12		1	3	$1^2$	5	0	43	$3^2 2 1$	b.10	(0043)	0	$3^{19}$
2	9,12		1	3	$1^2$	5	0	43	$3^2 2 1$	b.10	(0043)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{18}$
6	9,12		1	3	1	5	0	43	$3^2 2 1$	b.10	(0043)	0	$3^{19}$
4	9,12		1	3	1	5	0	43	$3^2 2 1$	b.10	(0043)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{18}$

*Proof.* (of Corollary 11.1) The existence of an RI-action on  $G$  has been checked by means of an algorithm involving the  $p$ -covering group of  $G$ , written for MAGMA [17]. The other claims follow immediately from Table 2, continued indefinitely with the aid of the periodicity in Prop. 11.3.  $\square$

TABLE 3. Data for 3-groups  $G$  with  $9 \leq n = \log(G) \leq 12$  of the coclass tree  $\mathcal{T}^4 R_2^4$ 

#	$m, n$	$\rho; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$	dp	dl	$\zeta$	$\mu$	$\nu$	$\tau(1)$	$\tau_2$	Type	$\varkappa$	$\sigma$	#Aut
1	6, 9	0; 0, -1, 0, 1	0	2	1 <sup>2</sup>	5	1	3 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>3</sup> 1	d.19*	(0343)	1	2 · 3 <sup>14</sup>
1	7, 10	0; 0, -1, 0, 1	0	2	1 <sup>2</sup>	5	1	3 <sup>2</sup>	32 <sup>2</sup> 1	d.19*	(0343)	1*	2 · 3 <sup>16</sup>
1	7, 10	0; 1, -1, 1, 1	1	2	1 <sup>2</sup>	4	0	3 <sup>2</sup>	32 <sup>2</sup> 1	F.7	(4343)	0	3 <sup>16</sup>
1	7, 10	0; 1, -1, 0, 1	1	2	1 <sup>2</sup>	4	0	3 <sup>2</sup>	32 <sup>2</sup> 1	F.12	(1343)	0	3 <sup>16</sup>
1	7, 10	0; 0, -1, 1, 1	1	2	1 <sup>2</sup>	4	0	3 <sup>2</sup>	32 <sup>2</sup> 1	F.13	(2343)	0	3 <sup>16</sup>
1	7, 10	0; 1, -1, -1, 1	1	2	1 <sup>2</sup>	5	1	3 <sup>2</sup>	32 <sup>2</sup> 1	H.4	(3343)	0	3 <sup>16</sup>
6	7, 10		1	3	1 <sup>2</sup>	4	0	32	2 <sup>3</sup> 1	d.19	(0343)	0	3 <sup>15</sup>
2	7, 10		1	3	1 <sup>2</sup>	4	0	32	2 <sup>3</sup> 1	d.19	(0343)	0	3 <sup>14</sup>
9	8, 11	$\pm 1; \alpha, -1, \gamma, 1$	2	2	1	4	0	3 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup> 21	H.4	(3343)	0	3 <sup>18</sup>
12	8, 11		2	3	1	4	0	3 <sup>2</sup>	32 <sup>2</sup> 1	H.4	(3343)	0	3 <sup>17</sup>
4	8, 11		2	3	1	4	0	3 <sup>2</sup>	32 <sup>2</sup> 1	H.4	(3343)	0	3 <sup>16</sup>
1	8, 11	0; 0, -1, 0, 1	0	2	1 <sup>2</sup>	5	1	43	3 <sup>2</sup> 21	d.19*	(0343)	1	2 · 3 <sup>18</sup>
2	8, 11	0; $\pm 1, -1, \pm 1, 1$	1	2	1 <sup>2</sup>	4	0	43	3 <sup>2</sup> 21	F.7	(4343)	1*	2 · 3 <sup>18</sup>
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2	8, 11	0; 0, -1, $\pm 1, 1$	1	2	1 <sup>2</sup>	4	0	43	3 <sup>2</sup> 21	F.13	(2343)	1*	2 · 3 <sup>18</sup>
2	8, 11	0; $\pm 1, -1, \mp 1, 1$	1	2	1 <sup>2</sup>	5	1	43	3 <sup>2</sup> 21	H.4	(3343)	1	2 · 3 <sup>18</sup>
12	8, 11		1	3	1 <sup>2</sup>	4	0	3 <sup>2</sup>	32 <sup>2</sup> 1	d.19	(0343)	1*	2 · 3 <sup>17</sup>
4	8, 11		1	3	1 <sup>2</sup>	4	0	3 <sup>2</sup>	32 <sup>2</sup> 1	d.19	(0343)	1*	2 · 3 <sup>16</sup>
2	9, 12	$\pm 1; 0, -1, 0, 1$	2	2	1	4	0	43	4321	H.4	(3343)	1*	2 · 3 <sup>20</sup>
8	9, 12	$\pm 1; \alpha, -1, \gamma, 1$	2	2	1	4	0	43	4321	H.4	(3343)	0	3 <sup>20</sup>
12	9, 12		2	3	1	4	0	43	3 <sup>2</sup> 21	H.4	(3343)	0	3 <sup>19</sup>
4	9, 12		2	3	1	4	0	43	3 <sup>2</sup> 21	H.4	(3343)	0	3 <sup>18</sup>

### 11.2. Two mainlines of type d.19\* for even coclass $r \geq 4$ .

#### Proposition 11.4. (Periodicity and descendant numbers.)

The branches  $\mathcal{B}(i)$ ,  $i \geq n_* = 9$ , of the first coclass-4 tree  $\mathcal{T}^4(P_7 - \#2; 39)$  with mainline vertices of transfer kernel type d.19\*,  $\varkappa \sim (0343)$ , are purely periodic with primitive length  $\ell = 2$  and without pre-period,  $\ell_* = 0$ , that is,  $\mathcal{B}(i+2) \simeq \mathcal{B}(i)$  are isomorphic as digraphs, for all  $i \geq p_* = n_* + \ell_* = 9$ .

The graph theoretic structure of the tree is determined uniquely by the numbers  $N_1$  of immediate descendants and  $C_1$  of capable immediate descendants of the mainline vertices  $m_n$  with logarithmic order  $n = \log(m_n) \geq n_* = 9$  and of capable vertices  $v$  with depth 1 and  $\log(v) \geq n_* + 1 = 10$ :

$(N_1, C_1) = (13, 2)$  for mainline vertices  $m_n$  with odd logarithmic order  $n \geq 9$ ,

$(N_1, C_1) = (25, 3)$  for mainline vertices  $m_n$  with even logarithmic order  $n \geq 10$ ,

$(N_1, C_1) = (25, 0)$  for the capable vertex  $v$  of depth 1 and even logarithmic order  $\log(v) \geq 10$ ,

$(N_1, C_1) = (13, 0)$  for two capable vertices  $v$  of depth 1 and odd logarithmic order  $\log(v) \geq 11$ .

*Proof.* (of Proposition 11.4) The statements concerning the numbers  $N_1(m_n)$  of immediate descendants of the mainline vertices  $m_n$  with  $n \geq n_* = 9$ , and  $N_1(v)$  of vertices with depth  $\text{dp}(v) = 1$  and logarithmic order  $\log(v) \geq n_* + 1 = 10$ , have been obtained by direct computation with the  $p$ -group generation algorithm [12, 13, 14] in MAGMA [17]. In detail, we proved that there is no pre-period,  $\ell_* = 0$ , and the primitive period  $(\mathcal{B}(9), \mathcal{B}(10))$  of length  $\ell = 2$  consists of

5, resp. 9, metabelian vertices with  $\zeta = 1^2$ , resp.  $\zeta = 1$ , and

8, resp. 16, non-metabelian vertices with  $\zeta = 1^2$ , resp.  $\zeta = 1$ ,

(13 = 5 + 8 children of  $m_9$ , and 25 = 9 + 16 children of  $v_2(m_9)$  with depth 1)

together 38 vertices (14 of them metabelian) in branch  $\mathcal{B}(9)$ , and

9, resp. 10, metabelian vertices with  $\zeta = 1^2$ , resp.  $\zeta = 1$ , and

16, resp. 16, non-metabelian vertices with  $\zeta = 1^2$ , resp.  $\zeta = 1$ , (25 = 9 + 16 children of  $m_{10}$ , and 26 = 2 · (5 + 8) children of  $v_{2,3}(m_{10})$ , both with depth 1) together 51 vertices (19 of them metabelian) in branch  $\mathcal{B}(10)$ .

The results concerning the metabelian skeleton confirm the corresponding statements in the dissertation of Nebelung [7, Thm. 5.1.16, pp. 178–179, and the fourth Figure,  $e \geq 5$ ,  $e \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ], on the double page between pp. 191–192]. The tree  $\mathcal{T}^4 R_2^4$  corresponds to the infinite metabelian pro-3 group  $S_{3,4}$  in [6, Cnj. 15 (b), p. 116].

The claim of the virtual periodicity of branches has been proved generally for any coclass tree in [1] and [2]. Here, the strict periodicity was confirmed by computation up to branch  $\mathcal{B}(30)$  and undoubtedly sets in at  $p_* = 9$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 11.3. (Graph theoretic and algebraic invariants.)**

The coclass-4 tree  $\mathcal{T} := \mathcal{T}^4 R_2^4$  of 3-groups  $G$  with coclass  $\text{cc}(G) = 4$  which arises from the metabelian root  $R_2^4 := \langle 2187, 64 \rangle - \#2; 39$  has the following abstract graph theoretic properties.

- (1) The branches  $\mathcal{B}(i)$ ,  $i \geq n_* = 9$ , are purely periodic with primitive period  $(\mathcal{B}(9), \mathcal{B}(10))$  of length  $\ell = 2$ .
- (2) The cardinalities of the periodic branches are  $\#\mathcal{B}(9) = 38$  and  $\#\mathcal{B}(10) = 51$ .
- (3) Depth, width, and information content of the tree are given by

$$(11.3) \quad \text{dp}(\mathcal{T}^4 R_2^4) = 2, \quad \text{wd}(\mathcal{T}^4 R_2^4) = 50, \quad \text{and} \quad \text{IC}(\mathcal{T}^4 R_2^4) = 89.$$

The algebraic invariants of the vertices forming the primitive period  $(\mathcal{B}(9), \mathcal{B}(10))$  of the tree are given in Table 3. The six leading branches  $\mathcal{B}(9), \dots, \mathcal{B}(14)$  are drawn in Figure 7.

*Proof.* (of Theorem 11.3) Since every mainline vertex  $m_n$  of the tree  $\mathcal{T}$  has several capable children,  $C_1(m_n) \geq 2$ , but every capable vertex  $v$  of depth 1 has only terminal children,  $C_1(v) = 0$ , according to Proposition 11.4, the depth of the tree is  $\text{dp}(\mathcal{T}) = 2$ . In this case, the cardinality of a branch  $\mathcal{B}$  is the sum of the number  $N_1(m_n)$  of immediate descendants of the branch root  $m_n$  and the numbers  $N_1(v_i)$  of terminal children of capable vertices  $v_i$  of depth 1 with  $2 \leq i \leq C_1(m_n)$  (excluding the next mainline vertex  $v_1 = m_{n+1}$ ), according to Formula (5.10), that is,

$$\#\mathcal{B} = N_1(m_n) + \sum_{i=2}^{C_1(m_n)} N_1(v_i).$$

Applied to the primitive period, this yields  $\#\mathcal{B}(9) = 13 + 25 = 38$ ,  $\#\mathcal{B}(10) = 25 + 13 + 13 = 51$ . According to Formula (5.14), the width of the tree is the maximum of all sums of the shape

$$\#\text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{T} = \#\{v \in \mathcal{T} \mid \text{lo}(v) = n\} = N_1(m_{n-1}) + \sum_{i=1}^{C_1(m_{n-2})} N_1(v_i(m_{n-2})),$$

taken over all branch roots  $m_n$  with logarithmic orders  $n_* + 2 \leq n \leq n_* + \ell_* + \ell + 1$ . Applied to  $n_* = 9$ ,  $\ell_* = 0$ , and  $\ell = 2$ , this yields  $\text{wd}(\mathcal{T}) = \max(25 + 25, 13 + 13 + 13) = \max(50, 39) = 50$ .

Finally, we have  $\text{IC}(\mathcal{T}) = \#\mathcal{B}(9) + \#\mathcal{B}(10) = 38 + 51 = 89$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 11.2. (Actions and relation ranks.)** The algebraic invariants of the vertices of the structured coclass-4 tree  $\mathcal{T}^4 R_2^4$  are listed in Table 3. In particular:

- (1) There are no groups with  $V_4$ -action.
- (2) Two distinguished terminal metabelian vertices of depth 2 with even class and type H.4, all terminal vertices of depth 1 with odd class, and the mainline vertices with even class, possess an RI-action.

- (3) The relation rank is given by  $\mu = 5$  for the mainline vertices  $\begin{matrix} n-3, n \\ G \\ 0 \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  with  $n \geq 9$ ,

and the capable vertices  $\begin{matrix} n-3, n \\ G \\ 0 \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} \pm 1 & -1 \\ \mp 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  of depth 1 with  $n \geq 10$ , and  $\mu = 4$  otherwise.

*Proof.* (of Corollary 11.2) The existence of an RI-action on  $G$  has been checked by means of an algorithm involving the  $p$ -covering group of  $G$ , written for MAGMA [17]. The other claims follow immediately from Table 3, continued indefinitely with the aid of the periodicity in Prop. 11.4.  $\square$

**Theorem 11.4. (Strict isomorphism of the two trees.)**

Viewed as an algebraically structured infinite digraph, the second coclass-4 tree  $\mathcal{T}^4(\langle 2187, 64 \rangle - \#2; 44)$  with mainline of type d.19\* in Figure 8 is **strictly** isomorphic to the first coclass-4 tree

FIGURE 7. The first coclass-4 tree  $\mathcal{T}^4(P_7 - \#2; 39)$  with mainline of type d.19\*

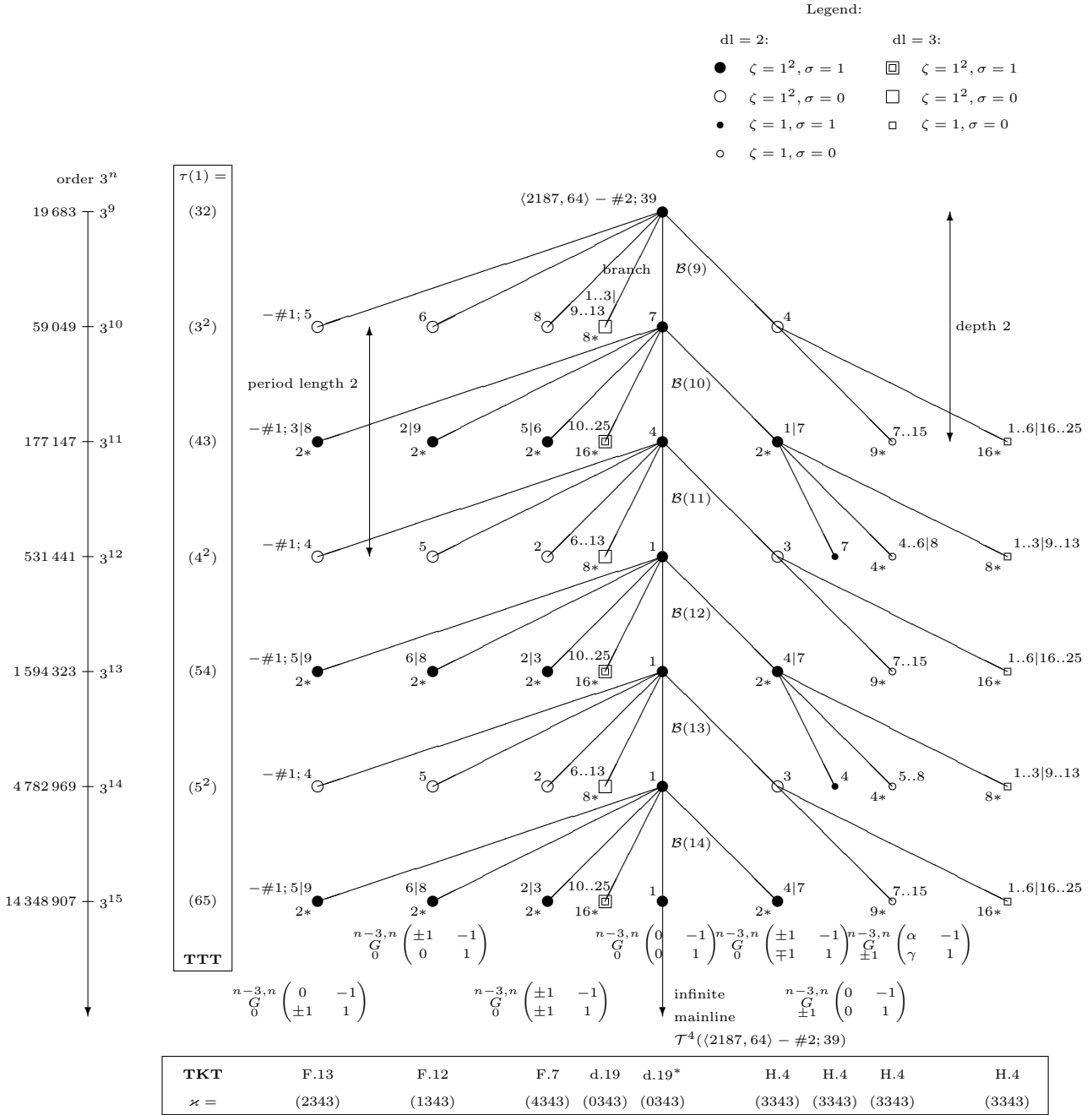
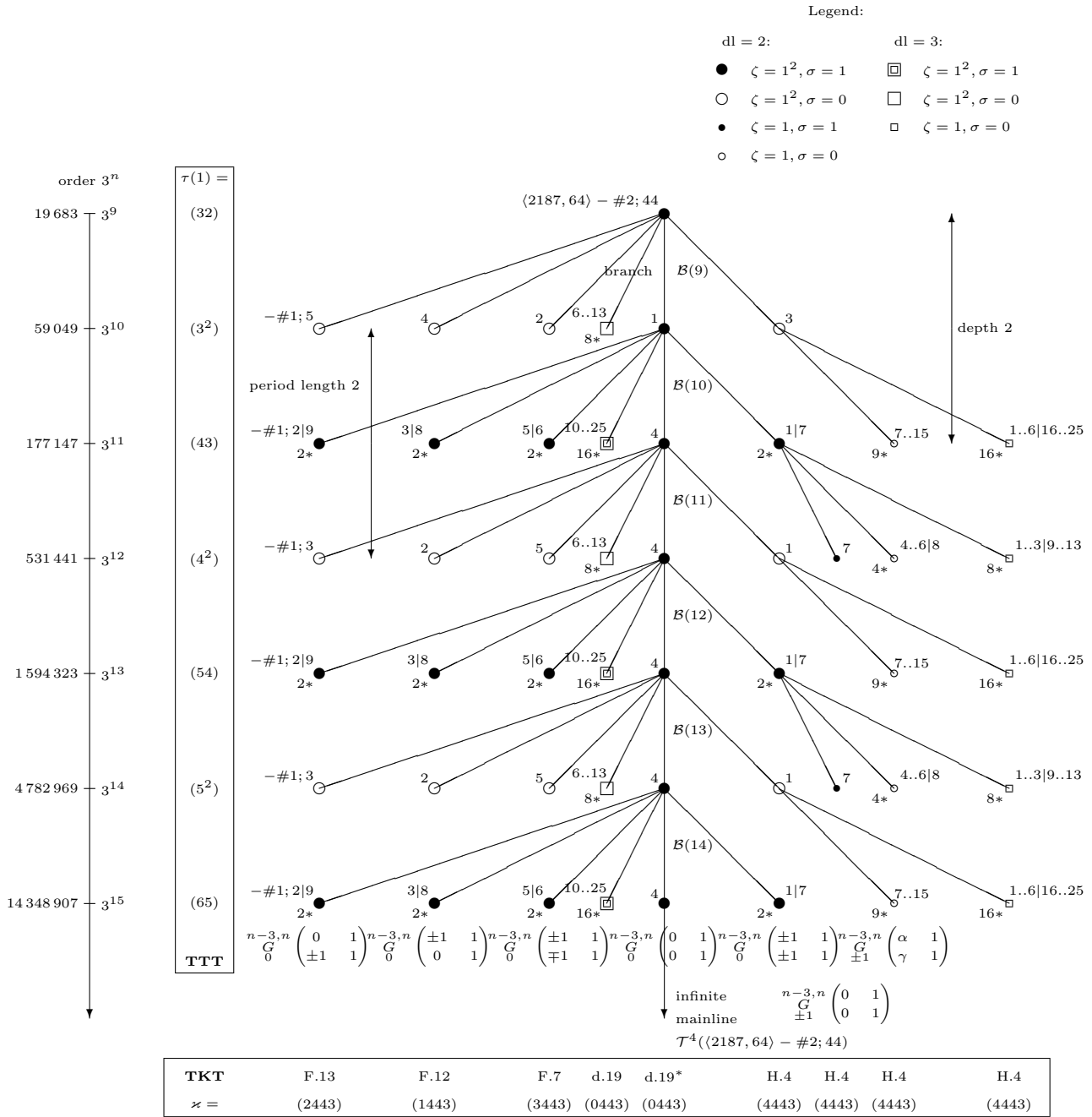




