# The  $(p, q, r)$ -generations of the Mathieu sporadic simple group  $M_{23}$

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**Abstract.** A finite group G is called  $(l, m, n)$ -generated, if it is a quotient group of the triangle group  $T(l, m, n) = \langle x, y, z | x^l = y^m = z^n = xyz = 1 \rangle$ . In [25], Moori posed the question of finding all the  $(p, q, r)$  triples, where p, q and r are prime numbers, such that a non-abelian finite simple group G is a  $(p, q, r)$ -generated. In this paper we establish all the  $(p, q, r)$ -generations of the Mathieu sporadic simple group  $M_{23}$ . GAP [16] and the Atlas of finite group representations [30] are used in our computations. Keywords: conjugacy classes, generation, simple groups, sporadic groups.

#### 1. Introduction

Generations of finite groups by suitable subsets is of great interest and has many applications to groups and their representations. For example, the computations of the genus of simple groups can be reduced to the generations of the relevant simple groups (see Woldar [32] for details). Also Di Martino et al. [23] established a useful connection between generation of groups by conjugates and the existence of elements representable by almost cyclic matrices. Their motivation was to study irreducible projective representations of sporadic simple groups.

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Recently more attention was given to the generation of finite groups by conjugate elements. In his PhD Thesis [29], Ward considered generation of a simple group by conjugate involutions satisfying certain conditions. In this paper we are interested in the generation of the Mathieu sporadic simple group  $M_{23}$  by two elements of prime orders not necessary distinct such that the product is an element of a prime order.

A finite group G is said to be  $(l, m, n)$ -generated, if  $G = \langle x, y \rangle$ , with  $o(x) =$  $l, o(y) = m$  and  $o(xy) = o(z) = n$ . Here  $[x] = lX, [y] = mY$  and  $[z] =$  $nZ$ , where |x| is the conjugacy class of X in G containing elements of order l. The same applies to  $[y]$  and  $[z]$ . In this case G is also a quotient group of the triangular group  $T(l, m, n)$  and, by definition of the triangular group, G is also  $(\sigma(l), \sigma(m), \sigma(n))$ -generated group for any  $\sigma \in S_3$ . Therefore we may assume that  $l \leq m \leq n$ . In a series of papers [18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25], Moori and Ganief established all possible  $(p, q, r)$ -generations, where p, q and r are distinct primes, of the sporadic groups  $J_1$ ,  $J_2$ ,  $J_3$ ,  $HS$ ,  $McL$ ,  $Co_3$ ,  $Co_2$  and  $F_{22}$ . Ashrafi in  $[3, 4]$  did the same for the sporadic simple groups  $He$  and  $HN$ . Also Darafsheh and Ashrafi established in [11, 12, 13, 14], the  $(p, q, r)$ -generations of the sporadic simple groups  $Co_1$ ,  $Ru$ ,  $O'N$  and  $Ly$ . The motivation for this study is outlined in these papers and the reader is encouraged to consult these papers for background material as well as basic computational techniques.

In establishing the  $(p, q, r)$ -generations of the group  $M_{23}$ , we follow the methods used in [6], [7]and [8], and also methods used in the recent papers [1] and [2] by Ali, Ibrahim and Woldar. Note that, in general, if G is a  $(2, 2, n)$ -generated group, then G is a dihedral group and therefore G is not simple. Also by [9], if G is a non-abelian  $(l, m, n)$ -generated group, then either  $G \cong A_5$  or  $\frac{1}{l} + \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n} < 1$ . Thus for our purpose of establishing the  $(p, q, r)$ -generations of  $G = M_{23}$ , the only cases we need to consider are when  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{r} < 1$ . The result on the  $(p, q, r)$ -generations of  $M_{23}$  can be summarized in the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.1.** The sporadic simple group  $M_{23}$  is generated by all the triples  $(p, q, r)$ , p, q and r primes dividing  $|M_{23}|$ , except for the cases  $(p, q, r) \in$  $\{(2,3,r), (2,5,5), (2,5,7), (3,3,3), (3,3,5), (3,3,7)\},$  for all r.