FIGURE 8. The second coclass-4 tree  $\mathcal{T}^4(P_7 - \#2; 44)$  with mainline of type d.19\*



$\mathcal{T}^4((2187, 64) - \#2; 39)$  with mainline of type d.19\* in Figure 7. Only the presentations of corresponding vertices are different, but they share common algebraic invariants.

*Proof.* (Proof of Theorem 11.3 and Theorem 11.4) The claims have been verified with the aid of MAGMA [17] for all vertices  $v$  with logarithmic orders  $9 \leq \text{lo}(v) \leq 31$ . Pure periodicity of branches with primitive length 2 sets in from the very beginning with  $\mathcal{B}(9) \simeq \mathcal{B}(11)$ . There is no pre-period. Thus, the claims for all vertices  $v$  with logarithmic orders  $\text{lo}(v) \geq 32$  are a consequence of the virtual periodicity theorems by du Sautoy in [1, Thm. 1.11, p. 68, and Thm. 8.3, p. 103]

and by Eick and Leedham-Green in [2, Thm. 6, p. 277, Thm. 9, p. 278, and Thm. 29, p. 287], without the need of pruning the depth, which is bounded uniformly by 2.  $\square$

### 11.3. The unique mainline of type d.23\* for even coclass $r \geq 4$ .

#### Proposition 11.5. (A special nearly strict isomorphism.)

Viewed as an algebraically structured infinite digraph, the unique coclass-4 tree  $\mathcal{T}^4(\langle 2187, 64 \rangle - \#2; 54)$  with mainline of type d.23\* in Figure 9 is **almost strictly** isomorphic to the first coclass-4 tree  $\mathcal{T}^4(\langle 2187, 64 \rangle - \#2; 39)$  with mainline of type d.19\* in Figure 7, and thus also to the second coclass-4 tree  $\mathcal{T}^4(\langle 2187, 64 \rangle - \#2; 44)$  with mainline of type d.19\* in Figure 8. Only the presentations of corresponding vertices are different, but they share common algebraic invariants, with the **transfer kernel types as single exception**: the nearly strict isomorphism of directed trees maps d.23\*  $\mapsto$  d.19\*, G.16  $\mapsto$  H.4, F.11  $\mapsto$  F.7, and F.12 either remains fixed or F.12  $\mapsto$  F.13.

*Proof.* This follows immediately from comparing Table 4 with Table 3, and using periodicity.  $\square$

TABLE 4. Data for 3-groups  $G$  with  $9 \leq n = \log(G) \leq 12$  of the coclass tree  $\mathcal{T}^4 R_4^4$

#	$m, n$	$\rho; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$	dp	dl	$\zeta$	$\mu$	$\nu$	$\tau(1)$	$\tau_2$	Type	$\varkappa$	$\sigma$	#Aut
1	6, 9	0; 0, 0, 0, 1	0	2	1 <sup>2</sup>	5	1	32	2 <sup>3</sup> 1	d.23*	(0243)	1	2 · 3 <sup>14</sup>
1	7, 10	0; 0, 0, 0, 1	0	2	1 <sup>2</sup>	5	1	3 <sup>2</sup>	32 <sup>2</sup> 1	d.23*	(0243)	1*	2 · 3 <sup>16</sup>
1	7, 10	0; 1, 0, 1, 1	1	2	1 <sup>2</sup>	4	0	3 <sup>2</sup>	32 <sup>2</sup> 1	F.11	(2243)	0	3 <sup>16</sup>
1	7, 10	0; 1, 0, 0, 1	1	2	1 <sup>2</sup>	4	0	3 <sup>2</sup>	32 <sup>2</sup> 1	F.12	(3243)	0	3 <sup>16</sup>
1	7, 10	0; 0, 0, 1, 1	1	2	1 <sup>2</sup>	4	0	3 <sup>2</sup>	32 <sup>2</sup> 1	F.12	(4243)	0	3 <sup>16</sup>
1	7, 10	0; 1, 0, -1, 1	1	2	1 <sup>2</sup>	5	1	3 <sup>2</sup>	32 <sup>2</sup> 1	G.16	(1243)	0	3 <sup>16</sup>
6	7, 10		1	3	1 <sup>2</sup>	4	0	32	2 <sup>3</sup> 1	d.23	(0243)	0	3 <sup>15</sup>
2	7, 10		1	3	1 <sup>2</sup>	4	0	32	2 <sup>3</sup> 1	d.23	(0243)	0	3 <sup>14</sup>
9	8, 11	$\pm 1; \alpha, 0, \gamma, 1$	2	2	1	4	0	3 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup> 21	G.16	(1243)	0	3 <sup>18</sup>
12	8, 11		2	3	1	4	0	3 <sup>2</sup>	32 <sup>2</sup> 1	G.16	(1243)	0	3 <sup>17</sup>
4	8, 11		2	3	1	4	0	3 <sup>2</sup>	32 <sup>2</sup> 1	G.16	(1243)	0	3 <sup>16</sup>
1	8, 11	0; 0, 0, 0, 1	0	2	1 <sup>2</sup>	5	1	43	3 <sup>2</sup> 21	d.23*	(0243)	1	2 · 3 <sup>18</sup>
2	8, 11	0; 0, 0, $\pm 1, 1$	1	2	1 <sup>2</sup>	4	0	43	3 <sup>2</sup> 21	F.11	(2243)	1*	2 · 3 <sup>18</sup>
2	8, 11	0; 1, 0, $\pm 1, 1$	1	2	1 <sup>2</sup>	4	0	43	3 <sup>2</sup> 21	F.12	(3243)	1*	2 · 3 <sup>18</sup>
2	8, 11	0; -1, 0, $\pm 1, 1$	1	2	1 <sup>2</sup>	4	0	43	3 <sup>2</sup> 21	F.12	(4243)	1*	2 · 3 <sup>18</sup>
2	8, 11	0; $\pm 1, 0, 0, 1$	1	2	1 <sup>2</sup>	5	1	43	3 <sup>2</sup> 21	G.16	(1243)	1	2 · 3 <sup>18</sup>
12	8, 11		1	3	1 <sup>2</sup>	4	0	3 <sup>2</sup>	32 <sup>2</sup> 1	d.23	(0243)	1*	2 · 3 <sup>17</sup>
4	8, 11		1	3	1 <sup>2</sup>	4	0	3 <sup>2</sup>	32 <sup>2</sup> 1	d.23	(0243)	1*	2 · 3 <sup>16</sup>
2	9, 12	$\pm 1; \alpha, 0, \gamma, 1$	2	2	1	4	0	43	4321	G.16	(1243)	1*	2 · 3 <sup>20</sup>
8	9, 12	$\pm 1; \alpha, 0, \gamma, 1$	2	2	1	4	0	43	4321	G.16	(1243)	0	3 <sup>20</sup>
12	9, 12		2	3	1	4	0	43	3 <sup>2</sup> 21	G.16	(1243)	0	3 <sup>19</sup>
4	9, 12		2	3	1	4	0	43	3 <sup>2</sup> 21	G.16	(1243)	0	3 <sup>18</sup>

#### Proposition 11.6. (Periodicity and descendant numbers.)

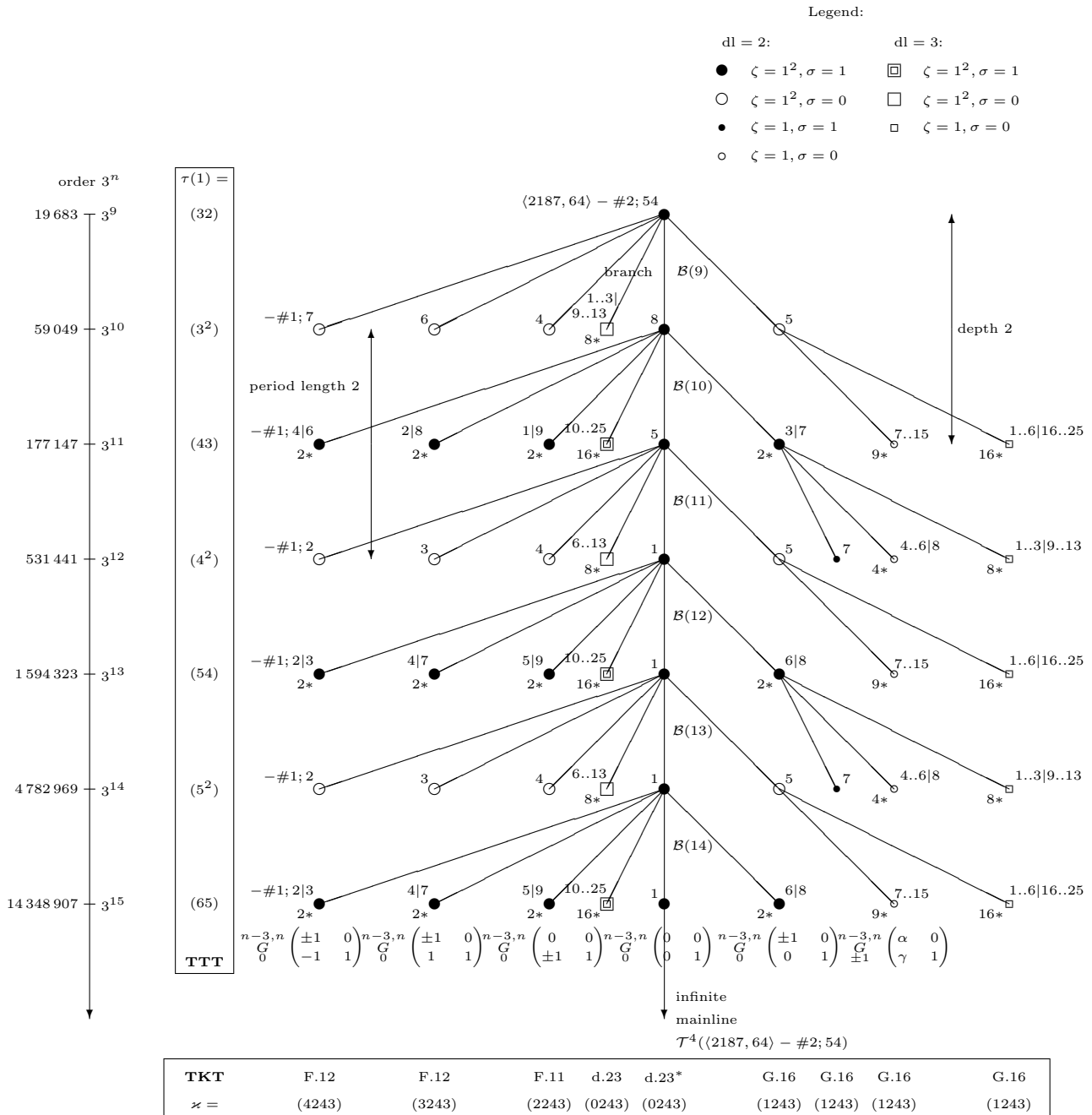
The branches  $\mathcal{B}(i)$ ,  $i \geq n_* = 9$ , of the unique coclass-4 tree  $\mathcal{T}^4(\langle 2187, 64 \rangle - \#2; 54)$  with mainline vertices of transfer kernel type d.23\*,  $\varkappa \sim (0243)$ , are purely periodic with primitive length  $\ell = 2$  and without pre-period,  $\ell_* = 0$ , that is,  $\mathcal{B}(i+2) \simeq \mathcal{B}(i)$  are isomorphic as digraphs, for all  $i \geq p_* = n_* + \ell_* = 9$ .

The graph theoretic structure of the tree is determined uniquely by the numbers  $N_1$  of immediate descendants and  $C_1$  of capable immediate descendants of the mainline vertices  $m_n$  with logarithmic

order  $n = \text{lo}(m_n) \geq n_* = 9$  and of capable vertices  $v$  with depth 1 and  $\text{lo}(v) \geq n_* + 1 = 10$ :  
 $(N_1, C_1) = (13, 2)$  for mainline vertices  $m_n$  with odd logarithmic order  $n \geq 9$ ,  
 $(N_1, C_1) = (25, 3)$  for mainline vertices  $m_n$  with even logarithmic order  $n \geq 10$ ,  
 $(N_1, C_1) = (25, 0)$  for the capable vertex  $v$  of depth 1 and even logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(v) \geq 10$ ,  
 $(N_1, C_1) = (13, 0)$  for two capable vertices  $v$  of depth 1 and odd logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(v) \geq 11$ .

*Proof.* This is a consequence of Proposition 11.5 together with Proposition 11.4. The tree  $\mathcal{T}^4 R_4^4$  corresponds to the infinite metabelian pro-3 group  $S_{3,6}$  in [6, Cnj. 15 (b), p. 116].  $\square$

FIGURE 9. The unique coclass-4 tree  $\mathcal{T}^4(P_7 - \#2; 54)$  with mainline of type d.23\*



**Theorem 11.5. (Graph theoretic and algebraic invariants.)**

The coclass-4 tree  $\mathcal{T} := \mathcal{T}^4 R_4^4$  of 3-groups  $G$  with coclass  $\text{cc}(G) = 4$  which arises from the metabelian root  $R_4^4 := \langle 2187, 64 \rangle - \#2; 54$  has the following abstract graph theoretic properties.

- (1) The branches  $\mathcal{B}(i)$ ,  $i \geq n_* = 9$ , are purely periodic with primitive period  $(\mathcal{B}(9), \mathcal{B}(10))$  of length  $\ell = 2$ .
- (2) The cardinalities of the periodic branches are  $\#\mathcal{B}(9) = 38$  and  $\#\mathcal{B}(10) = 51$ .
- (3) Depth, width, and information content of the tree are given by

$$(11.4) \quad \text{dp}(\mathcal{T}^4 R_4^4) = 2, \quad \text{wd}(\mathcal{T}^4 R_4^4) = 50, \quad \text{and} \quad \text{IC}(\mathcal{T}^4 R_4^4) = 89.$$

The algebraic invariants of the vertices forming the primitive period  $(\mathcal{B}(9), \mathcal{B}(10))$  of the tree are given in Table 4. The six leading branches  $\mathcal{B}(9), \dots, \mathcal{B}(14)$  are drawn in Figure 9.

*Proof.* Since the tree  $\mathcal{T}^4(\langle 2187, 64 \rangle - \#2; 54)$  is isomorphic to the tree  $\mathcal{T}^4(\langle 2187, 64 \rangle - \#2; 39)$  as an abstract digraph, the proof literally coincides with the proof of Theorem 11.3.  $\square$

**Corollary 11.3. (Actions and relation ranks.)** The algebraic invariants of the vertices of the structured coclass-4 tree  $\mathcal{T}^4 R_4^4$  are listed in Table 4. In particular:

- (1) There are no groups with  $V_4$ -action.
- (2) Two distinguished terminal metabelian vertices of depth 2 with even class and type G.16, all terminal vertices of depth 1 with odd class, and the mainline vertices with even class, possess an RI-action.
- (3) The relation rank is given by  $\mu = 5$  for the mainline vertices  $\begin{smallmatrix} n-3, n \\ G \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  with  $n \geq 9$ ,

and the capable vertices  $\begin{smallmatrix} n-3, n \\ G \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \pm 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  of depth 1 with  $n \geq 10$ , and  $\mu = 4$  otherwise.

**11.4. Two mainlines of type d.25\* for even coclass  $r \geq 4$ .****Proposition 11.7. (Periodicity and descendant numbers.)**

The branches  $\mathcal{B}(i)$ ,  $i \geq n_* = 9$ , of the first coclass-4 tree  $\mathcal{T}^4(\langle 2187, 64 \rangle - \#2; 57)$  with mainline vertices of transfer kernel type d.25\*,  $\varkappa \sim (0143)$ , are purely periodic with primitive length  $\ell = 2$  and without pre-period,  $\ell_* = 0$ , that is,  $\mathcal{B}(i+2) \simeq \mathcal{B}(i)$  are isomorphic as graphs, for all  $i \geq 9$ .

The structure of the tree is determined uniquely by the numbers  $N_1$  of immediate descendants and  $C_1$  of capable immediate descendants for mainline vertices and for capable vertices of depth 1:  $(N_1, C_1) = (9, 2)$  for mainline vertices  $m_n$  of odd logarithmic order  $n = \text{lo}(m_n) \geq n_* = 9$ ,  $(N_1, C_1) = (15, 3)$  for mainline vertices  $m_n$  of even logarithmic order  $n = \text{lo}(m_n) \geq 10$ ,  $(N_1, C_1) = (15, 0)$  for a capable vertex  $v$  of depth 1 and even logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(v) \geq n_* + 1 = 10$ ,  $(N_1, C_1) = (9, 0)$  for two capable vertices  $v$  of depth 1 and odd logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(v) \geq 11$ .

**Theorem 11.6. (Graph theoretic and algebraic invariants.)**

The coclass-4 tree  $\mathcal{T} := \mathcal{T}^4 R_5^4$  of 3-groups  $G$  with coclass  $\text{cc}(G) = 4$  which arises from the metabelian root  $R_5^4 := \langle 2187, 64 \rangle - \#2; 57$  has the following abstract graph theoretic properties.

- (1) The branches  $\mathcal{B}(i)$ ,  $i \geq 9$ , are purely periodic with primitive period  $(\mathcal{B}(9), \mathcal{B}(10))$  of length  $\ell = 2$ .
- (2) The cardinalities of the periodic branches are  $\#\mathcal{B}(9) = 24$  and  $\#\mathcal{B}(10) = 33$ .
- (3) Depth, width, and information content of the tree are given by

$$(11.5) \quad \text{dp}(\mathcal{T}^4 R_5^4) = 2, \quad \text{wd}(\mathcal{T}^4 R_5^4) = 30, \quad \text{and} \quad \text{IC}(\mathcal{T}^4 R_5^4) = 57.$$

The algebraic invariants of the vertices forming the primitive period  $(\mathcal{B}(9), \mathcal{B}(10))$  of the tree are presented in Table 5. The leading six branches  $\mathcal{B}(9), \dots, \mathcal{B}(14)$  are drawn in Figure 10.

**Corollary 11.4. (Actions and relation ranks.)**

The algebraic invariants of the vertices of the structured coclass-4 tree  $\mathcal{T}^4 R_5^4$  are listed in Table 5. In particular:

TABLE 5. Data for 3-groups  $G$  with  $9 \leq n = \log(G) \leq 12$  of the coclass tree  $\mathcal{T}^4 R_3^4$ 

#	$m, n$	$\rho; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$	dp	dl	$\zeta$	$\mu$	$\nu$	$\tau(1)$	$\tau_2$	Type	$\varkappa$	$\sigma$	#Aut
1	6, 9	0; 0, 1, 0, 0	0	2	$1^2$	5	1	32	$2^3 1$	d.25*	(0143)	2	$2^2 \cdot 3^{14}$
1	7, 10	0; 0, 1, 0, 0	0	2	$1^2$	5	1	$3^2$	$32^2 1$	d.25*	(0143)	$2^*$	$2^2 \cdot 3^{16}$
1	7, 10	0; 1, 1, 0, 0	1	2	$1^2$	4	0	$3^2$	$32^2 1$	F.11	(1143)	0	$3^{16}$
1	7, 10	0; 1, 1, 1, 0	1	2	$1^2$	4	0	$3^2$	$32^2 1$	F.13	(3143)	0	$3^{16}$
1	7, 10	0; 0, 1, 1, 0	1	2	$1^2$	5	1	$3^2$	$32^2 1$	G.19	(2143)	0	$3^{16}$
3	7, 10		1	3	$1^2$	4	0	32	$2^3 1$	d.25	(0143)	0	$3^{15}$
2	7, 10		1	3	$1^2$	4	0	32	$2^3 1$	d.25	(0143)	0	$3^{14}$
6	8, 11	$\pm 1; \alpha, 1, \gamma, 0$	2	2	1	4	0	$3^2$	$3^2 2 1$	G.19	(2143)	0	$3^{18}$
7	8, 11		2	3	1	4	0	$3^2$	$32^2 1$	G.19	(2143)	0	$3^{17}$
2	8, 11		2	3	1	4	0	$3^2$	$32^2 1$	G.19	(2143)	0	$3^{16}$
1	8, 11	0; 0, 1, 0, 0	0	2	$1^2$	5	1	43	$3^2 2 1$	d.25*	(0143)	2	$2^2 \cdot 3^{18}$
1	8, 11	0; 1, 1, 0, 0	1	2	$1^2$	4	0	43	$3^2 2 1$	F.11	(1143)	$1^*$	$2 \cdot 3^{18}$
2	8, 11	0; 1, 1, $\pm 1, 0$	1	2	$1^2$	4	0	43	$3^2 2 1$	F.13	(3143)	$1^*$	$2 \cdot 3^{18}$
2	8, 11	0; 0, 1, $\pm 1, 0$	1	2	$1^2$	5	1	43	$3^2 2 1$	G.19	(2143)	2	$2^2 \cdot 3^{18}$
7	8, 11		1	3	$1^2$	4	0	$3^2$	$32^2 1$	d.25	(0143)	$1^*$	$2 \cdot 3^{17}$
2	8, 11		1	3	$1^2$	4	0	$3^2$	$32^2 1$	d.25	(0143)	$2^*$	$2^2 \cdot 3^{16}$
2	9, 12	$\pm 1; 0, 1, \mp 1, 0$	2	2	1	4	0	43	4321	G.19	(2143)	$2^*$	$2^2 \cdot 3^{20}$
6	9, 12	$\pm 1; \alpha, 1, \gamma, 0$	2	2	1	4	0	43	4321	G.19	(2143)	0	$3^{20}$
8	9, 12		2	3	1	4	0	43	$3^2 2 1$	G.19	(2143)	0	$3^{19}$
2	9, 12		2	3	1	4	0	43	$3^2 2 1$	G.19	(2143)	0	$3^{18}$

- (1) All mainline vertices, two capable metabelian vertices of depth 1 with odd class and type G.19, two distinguished terminal metabelian vertices of depth 2 with even class and type G.19, and two distinguished terminal non-metabelian vertices of depth 1 with odd class and type d.25 possess a  $V_4$ -action.
- (2) Two distinguished terminal metabelian vertices of depth 2 with even class and type G.19, all terminal vertices of depth 1 with odd class, and the mainline vertices with even class, possess an RI-action.
- (3) The relation rank is given by  $\mu = 5$  for the mainline vertices  $\begin{matrix} n-3, n \\ G \\ 0 \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  with  $n \geq 9$ ,

and the capable vertices  $\begin{matrix} n-3, n \\ G \\ 0 \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \pm 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  of depth 1 with  $n \geq 10$ , and  $\mu = 4$  otherwise.

*Proof.* (of Proposition 11.7, Theorem 11.6, and Corollary 11.4 ) The proofs are very similar to those of Proposition 11.4, Theorem 11.3, and Corollary 11.2. The differences are only the concrete numerical values of the invariants involved in the calculations:

$\#\mathcal{B}(9) = 9+15 = 24$ ,  $\#\mathcal{B}(10) = 15+9+9 = 33$ ,  $\text{wd}(\mathcal{T}) = \max(15+15, 9+9+9) = \max(30, 27) = 30$ , and  $\text{IC}(\mathcal{T}) = \#\mathcal{B}(9) + \#\mathcal{B}(10) = 24 + 33 = 57$ .

In detail, we proved that there is no pre-period,  $\ell_* = 0$ , and the primitive period  $(\mathcal{B}(9), \mathcal{B}(10))$  of length  $\ell = 2$  consists of

4, resp. 6, metabelian vertices with  $\zeta = 1^2$ , resp.  $\zeta = 1$ , and

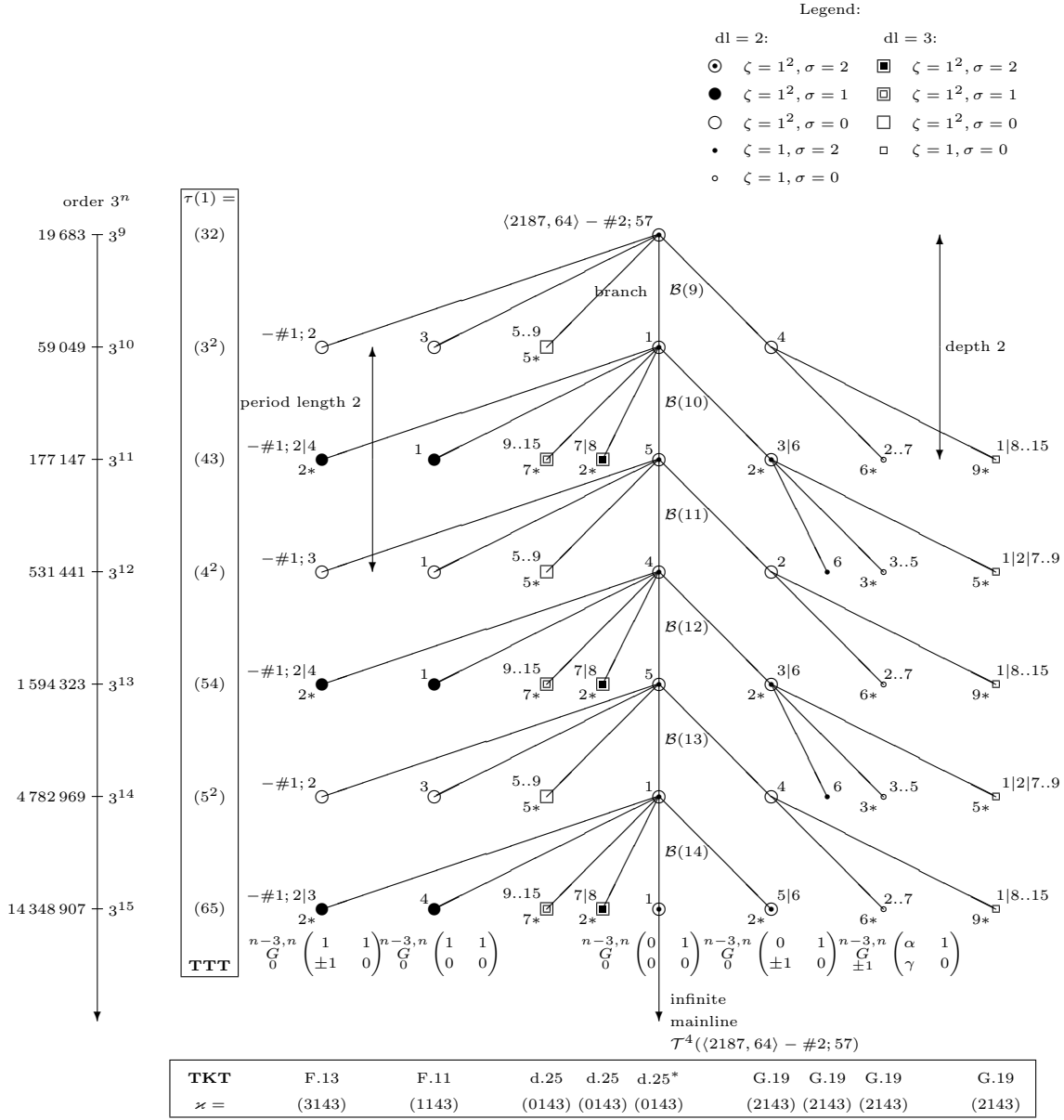
5, resp. 9, non-metabelian vertices with  $\zeta = 1^2$ , resp.  $\zeta = 1$ ,

( $9 = 4 + 5$  children of  $m_9$ , and  $15 = 6 + 9$  children of  $v_2(m_9)$  with depth 1)

together 24 vertices (10 of them metabelian) in branch  $\mathcal{B}(9)$ , and

6, resp. 8, metabelian vertices with  $\zeta = 1^2$ , resp.  $\zeta = 1$ , and

FIGURE 10. The first coclass-4 tree  $\mathcal{T}^4(P_7 - \#2; 57)$  with mainline of type d.25\*



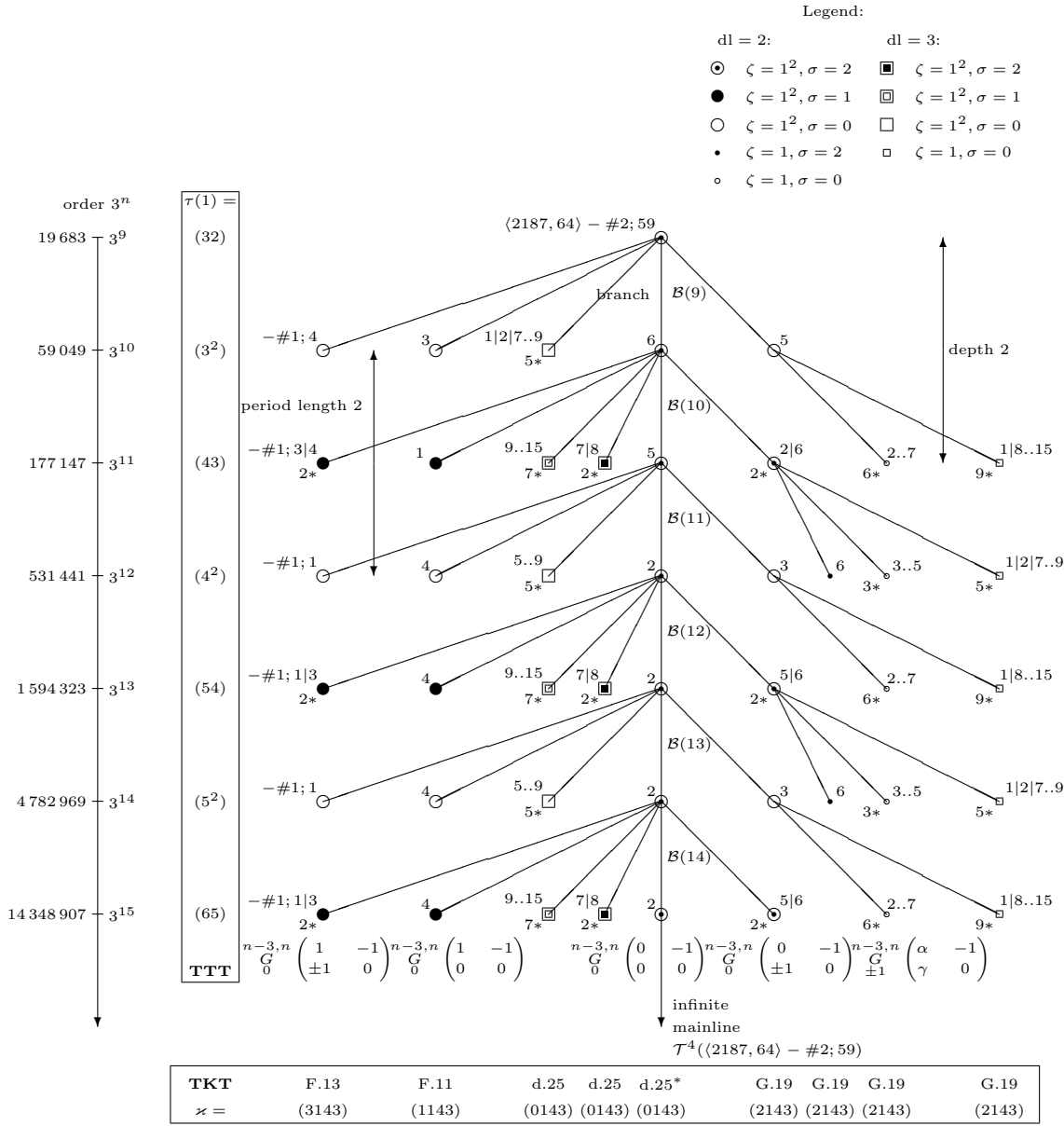
9, resp. 10, non-metabelian vertices with  $\zeta = 1^2$ , resp.  $\zeta = 1$ ,  
 (15 = 6 + 9 children of  $m_{10}$ , and 18 = 2 · (4 + 5) children of  $v_{2,3}(m_{10})$ , both with depth 1)  
 together 33 vertices (14 of them metabelian) in branch  $\mathcal{B}(10)$ .

The tree  $\mathcal{T}^4 R_5^4$  corresponds to the infinite metabelian pro-3 group  $S_{3,2}$  in [6, Cnj. 15 (b), p. 116]. □

**Theorem 11.7. (Strict isomorphism of the two trees.)**

Viewed as an algebraically structured infinite digraph, the second coclass-4 tree  $\mathcal{T}^4(\langle 2187, 64 \rangle - \#2; 59)$  with mainline of type d.25\* in Figure 11 is **strictly isomorphic** to the first coclass-4 tree  $\mathcal{T}^4(\langle 2187, 64 \rangle - \#2; 57)$  with mainline of type d.25\* in Figure 10. Only the presentations of corresponding vertices are different, but they share common algebraic invariants.