### 2. Preliminaries

Let G be a finite group and for  $k \geq 3$ , suppose  $C_1, C_2, \ldots, C_k$  (not necessarily distinct) be conjugacy classes of G with  $g_1, g_2, \ldots, g_k$  being representatives for these classes respectively.

For a fixed representative  $g_k \in C_k$  and for  $g_i \in C_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k-1$ , denote by  $\Delta_G = \Delta_G(C_1, C_2, \ldots, C_k)$  the number of distinct  $(k-1)$ -tuples  $(g_1, g_2, \ldots, g_{k-1}) \in C_1 \times C_2 \times \ldots \times C_{k-1}$  such that  $g_1 g_2 \ldots g_{k-1} = g_k$ . This number is known as *class algebra constant* or *structure constant*. With  $\text{Irr}(G)$  =  $\{\chi_1, \chi_2, \ldots, \chi_r\}$ , the number  $\Delta_G$  is easily calculated from the character table of G through the formula

(1) 
$$
\Delta_G(C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{k-1} |C_i|}{|G|} \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{\chi_i(g_1)\chi_i(g_2)\dots\chi_i(g_{k-1})\overline{\chi_i(g_k)}}{(\chi_i(1_G))^{k-2}}.
$$

Also for a fixed  $g_k \in C_k$  we denote by  $\Delta_G^*(C_1, C_2, \ldots, C_k)$  the number of distinct  $(k-1)$ -tuples  $(g_1, g_2, \ldots, g_{k-1})$  satisfying

(2) 
$$
g_1g_2\ldots g_{k-1}=g_k \text{ and } G=\langle g_1,g_2,\ldots,g_{k-1}\rangle.
$$

**Definition 2.1.** If  $\Delta_G^*(C_1, C_2, \ldots, C_k) > 0$ , the group G is said to be  $(C_1, C_2, \ldots, C_k)$  $C_k$ )-generated.

Furthermore if H is any subgroup of G containing a fixed element  $h_k \in C_k$ , we let  $\Sigma_H(C_1, C_2, \ldots, C_k)$  be the total number of distinct tuples  $(h_1, h_2, \ldots, h_{k-1})$ such that

(3) 
$$
h_1h_2 \dots h_{k-1} = h_k \quad \text{and} \quad \langle h_1, h_2, \dots, h_{k-1} \rangle \leq H.
$$

The value of  $\Sigma_H(C_1, C_2, \ldots, C_k)$  can be obtained as a sum of the structure constants  $\Delta_H(c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_k)$  of H-conjugacy classes  $c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_k$  such that  $c_i \subseteq$  $H \cap C_i$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** Let G be a finite group and H be a subgroup of G containing a fixed element g such that  $gcd(o(g), [N_G(H):H]) = 1$ . Then the number  $h(g, H)$  of conjugates of H containing g is  $\chi_H(g)$ , where  $\chi_H(g)$  is the permutation character of G with action on the conjugates of H. In particular

$$
h(g, H) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{|C_G(g)|}{|C_{N_G(H)}(x_i)|},
$$

where  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_m$  are representatives of the  $N_G(H)$ -conjugacy classes fused to the G-class of g.

Proof of Theorem 2.1. See Ganief and Moori [19, 22].

The above number  $h(g, H)$  is useful in giving a lower bound for  $\Delta_G^*(C_1, C_2, \ldots,$  $(C_k)$ , namely  $\Delta_G^*(C_1, C_2, \ldots, C_k)$ , where

(4) 
$$
\Delta_G^*(C_1,\ldots,C_k)=\Delta_G(C_1,\ldots,C_k)-\sum h(g_k,H)\Sigma_H(C_1,\ldots,C_k),
$$

 $g_k$  is a representative of the class  $C_k$  and the sum is taken over all the representatives  $H$  of G-conjugacy classes of maximal subgroups of  $G$  containing elements of all the classes  $C_1, C_2, \ldots, C_k$ . Since we have all the maximal subgroups of the sporadic simple groups except for  $G = \mathbb{M}$  the Monster group, it is possible to build a small subroutine in GAP to compute the values of  $\Theta_G = \Theta_G(C_1, C_2, \ldots, C_k)$  for any collection of conjugacy classes and a sporadic simple group.

Lemma 2.1, Theorems 2.2 and 2.3 are in some cases useful in establishing non-generation of finite groups.