FIGURE 11. The second coclass tree  $\mathcal{T}^4(P_7 - \#2; 59)$  with mainline of type d.25\*



*Proof.* (Proof of Thm. 11.6 and Thm 11.7.) The claims have been verified with the aid of MAGMA [17] for all vertices  $V$  with logarithmic orders  $9 \leq \text{lo}(V) \leq 17$ . Pure periodicity of branches sets in with  $\mathcal{B}(9) \simeq \mathcal{B}(11)$ . Thus, the claims for all vertices  $V$  with logarithmic orders  $\text{lo}(V) \geq 18$  are a consequence of the periodicity theorems by du Sautoy in [1] and by Eick and Leedham-Green in [2], without the need of pruning the depth, which is bounded uniformly by 2.  $\square$

## 12. SPORADIC AND PERIODIC 3-GROUPS $G$ OF ODD COCLASS $\text{cc}(G) \geq 5$

Although formulated for the particular coclass  $r = 5$ , all results on sporadic and periodic groups in this section are valid for any odd coclass  $r \geq 5$ . The exemplary (co-periodic) sporadic part  $\mathcal{F}_0(5)$  of the coclass forest  $\mathcal{F}(5)$  is presented in the following Proposition 12.1.

**Proposition 12.1.** *The sporadic part  $\mathcal{F}_0(5)$  of the coclass-5 forest  $\mathcal{F}(5)$  consists of*

- 7  $(1 + 2 + 2 + 2)$  isolated metabelian vertices with types F.7, F.11, F.12, F.13,
- 4  $(1 + 1 + 2)$  metabelian roots of finite trees with types G.16, G.19, H.4, together with their 24 metabelian and 36 non-metabelian children, all with depth  $\text{dp} = 1$ ,
- 34  $(16 + 9 + 9)$  isolated vertices with  $\text{dl} = 3$  and types d.19, d.23, d.25,
- 89 isolated vertices with  $\text{dl} = 3$  and type b.10,
- 13 capable vertices with  $\text{dl} = 3$  and type b.10,  
whose children do not belong to  $\mathcal{F}_0(5)$ , by definition.

The action flag of all vertices is  $\sigma = 0$ , and consequently none of them has an RI- or  $V_4$ -action.

Together with the 4 metabelian roots of coclass-5 trees, the  $7 + 4 + 34 + 89 + 13 = 11 + 136$  vertices of depth  $\text{dp} = 0$  are exactly the  $N_2 = 151$  children of step size  $s = 2$  of  $P_9 = \langle 2187, 64 \rangle - \#2; 33$ , and the  $4 + (4 + 13)$  capable vertices among them correspond to the invariant  $C_2 = 21$  of  $P_9$ .

Figure 12 sketches an outline of the metabelian skeleton of the coclass forest  $\mathcal{F}(5)$  in its top region. The vertices  $P_7 = \langle 2187, 64 \rangle \in \mathcal{F}(3)$  and  $P_9 = \langle 2187, 64 \rangle - \#2; 33 \in \mathcal{F}(4)$ , with the crucial bifurcation from  $\mathcal{F}(4)$  to  $\mathcal{F}(5)$ , belong to the infinite main trunk (§ 10).

**Theorem 12.1.** *The coclass- $r$  forest  $\mathcal{F}(r)$  with any odd  $r \geq 5$  is the disjoint union of its finite sporadic part  $\mathcal{F}_0(r)$  with total information content*

$$(12.1) \quad s = \#\mathcal{F}_0(r) = 207$$

and  $t = 4$  infinite coclass- $r$  trees  $\mathcal{T}^r(R_i^r)$  with roots  $R_i^r := P_{2r-1} - \#2; n_i$ , where  $(n_i)_{1 \leq i \leq 4} = (25, 29, 37, 39)$  for  $r = 5$ . The algebraic invariants for groups with centre  $\zeta = 1^2$ , and in cumulative form for  $\zeta = 1$ , are given for  $r = 5$  in Table 6, where the parent vertex  $P_{2r-1} = P_9$  on the maintrunk is also included, but the 136 non-metabelian top vertices of depth  $\text{dp} = 0$  are excluded.

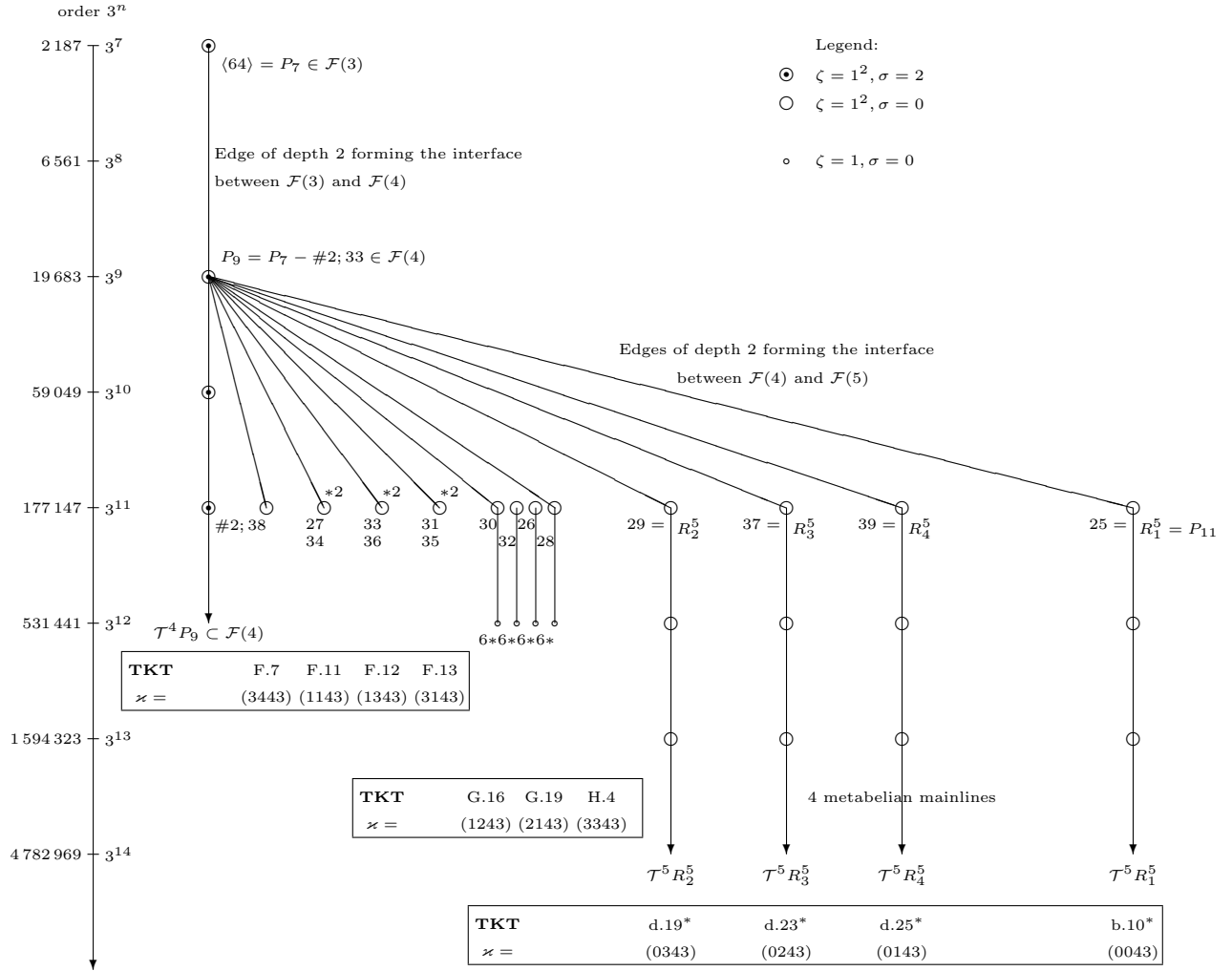
*Proof.* (of Proposition 12.1 and Theorem 12.1) We have computed the sporadic parts  $\mathcal{F}_0(r)$  of coclass forests  $\mathcal{F}(r)$  with odd  $r \geq 5$  up to  $r \leq 21$  by means of MAGMA [17]. They all share a common graph theoretic structure with  $\mathcal{F}_0(5)$ . The forest  $\mathcal{F}(5)$  contains 4 roots of coclass trees with metabelian mainlines (a unique root  $R_1^5$  of type b and three roots  $R_2^5, \dots, R_4^5$  of type d),

TABLE 6. Data for sporadic 3-groups  $G$  with  $11 \leq n = \text{lo}(G) \leq 12$  of the forest  $\mathcal{F}(5)$

#	$m, n$	$\rho; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$	dp	dl	$\zeta$	$\mu$	$\nu$	$\tau(1)$	$\tau_2$	Type	$\varkappa$	$\sigma$	#Aut
1	6, 9	0; 0, 0, 0, 0 ( $P_9$ )	0	2	$1^2$	6	2	$3^2$	$2^3 1$	b.10*	(0043)	2	$2^3 \cdot 3^{14}$
1	7, 11	0; 0, 0, 0, 0 ( $P_{11}$ )	0	2	$1^2$	6	2	$3^2$	$3^2 3$	b.10*	(0043)	2	$2^3 \cdot 3^{18}$
1	7, 11	0; 0, 1, 0, 1	0	2	$1^2$	5	1	$3^2$	$3^2 3$	d.19*	(0343)	0	$3^{18}$
1	7, 11	0; 0, 0, 0, 1	0	2	$1^2$	5	1	$3^2$	$3^2 3$	d.23*	(0243)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{18}$
1	7, 11	0; 0, 1, 0, 0	0	2	$1^2$	5	1	$3^2$	$3^2 3$	d.25*	(0143)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{18}$
1	7, 11	0; 1, 1, -1, 1	0	2	$1^2$	4	0	$3^2$	$3^2 3$	F.7	(3443)	0	$3^{18}$
2	7, 11	0; 1, $\pm 1$ , 0, 0	0	2	$1^2$	4	0	$3^2$	$3^2 3$	F.11	(1143)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{18}$
2	7, 11	0; $\pm(1, 0, 1), 1$	0	2	$1^2$	4	0	$3^2$	$3^2 3$	F.12	(1343)	0	$3^{18}$
2	7, 11	0; 1, $\pm(1, 1), 0$	0	2	$1^2$	4	0	$3^2$	$3^2 3$	F.13	(3143)	0	$3^{18}$
1	7, 11	0; 1, 0, 0, 1	0	2	$1^2$	5	1	$3^2$	$3^2 3$	G.16	(1243)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{18}$
1	7, 11	0; 0, 1, 1, 0	0	2	$1^2$	5	1	$3^2$	$3^2 3$	G.19	(2143)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{18}$
2	7, 11	0; 1, $\pm(1, 1), 1$	0	2	$1^2$	5	1	$3^2$	$3^2 3$	H.4	(3343)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{18}$
12	8, 12		1	2	1	4	0	$3^2$	$3^2 2^2$			0	$2 \cdot 3^{20}$
12	8, 12		1	2	1	4	0	$3^2$	$3^2 2^2$			0	$3^{20}$
8	8, 12		1	3	1	4	0	$3^2$	$3^2 3$			0	$2 \cdot 3^{19}$
20	8, 12		1	3	1	4	0	$3^2$	$3^2 3$			0	$3^{19}$
8	8, 12		1	3	1	4	0	$3^2$	$3^2 3$			0	$3^{18}$



FIGURE 12. Metabelian interface between the coclass forests  $\mathcal{F}(4)$  and  $\mathcal{F}(5)$



namely

$$R_1^5 = P_{11} = G_0^{7,11}(0, 0, 0, 0) \simeq P_9 - \#2; 25, \quad R_2^5 = G_0^{7,11}(0, 1, 0, 1) \simeq P_7 - \#2; 29,$$

$$R_3^5 = G_0^{7,11}(0, 0, 0, 1) \simeq P_9 - \#2; 37, \quad R_4^5 = G_0^{7,11}(0, 1, 0, 0) \simeq P_9 - \#2; 39,$$

which give rise to the periodic part of  $\mathcal{F}(5)$ , and 35 sporadic metabelian groups of type F, G or H. Among the groups of the sporadic part  $\mathcal{F}_0(5)$ , there are 7 isolated metabelian vertices with type F, and 4 metabelian roots of finite trees with type G or H and tree depth 1. Among the  $60 = 15 + 15 + 15 + 15$  children, there are  $24 = 6 + 6 + 6 + 6$  metabelian, and  $36 = 9 + 9 + 9 + 9$  have derived length 3. The latter are *omitted* in the forest diagram, Figure 12. Additionally,  $\mathcal{F}_0(5)$  contains 136 non-metabelian top vertices, which gives a total information content  $s = \#\mathcal{F}_0(5)$  of  $207 = (11 + 136) + 60$  representatives.

The metabelian skeleton consists of  $35 = 11 + 24$  vertices. The results for metabelian groups are in accordance with the third tree diagram  $e \geq 4$ ,  $e \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , in [7, third page between pp. 191–192]. The metabelian groups in Table 6 correspond to the representatives of isomorphism classes in [28, pp. 34–35].  $\square$

### 12.1. The unique mainline of type b.10\* for odd coclass $r \geq 5$ .

**Proposition 12.2. (Periodicity and descendant numbers.)**

The branches  $\mathcal{B}(i)$ ,  $i \geq n_* = 11$ , of the coclass-5 tree  $\mathcal{T}^5((2187, 64) - \#2; 33 - \#2; 25)$  with mainline vertices of transfer kernel type  $b.10^*$ ,  $\varkappa \sim (0043)$ , are periodic with pre-period length  $\ell_* = 1$  and with primitive period length  $\ell = 2$ , that is,  $\mathcal{B}(i+2) \simeq \mathcal{B}(i)$  are isomorphic as digraphs, for all  $i \geq p_* = n_* + \ell_* = 12$ .

The graph theoretic structure of the tree is determined uniquely by the numbers  $N_1$  of immediate descendants and  $C_1$  of capable immediate descendants of the mainline vertices  $m_n$  with logarithmic order  $n = \text{lo}(m_n) \geq n_* = 11$ :

$(N_1, C_1) = (30, 1)$  for the root  $m_{11}$  with  $n = 11$ ,

$(N_1, C_1) = (24, 1)$  for all mainline vertices  $m_n$  with even logarithmic order  $n \geq 12$ ,

$(N_1, C_1) = (40, 1)$  for all mainline vertices  $m_n$  with odd logarithmic order  $n \geq 13$ .

*Proof.* (of Proposition 12.2) The statements concerning the numbers  $N_1(m_n)$  of immediate descendants of the mainline vertices  $m_n$  with  $n \geq n_* = 11$  have been obtained by direct computation with the  $p$ -group generation algorithm [12, 13, 14] in MAGMA [17]. In detail, we proved that there are

6, resp. 6, metabelian vertices with bicyclic centre  $\zeta = 1^2$ , resp. cyclic centre  $\zeta = 1$ , and

9, resp. 9, non-metabelian vertices with  $\zeta = 1^2$ , resp.  $\zeta = 1$ ,

together 30 vertices (12 of them metabelian) in the pre-periodic branch  $\mathcal{B}(11)$ ,

and the primitive period  $(\mathcal{B}(12), \mathcal{B}(13))$  of length  $\ell = 2$  consists of

4, resp. 6, metabelian vertices with  $\zeta = 1^2$ , resp.  $\zeta = 1$ , and

5, resp. 9, non-metabelian vertices with  $\zeta = 1^2$ , resp.  $\zeta = 1$ ,

together 24 vertices (10 of them metabelian) in branch  $\mathcal{B}(12)$ , and

6, resp. 9, metabelian vertices with  $\zeta = 1^2$ , resp.  $\zeta = 1$ , and

9, resp. 16, non-metabelian vertices with  $\zeta = 1^2$ , resp.  $\zeta = 1$ ,

together 40 vertices (15 of them metabelian) in branch  $\mathcal{B}(13)$ .

The results concerning the metabelian skeleton confirm the corresponding statements in the dissertation of Nebelung [7, Thm. 5.1.16, pp. 178–179, and the third Figure,  $e \geq 4$ ,  $e \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ ], on the third page between pp. 191–192]. The tree  $\mathcal{T}^5 P_{11}$  corresponds to the infinite metabelian pro-3 group  $S_{4,1}$  in [6, Cnj. 15 (a), p. 116].

The claim of the virtual periodicity of branches has been proved generally for any coclass tree in [1] and [2]. Here, the strict periodicity was confirmed by computation up to branch  $\mathcal{B}(33)$  and clearly sets in at  $p_* = 12$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 12.2. (Graph theoretic and algebraic invariants.)**

The coclass-5 tree  $\mathcal{T} := \mathcal{T}^5 P_{11}$  of finite 3-groups  $G$  with coclass  $\text{cc}(G) = 5$  which arises from the metabelian root  $P_{11} := (2187, 64) - \#2; 33 - \#2; 25$  has the following graph theoretic properties.

- (1) The pre-period  $(\mathcal{B}(11))$  of length  $\ell_* = 1$  is irregular.
- (2) The cardinality of the irregular branch is  $\#\mathcal{B}(11) = 30$ .
- (3) The branches  $\mathcal{B}(i)$ ,  $i \geq p_* = 12$ , are periodic with primitive period  $(\mathcal{B}(12), \mathcal{B}(13))$  of length  $\ell = 2$ .
- (4) The cardinalities of the regular branches are  $\#\mathcal{B}(12) = 24$  and  $\#\mathcal{B}(13) = 40$ .
- (5) Depth, width, and information content of the tree are given by

$$(12.2) \quad \text{dp}(\mathcal{T}^5 P_{11}) = 1, \quad \text{wd}(\mathcal{T}^5 P_{11}) = 40, \quad \text{and} \quad \text{IC}(\mathcal{T}^5 P_{11}) = 94.$$

The algebraic invariants of the groups represented by vertices forming the pre-period  $(\mathcal{B}(11))$  and the primitive period  $(\mathcal{B}(12), \mathcal{B}(13))$  of the tree are given in Table 7. The six leading branches  $\mathcal{B}(11), \dots, \mathcal{B}(16)$  are drawn in Figure 13.

**Remark 12.1.** The algebraic information in Table 7 is visualized in Figure 13. By periodic continuation, the figure shows more branches than the table but less details concerning the exact order  $\#\text{Aut}$  of the automorphism group.

*Proof.* (of Theorem 12.2) According to Proposition 12.2, the logarithmic order of the tree root, respectively of the periodic root, is  $n_* = 11$ , respectively  $p_* = n_* + \ell_* = 12$ .



TABLE 7. Data for 3-groups  $G$  with  $11 \leq n = \log(G) \leq 14$  of the coclass tree  $\mathcal{T}^5 P_{11}$ 

#	$m, n$	$\rho; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$	dp	dl	$\zeta$	$\mu$	$\nu$	$\tau(1)$	$\tau_2$	Type	$\varkappa$	$\sigma$	#Aut
1	7, 11	0; 0, 0, 0, 0	0	2	$1^2$	6	2	$3^2$	$32^3$	b.10*	(0043)	$2^*$	$2^3 \cdot 3^{18}$
1	8, 12	0; 0, 0, 0, 0	0	2	$1^2$	6	1	43	$3^2 2^2$	b.10*	(0043)	2	$2^2 \cdot 3^{20}$
2	8, 12	0; 1, 0, $\pm 1$ , 0	1	2	$1^2$	5	0	43	$3^2 2^2$	d.19	(3043)	$1^*$	$2 \cdot 3^{20}$
1	8, 12	0; 1, 0, 0, 0	1	2	$1^2$	5	0	43	$3^2 2^2$	d.23	(1043)	$1^*$	$2 \cdot 3^{20}$
2	8, 12	0; 0, 0, $\pm 1$ , 0	1	2	$1^2$	5	0	43	$3^2 2^2$	d.25	(2043)	$2^*$	$2^2 \cdot 3^{20}$
3	8, 12	$\pm 1; \alpha, 0, \gamma, 0$	1	2	1	5	0	$3^2$	$3^2 2^2$	b.10	(0043)	$2^*$	$2^2 \cdot 3^{20}$
3	8, 12	$\pm 1; \alpha, 0, \gamma, 0$	1	2	1	5	0	$3^2$	$3^2 2^2$	b.10	(0043)	$1^*$	$2 \cdot 3^{20}$
6	8, 12		1	3	$1^2$	5	0	$3^2$	$32^3$	b.10	(0043)	$1^*$	$2 \cdot 3^{19}$
2	8, 12		1	3	$1^2$	5	0	$3^2$	$32^3$	b.10	(0043)	$2^*$	$2^2 \cdot 3^{18}$
1	8, 12		1	3	$1^2$	5	0	$3^2$	$32^3$	b.10	(0043)	$1^*$	$2 \cdot 3^{18}$
2	8, 12		1	3	1	5	0	$3^2$	$32^3$	b.10	(0043)	$2^*$	$2^2 \cdot 3^{19}$
5	8, 12		1	3	1	5	0	$3^2$	$32^3$	b.10	(0043)	$1^*$	$2 \cdot 3^{19}$
2	8, 12		1	3	1	5	0	$3^2$	$32^3$	b.10	(0043)	$1^*$	$2 \cdot 3^{18}$
1	9, 13	0; 0, 0, 0, 0	0	2	$1^2$	6	1	$4^2$	$432^2$	b.10*	(0043)	$2^*$	$2^2 \cdot 3^{22}$
1	9, 13	0; 1, 0, 1, 0	1	2	$1^2$	5	0	$4^2$	$432^2$	d.19	(3043)	0	$3^{22}$
1	9, 13	0; 1, 0, 0, 0	1	2	$1^2$	5	0	$4^2$	$432^2$	d.23	(1043)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{22}$
1	9, 13	0; 0, 0, 1, 0	1	2	$1^2$	5	0	$4^2$	$432^2$	d.25	(2043)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{22}$
3	9, 13	$\pm 1; \alpha, 0, \gamma, 0$	1	2	1	5	0	43	$432^2$	b.10	(0043)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{22}$
3	9, 13	$\pm 1; \alpha, 0, \gamma, 0$	1	2	1	5	0	43	$432^2$	b.10	(0043)	0	$3^{22}$
3	9, 13		1	3	$1^2$	5	0	43	$3^2 2^2$	b.10	(0043)	0	$3^{21}$
2	9, 13		1	3	$1^2$	5	0	43	$3^2 2^2$	b.10	(0043)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{20}$
6	9, 13		1	3	1	5	0	43	$3^2 2^2$	b.10	(0043)	0	$3^{21}$
2	9, 13		1	3	1	5	0	43	$3^2 2^2$	b.10	(0043)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{20}$
1	9, 13		1	3	1	5	0	43	$3^2 2^2$	b.10	(0043)	0	$3^{20}$
1	10, 14	0; 0, 0, 0, 0	0	2	$1^2$	6	1	54	$4^2 2^2$	b.10*	(0043)	2	$2^2 \cdot 3^{24}$
2	10, 14	0; 1, 0, $\pm 1$ , 0	1	2	$1^2$	5	0	54	$4^2 2^2$	d.19	(3043)	$1^*$	$2 \cdot 3^{24}$
1	10, 14	0; 1, 0, 0, 0	1	2	$1^2$	5	0	54	$4^2 2^2$	d.23	(1043)	$1^*$	$2 \cdot 3^{24}$
2	10, 14	0; 0, 0, $\pm 1$ , 0	1	2	$1^2$	5	0	54	$4^2 2^2$	d.25	(2043)	$2^*$	$2^2 \cdot 3^{24}$
9	10, 14	$\pm 1; \alpha, 0, \gamma, 0$	1	2	1	5	0	$4^2$	$4^2 2^2$	b.10	(0043)	$1^*$	$2 \cdot 3^{24}$
6	10, 14		1	3	$1^2$	5	0	$4^2$	$432^2$	b.10	(0043)	$1^*$	$2 \cdot 3^{23}$
2	10, 14		1	3	$1^2$	5	0	$4^2$	$432^2$	b.10	(0043)	$2^*$	$2^2 \cdot 3^{22}$
1	10, 14		1	3	$1^2$	5	0	$4^2$	$432^2$	b.10	(0043)	$1^*$	$2 \cdot 3^{22}$
12	10, 14		1	3	1	5	0	$4^2$	$432^2$	b.10	(0043)	$1^*$	$2 \cdot 3^{23}$
4	10, 14		1	3	1	5	0	$4^2$	$432^2$	b.10	(0043)	$1^*$	$2 \cdot 3^{22}$

With the aid of Formula (5.9) in Theorem 5.1, the claims (2) and (4) are consequences of Proposition 12.2:

$$\#\mathcal{B}(11) = N_1(m_{11}) = 30, \#\mathcal{B}(12) = N_1(m_{12}) = 24, \text{ and } \#\mathcal{B}(13) = N_1(m_{13}) = 40.$$

According to Formula (5.13) in Corollary 5.1, where  $n$  runs from  $n_* + 1 = 12$  to  $n_* + \ell_* + \ell + 0 = 14$ , the tree width is the maximum  $\text{wd}(\mathcal{T}) = 40$  of the expressions  $N_1(m_{11}) = 30$ ,  $N_1(m_{12}) = 24$ , and  $N_1(m_{13}) = 40$ .

The information content of the tree is given by Formula (5.17) in the Definition 5.3:

$$\text{IC}(\mathcal{T}) = \#\mathcal{B}(11) + (\#\mathcal{B}(12) + \#\mathcal{B}(13)) = 30 + (24 + 40) = 94.$$

The algebraic invariants in Table 7, that is, depth  $\text{dp}$ , derived length  $\text{dl}$ , abelian type invariants of the centre  $\zeta$ , relation rank  $\mu$ , nuclear rank  $\nu$ , abelian quotient invariants  $\tau(1)$  of the first maximal subgroup, respectively  $\tau_2$  of the commutator subgroup, transfer kernel type  $\varkappa$ , action flag  $\sigma$ , and the factorized order  $\#\text{Aut}$  of the automorphism group have been computed by means of program scripts written for MAGMA [17].

Each group is characterized by the parameters of the normalized representative  $G_\rho^{m,n}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta)$  of its isomorphism class, according to Formula (9.2), and by its identifier  $\langle 3^n, i \rangle$  in the SmallGroups Database [19].

The column with header  $\#$  contains the number of groups with identical invariants (except the presentation), for each row.  $\square$

**Corollary 12.1. (Actions and relation ranks.)** *The algebraic invariants of the vertices of the structured coclass-5 tree  $\mathcal{T}^5 P_{11}$  are listed in Table 7. In particular:*

- (1) *The groups with  $V_4$ -action are all mainline vertices  $G_0^{n-4,n} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $n \geq 11$ , the two terminal vertices  $G_0^{n-4,n} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \pm 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  with even  $n \geq 12$ , two terminal non-metabelian vertices with  $\zeta = 1^2$  and even  $n \geq 12$ , three pre-periodic terminal vertices  $G_{\pm 1}^{8,12} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , and two pre-periodic terminal non-metabelian vertices with  $\zeta = 1$  and  $n = 12$ .*
- (2) *With respect to the kernel types, all mainline groups of type b.10\*,  $\varkappa = (0043)$ , the two leaves of type d.25,  $\varkappa \sim (2043)$ , with every even logarithmic order, two distinguished non-metabelian leaves of type b.10 with every even logarithmic order, and five pre-periodic leaves of type b.10 with  $n = 12$  possess a  $V_4$ -action.*
- (3) *All terminal vertices of depth 1 with odd class and the mainline vertices with even class possess an RI-action.*
- (4) *The relation rank is given by  $\mu = 6$  for the mainline vertices  $G_0^{n-4,n} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $n \geq 11$ , and  $\mu = 5$  otherwise.*

*Proof.* (of Corollary 12.1) The existence of an RI-action on  $G$  has been checked by means of an algorithm involving the  $p$ -covering group of  $G$ , written for MAGMA [17]. The other claims follow immediately from Table 7, continued indefinitely with the aid of the periodicity in Proposition 12.2.  $\square$

## 12.2. The unique mainline of type d.19\* for odd coclass $r \geq 5$ .

**Proposition 12.3. (Periodicity and descendant numbers.)**

*The branches  $\mathcal{B}(i)$ ,  $i \geq n_* = 11$ , of the unique coclass-5 tree  $\mathcal{T}^5(P_9 - \#2; 29)$  with mainline vertices of transfer kernel type d.19\*,  $\varkappa \sim (0343)$ , are purely periodic with primitive length  $\ell = 1$  and without pre-period,  $\ell_* = 0$ , that is,  $\mathcal{B}(i+1) \simeq \mathcal{B}(i)$  are isomorphic as structured digraphs, for all  $i \geq p_* = n_* + \ell_* = 11$ .*

*The graph theoretic structure of the tree is determined uniquely by the numbers  $N_1$  of immediate descendants and  $C_1$  of capable immediate descendants for mainline vertices  $m_n$  with logarithmic order  $n = \text{lo}(m_n) \geq n_* = 11$  and for capable vertices  $v$  with depth 1 and  $\text{lo}(v) \geq n_* + 1 = 12$ :*

*$(N_1, C_1) = (25, 3)$  for all mainline vertices  $m_n$  of any logarithmic order  $n \geq 11$ ,*

*$(N_1, C_1) = (25, 0)$  for two capable vertices  $v$  of depth 1 and any logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(v) \geq 12$ .*

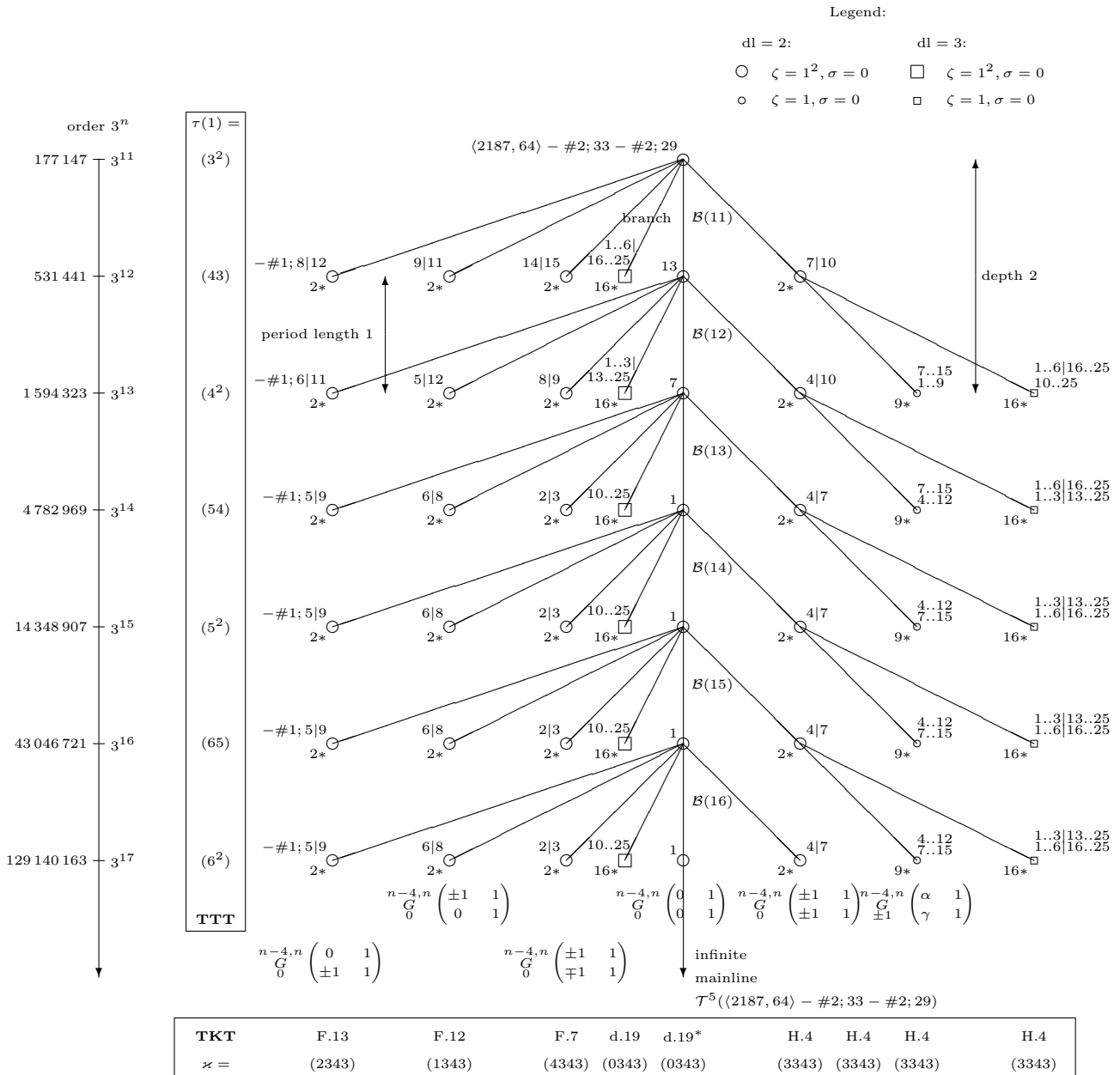
*Proof.* (of Proposition 12.3) The statements concerning the numbers  $N_1(m_n)$  of immediate descendants of the mainline vertices  $m_n$  with  $n \geq n_* = 11$ , and  $N_1(v)$  of vertices with depth  $\text{dp}(v) = 1$  and logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(v) \geq n_* + 1 = 12$ , have been obtained by direct computation with the  $p$ -group generation algorithm [12, 13, 14] in MAGMA [17]. In detail, we proved that there is no pre-period,  $\ell_* = 0$ , and the primitive period ( $\mathcal{B}(11)$ ) of length  $\ell = 1$  consists of 9, resp. 18, metabelian vertices with  $\zeta = 1^2$ , resp.  $\zeta = 1$ , and

16, resp. 32, non-metabelian vertices with  $\zeta = 1^2$ , resp.  $\zeta = 1$ , (i.e.  $25 = 9 + 16$  children of  $m_{11}$ , and  $50 = 2 \cdot (9 + 16)$  children of  $v_{2,3}(m_{11})$ , both with depth 1) together 75 vertices (27 of them metabelian) in branch  $\mathcal{B}(11)$ .

The results concerning the metabelian skeleton confirm the corresponding statements in the dissertation of Nebelung [7, Thm. 5.1.16, pp. 178–179, and the third Figure,  $e \geq 4$ ,  $e \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ ], on the third page between pp. 191–192]. The tree  $\mathcal{T}^5 R_2^5$  corresponds to the infinite metabelian pro-3 group  $S_{4,4}$  in [6, Cnj. 15 (a), p. 116].

The claim of the virtual periodicity of branches has been proved generally for any coclass tree in [1] and [2]. Here, the strict periodicity was confirmed by computation up to branch  $\mathcal{B}(30)$  and certainly sets in at  $p_* = 11$ .  $\square$

FIGURE 14. The unique coclass-5 tree  $\mathcal{T}^5(P_9 - \#2; 29)$  with mainline of type d.19\*



**Theorem 12.3. (Graph theoretic and algebraic invariants.)**

The coclass-5 tree  $\mathcal{T} := \mathcal{T}^5 R_2^5$  of 3-groups  $G$  with coclass  $\text{cc}(G) = 5$  which arises from the metabelian root  $R_2^5 := P_9 - \#2; 29$  has the following abstract graph theoretic properties.

- (1) The branches  $\mathcal{B}(i)$ ,  $i \geq 11$ , are purely periodic with primitive period  $(\mathcal{B}(11))$  of length  $\ell = 1$ .
- (2) The cardinality of the periodic branch is  $\#\mathcal{B}(11) = 75$ .
- (3) Depth, width, and information content of the tree are given by

$$(12.3) \quad \text{dp}(\mathcal{T}^5 R_2^5) = 2, \quad \text{wd}(\mathcal{T}^5 R_2^5) = 75, \quad \text{and} \quad \text{IC}(\mathcal{T}^5 R_2^5) = 75.$$

The algebraic invariants of the vertices forming the root and the primitive period  $(\mathcal{B}(11))$  of the tree are presented in Table 8. The leading six branches  $\mathcal{B}(11), \dots, \mathcal{B}(16)$  are drawn in Figure 14.