**Lemma 2.1.** Let G be a finite centerless group. If  $\Delta_G^*(C_1, C_2, \ldots, C_k)$  <  $|C_G(g_k)|$ ,  $g_k \in C_k$ , then  $\Delta_G^*(C_1, C_2, \ldots, C_k) = 0$  and therefore G is not  $(C_1, C_2, \ldots, C_k)$ -generated.

### Proof of Theorem 2.2. See [5].

 $i=1$ 

**Theorem 2.2** ([26]). Let G be a transitive permutation group generated by permutations  $g_1, g_2, \ldots, g_s$  acting on a set of n elements such that  $g_1g_2 \ldots g_s =$ 1<sub>G</sub>. If the generator  $g_i$  has exactly  $c_i$  cycles for  $1 \leq i \leq s$ , then  $\sum_{s=1}^{s}$  $i=1$  $c_i \le (s 2) n + 2.$ 

For the Mathieu sporadic simple group  $G = M_{23}$  and from the Atlas of finite group representations [30] we have G acting on 23 points, so that  $n = 23$ and since our generation is triangular, we have  $s = 3$ . Hence if G is  $(l, m, n)$ generated, then  $\sum c_i \leq 25$ .

**Theorem 2.3** ([27]). Let  $g_1, g_2, \ldots, g_s$  be elements generating a group G with  $g_1g_2...g_s = 1_G$  and  $\mathbb V$  be an irreducible module for G with dim  $\mathbb V = n \geq 2$ . Let  $C_{\mathbb{V}}(g_i)$  denote the fixed point space of  $\langle g_i \rangle$  on  $\mathbb{V}$  and let  $d_i$  be the codimension of  $C_{\mathbb{V}}(g_i)$  in  $\mathbb{V}$ . Then  $\sum^s$  $d_i \geq 2n$ .

With  $\chi$  being the ordinary irreducible character afforded by the irreducible module V and  $\mathbf{1}_{(a_i)}$  being the trivial character of the cyclic group  $\langle g_i \rangle$ , the codimension  $d_i$  of  $C_{\mathbb{V}}(g_i)$  in  $\mathbb{V}$  can be computed using the following formula  $([15])$ :

(5) 
$$
d_i = \dim(\mathbb{V}) - \dim(C_{\mathbb{V}}(g_i)) = \dim(\mathbb{V}) - \left\langle \chi \downarrow_{\langle g_i \rangle}^G, \mathbf{1}_{\langle g_i \rangle} \right\rangle
$$

$$
= \chi(1_G) - \frac{1}{|\langle g_i \rangle|} \sum_{j=0}^{o(g_i)-1} \chi(g_i^j).
$$

**Theorem 2.4** ([18]). Let G be a  $(2X, sY, tZ)$ -generated simple group, then G is  $(sY, sY, (tZ)^2)$ -generated.

**Theorem 2.5** ([18]). Let G be a finite group and let l, m and n be integers that are pairwise coprime. Then for any integer t coprime to n, we have

$$
\Delta(lx, mY, nZ) = \Delta(lX, mY, (nZ)^t).
$$

**Remark 2.1.** Moreover, G is  $(lX, mY, nZ)$ -generated if and only if G is  $(lX, mY, nZ)$  $(nZ)^t$ )-generated.

We see that  $(7A)^{-1} = 7B$ ,  $(11A)^{-1} = 11B$  and  $(23A)^{-1} = 23B$  in  $M_{23}$ . As an application of Theorem 2.5, the group  $M_{23}$  is  $(p, q, 7A)$ -generated if and only if it is  $(p, q, 7B)$ -generated, is  $(p, q, 11A)$ -generated if and only if it is  $(p, q, 11B)$ generated and it is also  $(p, q, 23A)$ -generated if and only if it is  $(p, q, 23B)$ generated. Therefore, it is sufficient to check the  $(p, q, 7A)$ -,  $(p, q, 11A)$ - and  $(p, q, 23A)$ -generations of  $M_{23}$ .

#### 3. The Mathieu sporadic simple group  $M_{23}$

In this section we apply the results discussed in Section 2, to the group  $M_{23}$ . We determine all the  $(p, q, r)$ -generations of  $M_{23}$ , where p, q and r are primes dividing the order of  $M_{23}$ .

The group  $M_{23}$  is a simple group of order  $10200960 = 2^7 \times 3^2 \times 5 \times 7 \times 11 \times 23$ . By the Atlas of finite groups  $[10]$ , the group  $M_{23}$  has exactly 17 conjugacy classes of its elements and 7 conjugacy classes of its maximal subgroups. Representatives of these classes of maximal subgroups can be taken as follows:

$$
K_1 = M_{22} \t K_2 = L_3(4):2_2 \t K_3 = 2^4:A_7 \t K_4 = A_8K_5 = M_{11} \t K_6 = 2^4:(3 \times A_5):2 \t K_7 = 23:11
$$

In this section we let  $G = M_{23}$ . From the electronic Atlas of finite group representations [30], we can see that  $M_{23}$  has a permutation representation on 23. Generators  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  can be taken as follows  $g_1 = (1, 2)(3, 4)(7, 8)(9, 10)(13, 10)$  $14)(15, 16)(19, 20)(21, 22), \quad g_2 = (1, 16, 11, 3)(2, 9, 21, 12)(4, 5, 8, 23)(6, 22, 14,$  $18(13, 20(15, 17), \text{ with } o(g_1) = 2, o(g_2) = 4 \text{ and } o(g_1g_2) = 23.$ 

In Table 1, we list the values of the cyclic structure for each conjugacy of G which containing elements of prime order together with the values of both  $c_i$ and  $d_i$  obtained from Ree and Scotts theorems, respectively.

Table 2 gives all the values of  $d_{nX} = \dim(\mathbb{V}/C_{\mathbb{V}}(nX))$  for  $nX$  classes of prime order for the G with dim(V) = 7. This table will be referred to when we are proving non-generation of a triple for the group G.

In Table 3 we list the representatives of classes of the maximal subgroups together with the orbits lengths of  $M_{23}$  on these groups and the permutation characters except for the smallest maximal subgroup of  $M_{23}$ .

Table 4 gives us partial fusion maps of classes of maximal subgroups into the classes of  $M_{23}$ . These will be used in our computations.

n X	Cycle Structure	$c_i$	$d_i$
1A	$1^{23}$	23	0
2A	$1^72^8$	15	8
3A	$1^53^6$	11	12
4A	$1^3 2^2 4^4$	9	14
5A	$1^35^4$	$\overline{7}$	16
6A	$11223262$	$\overline{7}$	16
7A	$1^27^3$	5	18
7B	$1^27^3$	5	18
<b>8A</b>	$11214182$	5	18
11A	1 <sup>1</sup> 11 <sup>2</sup>	3	20
11B	1 <sup>1</sup> 11 <sup>2</sup>	3	20
14A	$2^17^114^1$	3	20
14B	$2^17^114^1$	3	20
15A	$3^15^115^1$	3	20
15B	$3^15^115^1$	3	20
23A	$23^{1}$	1	22
23B	$23^{1}$	1	22

Table 1: Cycle structures of conjugacy classes of  $M_{23}$ 

Table 2:  $d_{nX} = \dim(\mathbb{V}/C_{\mathbb{V}}(nX)), nX$  is a non-trivial class of G and  $\dim(\mathbb{V}) =$ 22.



Table 3: Maximal subgroups of  $M_{23}$ 

Maximal Subgroup	Order	Orbit Lengths	Character
$M_{22}$	$2^7 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11$	[1, 22]	$1a + 22a$
$L_3(4):2_2$	$2^7 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$	[2, 21]	$1a + 22a + 230a$
$2^4$ : A <sub>7</sub>	$2^7 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$	[7, 16]	$1a + 22a + 230a$
As	$2^6 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$	[8, 15]	$1a + 22a + 230a + 253$
$M_{11}$	$2^4 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 11$	[11, 12]	$1a + 22a + 230a + 1035a$
$2^4$ : $(3 \times A_5)$ : 2	$2^7 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5$	[3, 20]	$1a + 22a + 230a + 253a + 1035a$
23:11	$11 \cdot 23$	$\left\lceil 23\right\rceil$	