TABLE 8. Data for 3-groups  $G$  with  $11 \leq n = \text{lo}(G) \leq 13$  of the coclass tree  $\mathcal{T}^5 R_2^5$

#	$m, n$	$\rho; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$	dp	dl	$\zeta$	$\mu$	$\nu$	$\tau(1)$	$\tau_2$	Type	$\varkappa$	$\sigma$	#Aut
1	7, 11	0; 0, 1, 0, 1	0	2	$1^2$	5	1	$3^2$	$32^3$	d.19*	(0343)	0	$3^{18}$
1	8, 12	0; 0, 1, 0, 1	0	2	$1^2$	5	1	43	$3^2 2^2$	d.19*	(0343)	0	$3^{20}$
2	8, 12	0; $\pm 1, 1, \mp 1, 1$	1	2	$1^2$	4	0	43	$32^2 1$	F.7	(4343)	0	$3^{20}$
2	8, 12	0; $\pm 1, 1, 0, 1$	1	2	$1^2$	4	0	43	$32^2 1$	F.12	(1343)	0	$3^{20}$
2	8, 12	0; 0, 1, $\pm 1, 1$	1	2	$1^2$	4	0	43	$32^2 1$	F.13	(2343)	0	$3^{20}$
2	8, 12	0; $\pm 1, 1, \pm 1, 1$	1	2	$1^2$	5	1	43	$32^2 1$	H.4	(3343)	0	$3^{20}$
12	8, 12		1	3	$1^2$	4	0	$3^2$	$32^3$	d.19	(0343)	0	$3^{19}$
4	8, 12		1	3	$1^2$	4	0	$3^2$	$32^3$	d.19	(0343)	0	$3^{18}$
9	9, 13	$\pm 1; \alpha, 1, \gamma, 1$	2	2	1	4	0	43	$432^2$	H.4	(3343)	0	$3^{22}$
12	9, 13		2	3	1	4	0	43	$3^2 2^2$	H.4	(3343)	0	$3^{21}$
4	9, 13		2	3	1	4	0	43	$3^2 2^2$	H.4	(3343)	0	$3^{20}$

*Proof.* (Proof of Theorem 12.3) Since every mainline vertex  $m_n$  of the tree  $\mathcal{T}$  has three capable children,  $C_1(m_n) = 3$ , but every capable vertex  $v$  of depth 1 has only terminal children,  $C_1(v) = 0$ , according to Proposition 12.3, the depth of the tree is  $\text{dp}(\mathcal{T}) = 2$ . In this case, the cardinality of a branch  $\mathcal{B}$  is the sum of the number  $N_1(m_n)$  of immediate descendants of the branch root  $m_n$  and the numbers  $N_1(v_i)$  of terminal children of capable vertices  $v_i$  of depth 1 with  $2 \leq i \leq C_1(m_n)$  (excluding the next mainline vertex  $v_1 = m_{n+1}$ ), according to Formula (5.10), that is,

$$\#\mathcal{B} = N_1(m_n) + \sum_{i=2}^{C_1(m_n)} N_1(v_i).$$

Applied to the primitive period, this yields  $\#\mathcal{B}(11) = 25 + 25 + 25 = 75$ . According to Formula (5.14), the width of the tree is the maximum of all sums of the shape

$$\#\text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{T} = \#\{v \in \mathcal{T} \mid \text{lo}(v) = n\} = N_1(m_{n-1}) + \sum_{i=1}^{C_1(m_{n-2})} N_1(v_i(m_{n-2})),$$

taken over all branch roots  $m_n$  with logarithmic orders  $n_* + 2 \leq n \leq n_* + \ell_* + \ell + 1$ . Applied to  $n_* = 11$ ,  $\ell_* = 0$ , and  $\ell = 1$ , this yields  $\text{wd}(\mathcal{T}) = \max(25 + 25 + 25) = \max(75) = 75$ .

Finally, we have  $\text{IC}(\mathcal{T}) = \#\mathcal{B}(11) = 75$ . □

**Corollary 12.2. (Actions and relation ranks.)**

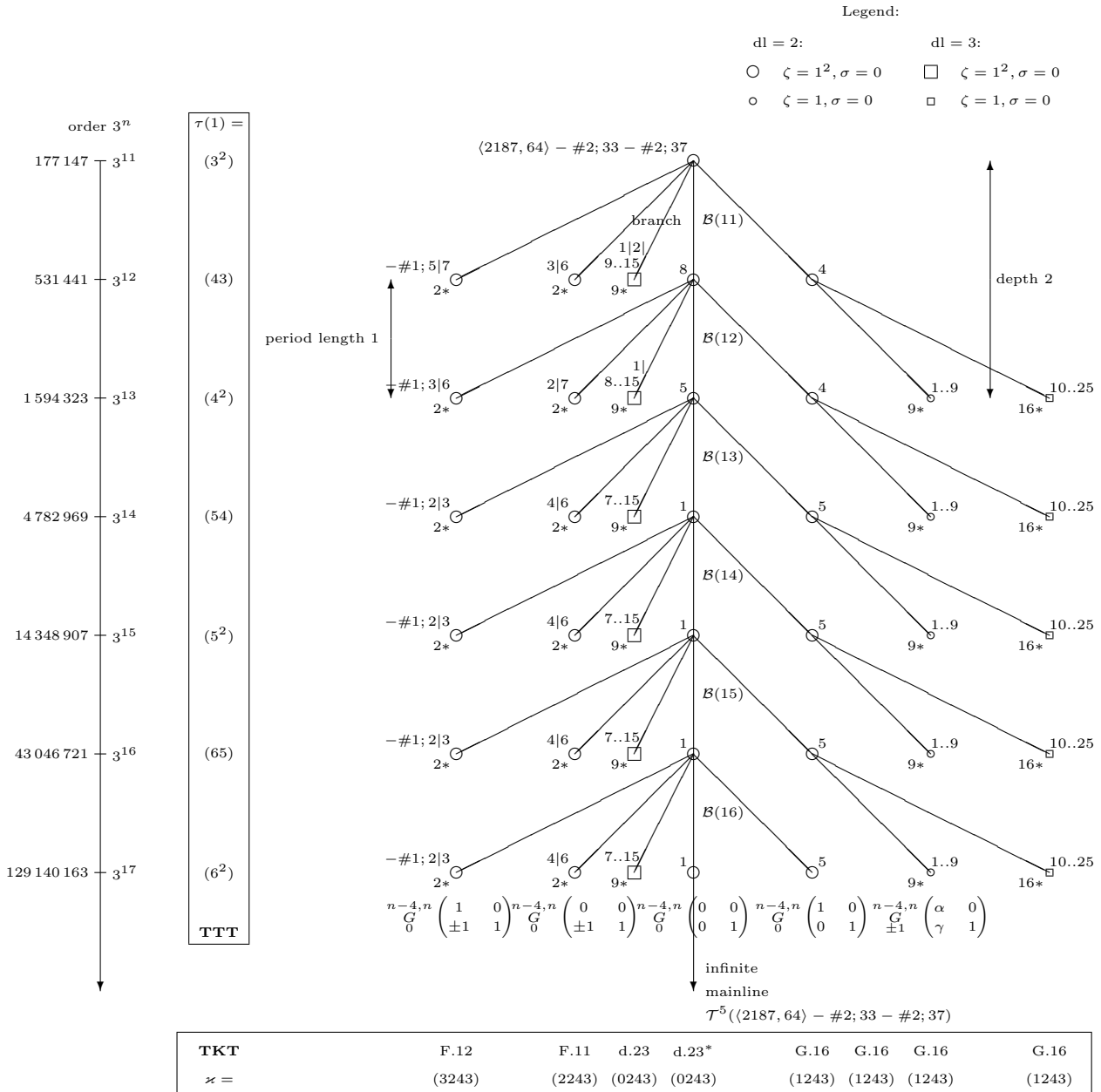
The algebraic invariants of the vertices of the structured coclass-5 tree  $\mathcal{T}^5 R_2^5$  are listed in Table 8. In particular:

- (1) There are no groups with  $GI$ -action, let alone with  $RI$ - or  $V_4$ -action.

- (2) The relation rank is given by  $\mu = 5$  for the mainline vertices  ${}^{n-4,n}G_0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  with  $n \geq 11$ ,  
 and the capable vertices  ${}^{n-4,n}G_0 \begin{pmatrix} \pm 1 & 1 \\ \pm 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  of depth 1 with  $n \geq 12$ , and  $\mu = 4$  otherwise.

*Proof.* (of Corollary 12.2) The existence of an RI-action on  $G$  has been checked by means of an algorithm involving the  $p$ -covering group of  $G$ , written for MAGMA [17]. The other claims follow immediately from Table 8, continued indefinitely with the aid of the periodicity in Proposition 12.3.  $\square$

FIGURE 15. The unique coclass-5 tree  $\mathcal{T}^5(P_9 - \#2; 37)$  with mainline of type d.23\*





### 12.3. The unique mainline of type d.23\* for odd coclass $r \geq 5$ .

#### Proposition 12.4. (*Periodicity and descendant numbers.*)

The branches  $\mathcal{B}(i)$ ,  $i \geq n_* = 11$ , of the unique coclass-5 tree  $\mathcal{T}^5(P_9 - \#2; 37)$  with mainline vertices of transfer kernel type d.23\*,  $\varkappa \sim (0243)$ , are purely periodic with primitive length  $\ell = 1$  and without pre-period,  $\ell_* = 0$ , that is,  $\mathcal{B}(i+1) \simeq \mathcal{B}(i)$  are isomorphic as structured digraphs, for all  $i \geq p_* = n_* + \ell_* = 11$ .

The graph theoretic structure of the tree is determined uniquely by the numbers  $N_1$  of immediate descendants and  $C_1$  of capable immediate descendants for mainline vertices  $m_n$  with logarithmic order  $n = \text{lo}(m_n) \geq n_* = 11$  and for capable vertices  $v$  with depth 1 and  $\text{lo}(v) \geq n_* + 1 = 12$ :

$(N_1, C_1) = (15, 2)$  for all mainline vertices  $m_n$  of any logarithmic order  $n \geq 11$ ,

$(N_1, C_1) = (25, 0)$  for the capable vertex  $v$  of depth 1 and any logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(v) \geq 12$ .

*Proof.* (of Proposition 12.4) The statements concerning the numbers  $N_1(m_n)$  of immediate descendants of the mainline vertices  $m_n$  with  $n \geq n_* = 11$ , and  $N_1(v)$  of vertices with depth  $\text{dp}(v) = 1$  and logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(v) \geq n_* + 1 = 12$ , have been obtained by direct computation with the  $p$ -group generation algorithm [12, 13, 14] in MAGMA [17]. In detail, we proved that there is no pre-period,  $\ell_* = 0$ , and the primitive period  $(\mathcal{B}(11))$  of length  $\ell = 1$  consists of 6, resp. 9, metabelian vertices with  $\zeta = 1^2$ , resp.  $\zeta = 1$ , and 9, resp. 16, non-metabelian vertices with  $\zeta = 1^2$ , resp.  $\zeta = 1$ , (i.e.  $15 = 6 + 9$  children of  $m_{11}$ , and  $25 = 9 + 16$ ) children of  $v_2(m_{11})$  with depth 1) together 40 vertices (15 of them metabelian) in branch  $\mathcal{B}(11)$ .

The results concerning the metabelian skeleton confirm the corresponding statements in the dissertation of Nebelung [7, Thm. 5.1.16, pp. 178–179, and the third Figure,  $e \geq 4$ ,  $e \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ ], on the third page between pp. 191–192]. The tree  $\mathcal{T}^5 R_3^5$  corresponds to the infinite metabelian pro-3 group  $S_{4,2}$  in [6, Cnj. 15 (a), p. 116].

The claim of the virtual periodicity of branches has been proved generally for any coclass tree in [1] and [2]. Here, the strict periodicity was confirmed by computation up to branch  $\mathcal{B}(30)$  and certainly sets in at  $p_* = 11$ .  $\square$

#### Theorem 12.4. (*Graph theoretic and algebraic invariants.*)

The coclass-5 tree  $\mathcal{T} := \mathcal{T}^5 R_3^5$  of 3-groups  $G$  with coclass  $\text{cc}(G) = 5$  arises from the metabelian root  $R_3^5 := P_9 - \#2; 37$  and has the following abstract graph theoretic properties.

- (1) The branches  $\mathcal{B}(i)$ ,  $i \geq 11$ , are purely periodic with primitive period  $(\mathcal{B}(11))$  of length  $\ell = 1$ .
- (2) The cardinality of the periodic branch is  $\#\mathcal{B}(11) = 40$ .
- (3) Depth, width, and information content of the tree are given by

$$(12.4) \quad \text{dp}(\mathcal{T}^5 R_3^5) = 2, \quad \text{wd}(\mathcal{T}^5 R_3^5) = 40, \quad \text{and} \quad \text{IC}(\mathcal{T}^5 R_3^5) = 40.$$

The algebraic invariants of the vertices forming the root and the primitive period  $(\mathcal{B}(11))$  of the tree are presented in Table 9. The leading six branches  $\mathcal{B}(11), \dots, \mathcal{B}(16)$  are drawn in Figure 15.

*Proof.* (Proof of Theorem 12.4) Since every mainline vertex  $m_n$  of the tree  $\mathcal{T}$  has two capable children,  $C_1(m_n) = 2$ , but every capable vertex  $v$  of depth 1 has only terminal children,  $C_1(v) = 0$ , according to Proposition 12.4, the depth of the tree is  $\text{dp}(\mathcal{T}) = 2$ . In this case, the cardinality of a branch  $\mathcal{B}$  is the sum of the number  $N_1(m_n)$  of immediate descendants of the branch root  $m_n$  and the numbers  $N_1(v_i)$  of terminal children of capable vertices  $v_i$  of depth 1,  $2 \leq i \leq C_1(m_n)$  ( $v_1$  the next mainline vertex must be omitted), according to Formula (5.10),

$$\#\mathcal{B} = N_1(m_n) + \sum_{i=2}^{C_1(m_n)} N_1(v_i).$$

TABLE 9. Data for 3-groups  $G$  with  $11 \leq n = \text{lo}(G) \leq 13$  of the coclass tree  $\mathcal{T}^5 R_3^5$ 

#	$m, n$	$\rho; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$	dp	dl	$\zeta$	$\mu$	$\nu$	$\tau(1)$	$\tau_2$	Type	$\varkappa$	$\sigma$	#Aut
1	7, 11	0; 0, 0, 0, 1	0	2	1 <sup>2</sup>	5	1	3 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup> 3	d.23*	(0243)	0	3 <sup>18</sup>
1	8, 12	0; 0, 0, 0, 1	0	2	1 <sup>2</sup>	5	1	43	3 <sup>2</sup> 2 <sup>2</sup>	d.23*	(0243)	0	3 <sup>20</sup>
2	8, 12	0; 0, 0, $\pm 1$ , 1	1	2	1 <sup>2</sup>	4	0	43	3 <sup>2</sup> 2 <sup>2</sup>	F.11	(2243)	0	2 · 3 <sup>20</sup>
2	8, 12	0; 1, 0, $\pm 1$ , 1	1	2	1 <sup>2</sup>	4	0	43	3 <sup>2</sup> 2 <sup>2</sup>	F.12	(3243)	0	3 <sup>20</sup>
1	8, 12	0; 1, 0, 0, 1	1	2	1 <sup>2</sup>	5	1	43	3 <sup>2</sup> 2 <sup>2</sup>	G.16	(1243)	0	3 <sup>20</sup>
6	8, 12		1	3	1 <sup>2</sup>	4	0	3 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup> 3	d.23	(0243)	0	3 <sup>19</sup>
2	8, 12		1	3	1 <sup>2</sup>	4	0	3 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup> 3	d.23	(0243)	0	2 · 3 <sup>18</sup>
1	8, 12		1	3	1 <sup>2</sup>	4	0	3 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup> 3	d.23	(0243)	0	3 <sup>18</sup>
9	9, 13	$\pm 1; \alpha, 0, \gamma, 1$	2	2	1	4	0	43	432 <sup>2</sup>	G.16	(1243)	0	3 <sup>22</sup>
12	9, 13		2	3	1	4	0	43	3 <sup>2</sup> 2 <sup>2</sup>	G.16	(1243)	0	3 <sup>21</sup>
4	9, 13		2	3	1	4	0	43	3 <sup>2</sup> 2 <sup>2</sup>	G.16	(1243)	0	3 <sup>20</sup>

Applied to the primitive period, this yields  $\#\mathcal{B}(11) = 15 + 25 = 40$ . According to Formula (5.14), the width of the tree is the maximum of all sums of the shape

$$\#\text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{T} = \#\{v \in \mathcal{T} \mid \text{lo}(v) = n\} = N_1(m_{n-1}) + \sum_{i=1}^{C_1(m_{n-2})} N_1(v_i(m_{n-2})),$$

taken over all branch roots  $m_n$  with logarithmic orders  $n_* + 2 \leq n \leq n_* + \ell_* + \ell + 1$ . Applied to  $n_* = 11$ ,  $\ell_* = 0$ , and  $\ell = 1$ , this yields  $\text{wd}(\mathcal{T}) = \max(15 + 25) = \max(40) = 40$ . Finally, we have  $\text{IC}(\mathcal{T}) = \#\mathcal{B}(11) = 40$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 12.3. (Actions and relation ranks.)** *The algebraic invariants of the vertices of the structured coclass-5 tree  $\mathcal{T}^5 R_3^5$  are listed in Table 9. In particular:*

(1) *There are no groups with GI-action, let alone with RI- or  $V_4$ -action.*

(2) *The relation rank is given by  $\mu = 5$  for the mainline vertices  $\begin{smallmatrix} n-4, n \\ G \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  with  $n \geq 11$ ,*