Table 4: The partial fusion maps into  $M_{23}$ 

$M_{22}$ -class	2a	3a	5a	7a	7 <sub>b</sub>	11a	11 <sub>b</sub>					
$M_{23}$ $\rightarrow$	2A	3A	5A	7Α	7B	11A	11B					
$\boldsymbol{h}$				$\overline{2}$	$\overline{2}$	1	$\mathbf 1$					
					7a	7 <sub>b</sub>						
$L_3(4):2_2$ -class	2a	2 <sub>b</sub>	3a	5a								
$M_{23}$ $\rightarrow$	2A	2A	3A	5A	7A	7B						
$\boldsymbol{h}$					1	1						
$2^4$ : A <sub>7</sub> -class	2a	2 <sub>b</sub>	3a	3b	5a	7a	7b					
$\rightarrow$ $M_{23}$	2A	2A	3A	3A	5A	7A	7B					
$\boldsymbol{h}$						1	1					
$A_8$ -class	2a	2 <sub>b</sub>	3a	Зb	5a	7a	7 <sub>b</sub>					
$M_{23}$ $\rightarrow$	2A	2Α	ЗA	ЗA	5A	7Α	7B					
$\boldsymbol{h}$						$\overline{2}$	$\,2\,$					
$M_{11}$ -class	2a	3a	5a	11a	11 <sub>b</sub>							
$M_{23}$ $\rightarrow$	2A	3A	5A	11A	11B							
$\boldsymbol{h}$				$\mathbf{1}$	1							
$2^4$ : $(3 \times A_5)$ : 2-class	$2\mathrm{a}$	2 <sub>b</sub>	2 <sub>c</sub>	3a	Зb	3 <sub>c</sub>	5a					
$M_{23}$ $\rightarrow$	2A	2A	2A	ЗA	3A	3A	5A					
$\boldsymbol{h}$							1					
$23:11$ -class	11a	11 <sub>b</sub>	11c	11d	11e	11f	11g	11h	11i	11j	23a	23 <sub>b</sub>
$M_{23}$ $\rightarrow$	11A	11B	11A	11A	11A	11B	11B	11B	11A	11B	23A	23B
$\boldsymbol{h}$	1	$\mathbf 1$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

## 4. The  $(2, q, r)$ -generations of  $M_{23}$

Let  $pX, p \in \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 23\}, X \in \{A, B\}$  be a conjugacy class of  $G = M_{23}$  and  $c_i$  be the number of disjoint cycles in a representative of  $pX$ . For  $M_{23}$  with three disjoint cycles, and acting on  $n = 23$  points, we get  $n(s - 2) + 2 = 23 + 2 = 25$ . Also G is not  $(2A, 2A, pX)$ -generated, for if G is  $(2A, 2A, pX)$ -generated, then G is a dihedral group and thus is not simple. Also we know that if G is  $(l, m, n)$ generated with  $\frac{1}{l} + \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n} \geq 1$  and G is simple, then  $G \cong A_5$ , but  $G \cong M_{23}$  and  $M_{23} \not\cong A_5$ . Hence if G is  $(p, q, r)$ -generated, then we must have  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{r} < 1$ .

Moreover if G is  $(2A, 3A, rX)$ -generated, then we must have  $r > 6$  but we show in Theorem 4.1 below that in our case G is not  $(2A, 3A, rX)$ -generated for all r.

Now, the  $(2, q, r)$ -generations of  $M_{23}$  comprises the cases  $(2, 3, r)$ -,  $(2, 5, r)$ -,  $(2, 7, r)$ -,  $(2, 11, r)$ - and  $(2, 23, r)$ - generations.

### 4.1  $(2, 3, r)$ -generations

**Proposition 4.1.** G is not  $(2A, 3A, r)$ -generated for all r.

**Proof.** The condition  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{r} < 1$  shows that  $r > 6$ . Therefore we have to consider the cases  $(2A, 3A, 7X)$ ,  $(2A, 3A, 11X)$  and  $(2A, 3A, 23X)$  for all  $X \in$  $\{A, B\}$ . Theorem 1.1 of [28] implies that G is not a Hurwitz group and hence G is not a  $(2A, 3A, 7X)$ -generated for  $X \in \{A, B\}$ . Generally, if G is  $(2A, 3A, r)$ generated group, then we must have  $c_{2A}+c_{3A}+c_p \leq 25$ . From Table 1 we see that  $c_{2A} + c_{3A} + c_r = 15 + 11 + c_p > 25$  for  $p \in \{7A, 7B, 11A, 11B, 23A, 23B\}$ . Now, using Ree's Theorem [26], it follows that G is not  $(2A, 3A, r)$ -generated.  $\Box$ 