*and the capable vertices  $\begin{smallmatrix} n-4, n \\ G \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  of depth 1 with  $n \geq 12$ , and  $\mu = 4$  otherwise.*

*Proof.* (of Corollary 12.3) The existence of an RI-action on  $G$  has been checked by means of an algorithm involving the  $p$ -covering group of  $G$ , written for MAGMA [17]. The other claims follow immediately from Table 9, continued indefinitely with the aid of the periodicity in Prop. 12.4.  $\square$

#### 12.4. The unique mainline of type d.25\* for odd coclass $r \geq 5$ .

**Proposition 12.5. (Periodicity and descendant numbers.)**

*The branches  $\mathcal{B}(i)$ ,  $i \geq n_* = 11$ , of the unique coclass-5 tree  $\mathcal{T}^5(P_9 - \#2; 39)$  with mainline vertices of transfer kernel type d.25\*,  $\varkappa \sim (0143)$ , are purely periodic with primitive length  $\ell = 2$  and without pre-period,  $\ell_* = 0$ , that is,  $\mathcal{B}(i+2) \simeq \mathcal{B}(i)$  are isomorphic as structured digraphs, for all  $i \geq p_* = n_* + \ell_* = 11$ .*

*The graph theoretic structure of the tree is determined uniquely by the numbers  $N_1$  of immediate descendants and  $C_1$  of capable immediate descendants for mainline vertices  $m_n$  with logarithmic order  $n = \text{lo}(m_n) \geq n_* = 11$  and for capable vertices  $v$  with depth 1 and  $\text{lo}(v) \geq n_* + 1 = 12$ :*

*$(N_1, C_1) = (15, 3)$  for all mainline vertices  $m_n$  of odd logarithmic order  $n \geq 11$ ,*

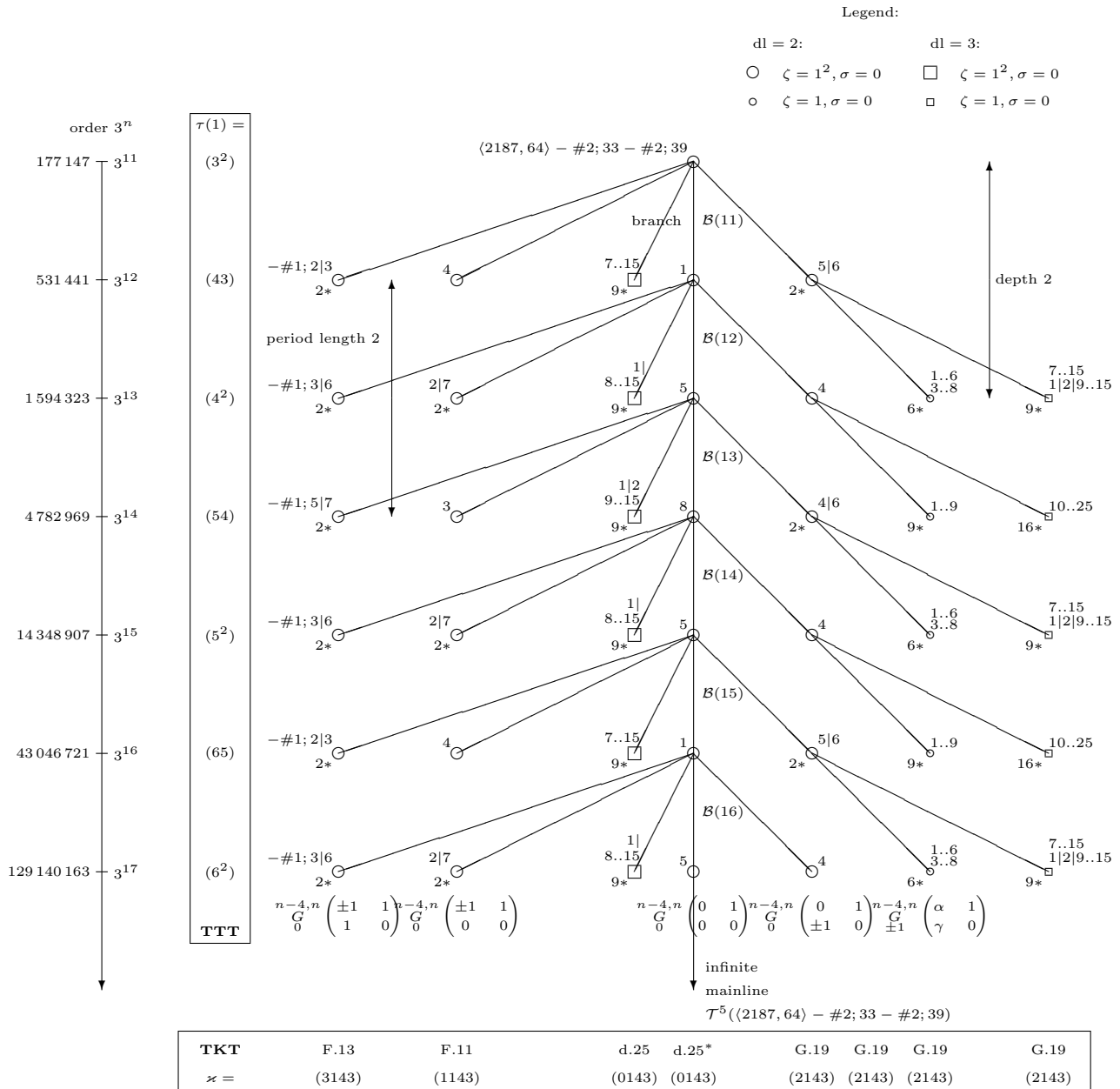
*$(N_1, C_1) = (15, 2)$  for all mainline vertices  $m_n$  of even logarithmic order  $n \geq 12$ ,*

*$(N_1, C_1) = (15, 0)$  for two capable vertices  $v$  of depth 1 and even logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(v) \geq 12$ ,*

*$(N_1, C_1) = (25, 0)$  for the capable vertex  $v$  of depth 1 and odd logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(v) \geq 13$ .*

*Proof.* (of Proposition 12.5) The statements concerning the numbers  $N_1(m_n)$  of immediate descendants of the mainline vertices  $m_n$  with  $n \geq n_* = 11$ , and  $N_1(v)$  of vertices with depth  $\text{dp}(v) = 1$  and logarithmic order  $\text{lo}(v) \geq n_* + 1 = 12$ , have been obtained by direct computation with the  $p$ -group generation algorithm [12, 13, 14] in MAGMA [17]. In detail, we proved that there is no pre-period,  $\ell_* = 0$ , and the primitive period  $(\mathcal{B}(11), \mathcal{B}(12))$  of length  $\ell = 2$  consists of 6, resp. 12, metabelian vertices with  $\zeta = 1^2$ , resp.  $\zeta = 1$ , and 9, resp. 18, non-metabelian vertices with  $\zeta = 1^2$ , resp.  $\zeta = 1$ , (i.e.  $15 = 6 + 9$  children of  $m_{11}$ , and  $30 = 2 \cdot (6 + 9)$  children of  $v_{2,3}(m_{11})$ , both with depth 1) together 45 vertices (18 of them metabelian) in branch  $\mathcal{B}(11)$ , and 6, resp. 9, metabelian vertices with  $\zeta = 1^2$ , resp.  $\zeta = 1$ , and

FIGURE 16. The unique coclass-5 tree  $\mathcal{T}^5(P_9 - \#2; 39)$  with mainline of type d.25\*



9, resp. 16, non-metabelian vertices with  $\zeta = 1^2$ , resp.  $\zeta = 1$ ,  
(i.e.  $15 = 6 + 9$  children of  $m_{12}$ , and  $25 = 9 + 16$  children of  $v_2(m_{12})$  with depth 1)  
together 40 vertices (15 of them metabelian) in branch  $\mathcal{B}(12)$ .

The results concerning the metabelian skeleton confirm the corresponding statements in the dissertation of Nebelung [7, Thm. 5.1.16, pp. 178–179, and the third Figure,  $e \geq 4$ ,  $e \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ ], on the third page between pp. 191–192]. The tree  $\mathcal{T}^5 R_4^5$  corresponds to the infinite metabelian pro-3 group  $S_{4,3}$  in [6, Cnj. 15 (a), p. 116].

The claim of the virtual periodicity of branches has been proved generally for any coclass tree in [1] and [2]. Here, the strict periodicity was confirmed by computation up to branch  $\mathcal{B}(30)$  and certainly sets in at  $p_* = 11$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 12.5. (Graph theoretic and algebraic invariants.)**

The coclass-5 tree  $\mathcal{T} := \mathcal{T}^5 R_4^5$  of 3-groups  $G$  with coclass  $\text{cc}(G) = 5$  which arises from the metabelian root  $R_4^5 := P_9 - \#2; 39$  has the following abstract graph theoretic properties.

- (1) The branches  $\mathcal{B}(i)$ ,  $i \geq 11$ , are purely periodic with primitive period  $(\mathcal{B}(11), \mathcal{B}(12))$  of length  $\ell = 2$ .
- (2) The cardinalities of the periodic branches are  $\#\mathcal{B}(11) = 45$  and  $\#\mathcal{B}(12) = 40$ .
- (3) Depth, width, and information content of the tree are given by

$$(12.5) \quad \text{dp}(\mathcal{T}^5 R_4^5) = 2, \quad \text{wd}(\mathcal{T}^5 R_4^5) = 45, \quad \text{and} \quad \text{IC}(\mathcal{T}^5 R_4^5) = 85.$$

The algebraic invariants of the vertices forming the root and the primitive period  $(\mathcal{B}(11), \mathcal{B}(12))$  of the tree are presented in Table 10. The leading six branches  $\mathcal{B}(11), \dots, \mathcal{B}(16)$  are drawn in Figure 16.

*Proof.* (Proof of Theorem 12.5) Since every mainline vertex  $m_n$  of the tree  $\mathcal{T}$  has several capable children,  $C_1(m_n) \geq 2$ , but every capable vertex  $v$  of depth 1 has only terminal children,  $C_1(v) = 0$ , according to Proposition 12.5, the depth of the tree is  $\text{dp}(\mathcal{T}) = 2$ . In this case, the cardinality of a branch  $\mathcal{B}$  is the sum of the number  $N_1(m_n)$  of immediate descendants of the branch root  $m_n$  and the numbers  $N_1(v_i)$  of terminal children of capable vertices  $v_i$  of depth 1,  $2 \leq i \leq C_1(m_n)$  (where  $v_1$  is the next mainline vertex and must be discouraged), according to Formula (5.10),

$$\#\mathcal{B} = N_1(m_n) + \sum_{i=2}^{C_1(m_n)} N_1(v_i).$$

Applied to the primitive period, this yields  $\#\mathcal{B}(11) = 15 + (15 + 15) = 45$  and  $\#\mathcal{B}(12) = 15 + 25 = 40$ . According to Formula (5.14), the width of the tree is the maximum of all sums of the shape

$$\#\text{Lyr}_n \mathcal{T} = \#\{v \in \mathcal{T} \mid \text{lo}(v) = n\} = N_1(m_{n-1}) + \sum_{i=1}^{C_1(m_{n-2})} N_1(v_i(m_{n-2})),$$

taken over all branch roots  $m_n$  with logarithmic orders  $n_* + 2 \leq n \leq n_* + \ell_* + \ell + 1$ . Applied to  $n_* = 11$ ,  $\ell_* = 0$ , and  $\ell = 2$ , this yields  $\text{wd}(\mathcal{T}) = \max(15 + (15 + 15), 15 + 25) = \max(45, 40) = 45$ . Finally, we have  $\text{IC}(\mathcal{T}) = 45 + 40 = 85$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 12.4. (Actions and relation ranks.)**

The algebraic invariants of the vertices of the structured coclass-5 tree  $\mathcal{T}^5 R_4^5$  are listed in Table 10. In particular:

- (1) There are no groups with GI-action, let alone with RI- or  $V_4$ -action.
- (2) The relation rank is given by  $\mu = 5$  for the mainline vertices  $\begin{smallmatrix} n-4, n \\ G \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  with  $n \geq 11$ ,

and the capable vertices  $\begin{smallmatrix} n-4, n \\ G \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \pm 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  of depth 1 with  $n \geq 12$ , and  $\mu = 4$  otherwise.

TABLE 10. Data for 3-groups  $G$  with  $11 \leq n = \text{lo}(G) \leq 14$  of the coclass tree  $\mathcal{T}^5 R_4^5$ 

#	$m, n$	$\rho; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$	dp	dl	$\zeta$	$\mu$	$\nu$	$\tau(1)$	$\tau_2$	Type	$\varkappa$	$\sigma$	#Aut
1	7, 11	0; 0, 1, 0, 0	0	2	$1^2$	5	1	$3^2$	$32^3$	d.25*	(0143)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{18}$
1	8, 12	0; 0, 1, 0, 0	0	2	$1^2$	5	1	43	$3^2 2^2$	d.25*	(0143)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{20}$
1	8, 12	0; 1, 1, 0, 0	1	2	$1^2$	4	0	43	$3^2 2^2$	F.11	(1143)	0	$3^{20}$
2	8, 12	0; 1, 1, $\pm 1, 0$	1	2	$1^2$	4	0	43	$3^2 2^2$	F.13	(3143)	0	$3^{20}$
2	8, 12	0; 0, 1, $\pm 1, 0$	1	2	$1^2$	5	1	43	$3^2 2^2$	G.19	(2143)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{20}$
6	8, 12		1	3	$1^2$	4	0	$3^2$	$32^3$	d.25	(0143)	0	$3^{19}$
2	8, 12		1	3	$1^2$	4	0	$3^2$	$32^3$	d.25	(0143)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{18}$
1	8, 12		1	3	$1^2$	4	0	$3^2$	$32^3$	d.25	(0143)	0	$3^{18}$
3	9, 13	$\pm 1; \alpha, 1, \gamma, 0$	2	2	1	4	0	43	$432^2$	G.19	(2143)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{22}$
3	9, 13	$\pm 1; \alpha, 1, \gamma, 0$	2	2	1	4	0	43	$432^2$	G.19	(2143)	0	$3^{22}$
6	9, 13		2	3	1	4	0	43	$3^2 2^2$	G.19	(2143)	0	$3^{21}$
2	9, 13		2	3	1	4	0	43	$3^2 2^2$	G.19	(2143)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{20}$
1	9, 13		2	3	1	4	0	43	$3^2 2^2$	G.19	(2143)	0	$3^{20}$
1	9, 13	0; 0, 1, 0, 0	0	2	$1^2$	5	1	$4^2$	$432^2$	d.25*	(0143)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{22}$
2	9, 13	0; $\pm 1, 1, 0, 0$	1	2	$1^2$	4	0	$4^2$	$432^2$	F.11	(1143)	0	$3^{22}$
2	9, 13	0; $\pm 1, 1, 1, 0$	1	2	$1^2$	4	0	$4^2$	$432^2$	F.13	(3143)	0	$3^{22}$
1	9, 13	0; 0, 1, 1, 0	1	2	$1^2$	5	1	$4^2$	$432^2$	G.19	(2143)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{22}$
6	9, 13		1	3	$1^2$	4	0	43	$3^2 2^2$	d.25	(0143)	0	$3^{21}$
2	9, 13		1	3	$1^2$	4	0	43	$3^2 2^2$	d.25	(0143)	0	$2 \cdot 3^{20}$
1	9, 13		1	3	$1^2$	4	0	43	$3^2 2^2$	d.25	(0143)	0	$3^{20}$
9	10, 14	$\pm 1; \alpha, 1, \gamma, 0$	2	2	1	4	0	$4^2$	$4^2 2^2$	G.19	(2143)	0	$3^{24}$
12	10, 14		2	3	1	4	0	$4^2$	$432^2$	G.19	(2143)	0	$3^{23}$
4	10, 14		2	3	1	4	0	$4^2$	$432^2$	G.19	(2143)	0	$3^{22}$

*Proof.* (of Corollary 12.4) The existence of an RI-action on  $G$  has been checked by means of an algorithm involving the  $p$ -covering group of  $G$ , written for MAGMA [17]. The other claims follow immediately from Table 10, continued indefinitely with the aid of the periodicity in Proposition 12.5.  $\square$

### 13. THE FOREST OF 3-GROUPS WITH COCLASS 1

The coclass forests  $\mathcal{F}(1)$  and  $\mathcal{F}(2)$ , and even their metabelian skeletons, sporadic parts, and individual coclass trees, do not reveal any isomorphism to higher coclass forests  $\mathcal{F}(r)$ , with  $r \geq 3$ , or parts of them. The metabelian skeleton of the coclass forest  $\mathcal{F}(3)$  is isomorphic to the metabelian skeleton of any coclass forest  $\mathcal{F}(r)$ , with odd  $r \geq 5$ , according to Nebelung [7], but neither its sporadic part nor its coclass trees are isomorphic to the corresponding components of other coclass forests.

Whereas the complexity of the pre-periodic forests  $\mathcal{F}(2)$  and  $\mathcal{F}(3)$  is very high, the simplest forest  $\mathcal{F}(1)$  can be described easily. In particular, the coclass-1 forest  $\mathcal{F}(1) = \mathcal{T}^1 R_1^1$  coincides with its unique coclass tree arising from the abelian root  $R_1^1 := \langle 9, 2 \rangle \simeq C_3 \times C_3$ . Its sporadic part  $\mathcal{F}_0(1) = \emptyset$  is void.

#### 13.1. The unique mainline of type a.1\* for coclass $r = 1$ .

##### Proposition 13.1. (*Periodicity and descendant numbers.*)

The branches  $\mathcal{B}(i)$ ,  $i \geq n_* = 2$ , of the coclass-1 tree  $\mathcal{T}^1 \langle 9, 2 \rangle$  with mainline vertices of transfer

kernel type  $a.1^*$ ,  $\varkappa = (0000)$ , are periodic with pre-period length  $\ell_* = 2$  and with primitive period length  $\ell = 2$ , that is,  $\mathcal{B}(i+2) \simeq \mathcal{B}(i)$  are isomorphic as digraphs, for all  $i \geq p_* = n_* + \ell_* = 4$ .

The graph theoretic structure of the tree is determined uniquely by the numbers  $N_1$  of immediate descendants and  $C_1$  of capable immediate descendants of the mainline vertices  $m_n$  with logarithmic order  $n = \text{lo}(m_n) \geq n_* = 2$ :

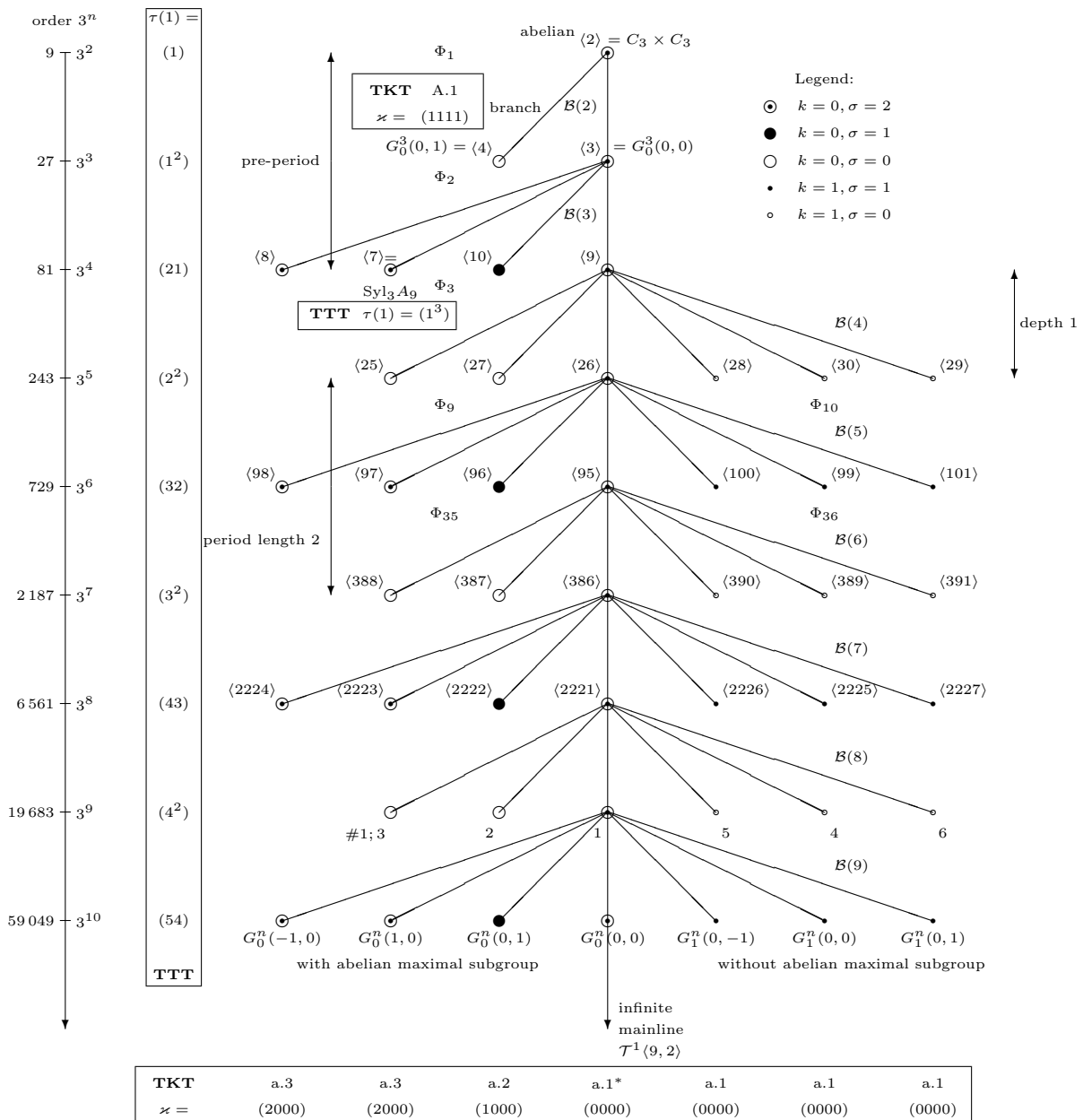
$(N_1, C_1) = (2, 1)$  for the root  $m_2$  with  $n = 2$ ,

$(N_1, C_1) = (4, 1)$  for the mainline vertex  $m_3$  with  $n = 3$ ,

$(N_1, C_1) = (6, 1)$  for mainline vertices  $m_n$  with even logarithmic order  $n \geq 4$ ,

$(N_1, C_1) = (7, 1)$  for mainline vertices  $m_n$  with odd logarithmic order  $n \geq 5$ .

FIGURE 17. The unique coclass-1 tree  $\mathcal{T}^1\langle 9, 2 \rangle$  with mainline of type  $a.1^*$



*Proof.* (of Proposition 13.1) The statements concerning the numbers  $N_1(m_n)$  of immediate descendants of the mainline vertices  $m_n$  with  $n \geq 3$  are due to Blackburn [9, Thm. 4.2 and Thm 4.3, p. 88], who distinguishes the groups according to their defect of commutativity  $k = k(G) \in \{0, 1\}$ , which is defined by  $[\chi_2 G, \gamma_2 G] = \gamma_{c+1-k} G$  in terms of the lower central series  $(\gamma_j G)_{j \geq 1}$ , nilpotency class  $c \geq 3$ , and the two-step centralizer  $\chi_2 G$  of  $G$ .

In detail, Blackburn proved that there are  
 4 vertices  $v$  with defect  $k(v) = 0$  in the pre-periodic branch  $\mathcal{B}(3)$ ,  
 and the primitive period  $(\mathcal{B}(4), \mathcal{B}(5))$  of length  $\ell = 2$  consists of  
 3 vertices  $v$  with defect  $k(v) = 0$ , and 3 vertices  $v$  with defect  $k(v) = 1$ ,  
 together 6 vertices in branch  $\mathcal{B}(4)$ , and  
 4 vertices  $v$  with defect  $k(v) = 0$ , and 3 vertices  $v$  with defect  $k(v) = 1$ ,  
 together 7 vertices in branch  $\mathcal{B}(5)$ . All vertices of the tree are metabelian.

The results were reproduced and supplemented with  $N_1(m_2) = 2$  by Nebelung [7, Thm. 5.1.17, pp. 179–180], and have been verified by ourselves independently by direct computation with MAGMA [17], where the  $p$ -group generation algorithm by Newman and O'Brien [12, 13, 14] is implemented.

Accordingly, the pre-period  $(\mathcal{B}(2), \mathcal{B}(3))$  of length  $\ell_* = 2$  consists of  
 2 vertices  $v$  with defect  $k(v) = 0$  in branch  $\mathcal{B}(2)$ , and  
 4 vertices  $v$  with defect  $k(v) = 0$  in branch  $\mathcal{B}(3)$ .

The claim of the virtual periodicity of branches has been proved generally for any coclass tree by du Sautoy [1], and independently by Eick and Leedham-Green [2]. Here, the strict periodicity is also a consequence of Blackburn's results, and has been tested up to  $\mathcal{B}(25)$  computationally.  $\square$

TABLE 11. Data for 3-groups  $G$  with  $2 \leq n = \text{lo}(G) \leq 6$  of the coclass tree  $\mathcal{T}^1\langle 9, 2 \rangle$

#	$n$	$a; z, w$	$\langle 3^n, i \rangle$	$k$	dp	dl	$\zeta$	$\mu$	$\nu$	$\tau(1)$	$\tau_2$	Type	$\varkappa$	$\sigma$	#Aut
1	2	0; 0, 0	$\langle 3^2, 2 \rangle$	0	0	1	$1^2$	3	3	1	0	a.1*	(0000)	2	$2^4 \cdot 3$
1	3	0; 0, 0	$\langle 3^3, 3 \rangle$	0	0	2	1	4	2	$1^2$	1	a.1*	(0000)	$2^*$	$2^4 \cdot 3^3$
1	3	0; 0, 1	$\langle 3^3, 4 \rangle$	0	1	2	1	2	0	$1^2$	1	A.1	(1111)	0	$2 \cdot 3^3$
1	4	0; 0, 0	$\langle 3^4, 9 \rangle$	0	0	2	1	4	1	21	$1^2$	a.1*	(0000)	2	$2^2 \cdot 3^5$
1	4	0; 0, 1	$\langle 3^4, 10 \rangle$	0	1	2	1	3	0	21	$1^2$	a.2	(1000)	$1^*$	$2 \cdot 3^5$
1	4	0; 1, 0	$\langle 3^4, 7 \rangle$	0	1	2	1	3	0	$1^3$	$1^2$	a.3	(2000)	$2^*$	$2^2 \cdot 3^4$
1	4	0; -1, 0	$\langle 3^4, 8 \rangle$	0	1	2	1	3	0	21	$1^2$	a.3	(2000)	$2^*$	$2^2 \cdot 3^4$
1	5	0; 0, 0	$\langle 3^5, 26 \rangle$	0	0	2	1	4	1	$2^2$	21	a.1*	(0000)	$2^*$	$2^2 \cdot 3^7$
1	5	0; 0, 1	$\langle 3^5, 27 \rangle$	0	1	2	1	3	0	$2^2$	21	a.2	(1000)	0	$2 \cdot 3^7$
1	5	0; 1, 0	$\langle 3^5, 25 \rangle$	0	1	2	1	3	0	$2^2$	21	a.3	(2000)	0	$2 \cdot 3^6$
3	5	1; 0, $w$	$\langle 3^5, 28..30 \rangle$	1	1	2	1	3	0	21	21	a.1	(0000)	0	$2 \cdot 3^6$
1	6	0; 0, 0	$\langle 3^6, 95 \rangle$	0	0	2	1	4	1	32	$2^2$	a.1*	(0000)	2	$2^2 \cdot 3^9$
1	6	0; 0, 1	$\langle 3^6, 96 \rangle$	0	1	2	1	3	0	32	$2^2$	a.2	(1000)	$1^*$	$2 \cdot 3^9$
2	6	0; $\pm 1, 0$	$\langle 3^6, 97 98 \rangle$	0	1	2	1	3	0	32	$2^2$	a.3	(2000)	$2^*$	$2^2 \cdot 3^8$
3	6	1; 0, $w$	$\langle 3^6, 99..101 \rangle$	1	1	2	1	3	0	$2^2$	$2^2$	a.1	(0000)	$1^*$	$2 \cdot 3^8$

**Theorem 13.1. (Graph theoretic and algebraic invariants.)**

The coclass-1 tree  $\mathcal{T} := \mathcal{T}^1 R_1^1$  of all finite 3-groups  $G \not\cong C_9$  with coclass  $\text{cc}(G) = 1$  arises from the abelian root  $R_1^1 := \langle 9, 2 \rangle \simeq C_3 \times C_3$  and has the following graph theoretic properties.

- (1) The pre-period  $(\mathcal{B}(2), \mathcal{B}(3))$  of length  $\ell_* = 2$  is irregular.
- (2) The cardinalities of the irregular branches are  $\#\mathcal{B}(2) = 2$  and  $\#\mathcal{B}(3) = 4$ .
- (3) The branches  $\mathcal{B}(i)$ ,  $i \geq 4$ , are periodic with primitive period  $(\mathcal{B}(4), \mathcal{B}(5))$  of length  $\ell = 2$ .

- (4) The cardinalities of the regular branches are  $\#\mathcal{B}(4) = 6$  and  $\#\mathcal{B}(5) = 7$ .  
(5) Depth, width, and information content of the tree are given by

$$(13.1) \quad \text{dp}(\mathcal{T}^1 R_1^1) = 1, \quad \text{wd}(\mathcal{T}^1 R_1^1) = 7, \quad \text{and} \quad \text{IC}(\mathcal{T}^1 R_1^1) = 19.$$

The algebraic invariants of the groups represented by vertices forming the pre-period  $(\mathcal{B}(2), \mathcal{B}(3))$  and the primitive period  $(\mathcal{B}(4), \mathcal{B}(5))$  of the tree are given in Table 11. The leading eight branches  $\mathcal{B}(2), \dots, \mathcal{B}(9)$  are drawn in Figure 17. All vertices of the tree are metabelian.

*Proof.* (of Theorem 13.1) According to Proposition 13.1, the logarithmic order of the tree root, respectively of the periodic root, is  $n_* = 2$ , respectively  $p_* = n_* + \ell_* = 4$ .

Since  $C_1(m_n) = 1$  for all mainline vertices  $m_n$  with  $n \geq n_*$ , according to Proposition 13.1, the unique capable child of  $m_n$  is  $m_{n+1}$ , and each branch has depth  $\text{dp}(\mathcal{B}(n)) = 1$ , for  $n \geq n_*$ . Consequently, the tree is also of depth  $\text{dp}(\mathcal{T}) = 1$ .

With the aid of Formula (5.9) in Theorem 5.1, the claims (2) and (4) are consequences of Proposition 13.1:

$$\#\mathcal{B}(2) = N_1(m_2) = 2, \quad \#\mathcal{B}(3) = N_1(m_3) = 4, \quad \#\mathcal{B}(4) = N_1(m_4) = 6, \quad \text{and} \quad \#\mathcal{B}(5) = N_1(m_5) = 7.$$

According to Formula (5.13) in Corollary 5.1, where  $n$  runs from  $n_* + 1 = 3$  to  $n_* + \ell_* + \ell + 0 = 6$ , the tree width is the maximum  $\text{wd}(\mathcal{T}) = 7$  of the expressions  $N_1(m_2) = 2$ ,  $N_1(m_3) = 4$ ,  $N_1(m_4) = 6$ , and  $N_1(m_5) = 7$ .

The information content of the tree is given by Formula (5.17) in the Definition 5.3:  
 $\text{IC}(\mathcal{T}) = (\#\mathcal{B}(2) + \#\mathcal{B}(3)) + (\#\mathcal{B}(4) + \#\mathcal{B}(5)) = (2 + 4) + (6 + 7) = 19$ .

The algebraic invariants in Table 11, that is, defect of commutativity  $k$ , depth  $\text{dp}$ , derived length  $\text{dl}$ , abelian type invariants of the centre  $\zeta$ , relation rank  $\mu$ , nuclear rank  $\nu$ , abelian quotient invariants  $\tau(1)$  of the first maximal subgroup, respectively  $\tau_2$  of the commutator subgroup, transfer kernel type  $\varkappa$ , action flag  $\sigma$ , and the factorized order  $\#\text{Aut}$  of the automorphism group have been computed by means of program scripts written for MAGMA [17].

Each group is characterized by the parameters of the normalized representative  $G_a^n(z, w)$  of its isomorphism class, according to Formula (9.1), and by its identifier  $\langle 3^n, i \rangle$  in the SmallGroups Database [19].

The column with header  $\#$  contains the number of groups with identical invariants (except the presentation and identifier), for each row.  $\square$

### Corollary 13.1. (Actions and relation ranks.)

The algebraic invariants of the vertices of the structured coclass-1 tree  $\mathcal{T}^1 R$  with abelian root  $R = \langle 9, 2 \rangle \simeq C_3 \times C_3$ , which is drawn in Figure 17, are listed in Table 11. In particular:

- (1) The groups with  $V_4$ -action are the root  $R$ , all mainline vertices  $G_0^n(0, 0)$ ,  $n \geq 3$ , and the terminal vertices  $G_0^n(\pm 1, 0)$  with even logarithmic order  $n \geq 4$ .
- (2) With respect to the transfer kernel types, all mainline groups of type  $\text{a.1}^*$ ,  $\varkappa = (0000)$ , and the leaves of type  $\text{a.3}$ ,  $\varkappa \sim (2000)$ , with odd class  $c = n - 1 \geq 3$ , possess a  $V_4$ -action.
- (3) The relation rank is given by  $\mu = 4$  for the mainline vertices  $G_0^n(0, 0)$ ,  $n \geq 3$ ,  $\mu = 2$  for the terminal extraspecial group  $G_0^3(0, 1)$ , and  $\mu = 3$  otherwise.
- (4) All terminal vertices with odd class, and the mainline vertices with even class, possess an RI-action. The terminal vertices with odd class are Schur+1  $\sigma$ -groups [29, 30].

*Proof.* (of Corollary 13.1) The existence of an RI-action on  $G$  has been checked by means of an algorithm involving the  $p$ -covering group of  $G$ , written for MAGMA [17]. The other claims follow immediately from Table 11, continued indefinitely with the aid of the periodicity in Proposition 13.1. A Schur+1  $\sigma$ -group has an RI-action and relation rank  $\mu \leq 3$  [29, 30].  $\square$

## 14. CONCLUSION

In the core sections 11 and 12 of this paper, we have elaborated our long desired proof that the pruned tree of all finite 3-groups with elementary bicyclic commutator quotient, which do not arise as descendants of non-metabelian groups, can be described with a finite amount of data.



**Theorem 14.1. (Main Theorem on the Finite Information Content.)**

The total information content of the coclass forest  $\mathcal{F}(r)$  is given by

$$(14.1) \quad \text{IC}(\mathcal{F}(r)) = \begin{cases} 19 & \text{for } r = 1, \\ 739 = 515 + 224 & \text{for } r = 4, \\ 501 = 207 + 294 & \text{for each odd } r \geq 5, \\ 581 = 357 + 224 & \text{for each even } r \geq 6. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* The total information content of a coclass forest is the sum of the cardinality of its sporadic part  $\mathcal{F}_0(r)$  and the information contents of its pairwise non-isomorphic coclass trees  $\mathcal{T}^r R_i^r$

$$\text{IC}(\mathcal{F}(r)) = \#\mathcal{F}_0(r) + \sum_i \text{IC}(\mathcal{T}^r R_i^r). \quad \square$$

Due to the exceptional complexity of the pre-periodic forests  $\mathcal{F}(2)$  and  $\mathcal{F}(3)$ , their information contents are unknown up to now. However, since they are certainly finite, this does not obfuscate our clear and beautiful results concerning the infinitely many co-periodic forests  $\mathcal{F}(r)$  with  $r \geq 4$ , which can be reduced to the finite information content of the primitive co-period ( $\mathcal{F}(5), \mathcal{F}(6)$ ).

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