Remark 4.1. The above results can be deduced by Scott's Theorem [27], as from Table 2 we can see that  $d_{2A} + d_{3A} + d_{nX} = 8 + 12 + d_{nX} < 2 \times 22$  for  $nX \in \{7A, 7B, 11A, 11B, 23A, 23B\}.$ 

## 4.1.1  $(2, 5, r)$ -generations

The condition  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{r} < 1$  shows that  $r > \frac{10}{3}$ . Thus we have to consider the cases  $(2A, 5A, 5A), (2A, 5A, 7X), (2A, 5A, 11X) \text{ and } (2A, 5A, 23X) \text{ for } X \in \{A, B\}.$ 

**Proposition 4.2.** The group G is neither  $(2A, 5A, 5A)$ - nor  $(2A, 5A, 7X)$ -generated for  $X \in \{A, B\}.$ 

**Proof.** If G is a  $(2A, 5A, 5A)$ -generated group, then we must have  $c_{2A} + c_{5A} + c_{6A}$  $c_{5A} \leq 25$ . From Table 1 we see that  $c_{2A} + c_{5A} + c_{5A} = 15 + 7 + 7 = 29 > 25$ . Now, using Ree's Theorem, it follows that  $G$  is not  $(2A, 5A, 5A)$ -generated.

By the same Table 1 we see that  $c_{2A} + c_{5A} + c_{7A} = 15 + 7 + 5 = 27 > 25$ . Again by Ree's Theorem, it follows that G is not  $(2A, 5A, 7A)$ -generated. Since the same holds for  $(2A, 5A, 7B)$ , it follows that G is not  $(2A, 5A, 7X)$ -generated for  $X \in \{A, B\}$  and the proof is complete.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 4.3.** The group G is  $(2A, 5A, 11X)$ -generated for  $X \in \{A, B\}$ .

**Proof.** By Table 4, we see that  $K_1$ ,  $K_5$  and  $K_7$  are the maximal subgroups having elements of order 11.

The intersection of the conjugacy classes these three maximal subgroups do not contain elements of order 11. Considering all various pairwise intersections of the conjugacy classes for these three maximal subgroups, we found that the only candidate having elements of order 11 is isomorphic to the group  $PSL_2(11)$ .

The maximal subgroup  $K_7$  will not have any contributions because it does not contain elements of orders 2 and 5. We obtained that  $\sum_{K_1}(2a, 5a, 11b) =$  176,  $\sum_{K_5}(2a, 5a, 11b) = 33$  and  $\sum_{PSL_2(11)}(2a, 5x, 11b) = \Delta_{PSL_2(11)}(2a, 5a, 11b) +$  $\Delta_{PSL_2(11)}(2a, 5b, 11b) = 11 + 11 = 22$ . By [17, 31], we have  $h(11A, K_1) =$  $h(11A, K_5) = h(11A, PSL_2(11)) = 1$ . Since by Table 5 we have  $\Delta_G(2A, 5A, 11A)$ = 253, we then obtain that  $\Delta_G^*(2A, 5A, 11A) \geq \Delta_G(2A, 5A, 11A) - \sum_{K_1} (2a, 5a, 11A)$  $(11b) - \sum_{K_5} (2a, 5a, 11b) + \sum_{PSL_2(11)} (2a, 5x, 11b) = 253 - 176 - 33 + 22 = 66 > 0.$ Hence G is  $(2A, 5A, 11A)$ -generated. Since the same holds for  $(2A, 5A, 11B)$ (see Remark 2.1), it follows that G is  $(2A, 5A, 11X)$ -generated, for all  $X \in$  ${A, B}.$  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 4.4.** The group G is  $(2A, 5A, 23X)$ -generated for  $X \in \{A, B\}$ .

**Proof.** By Table 4, we see the maximal subgroup  $K_7$  is the only one have elements of order 23. This maximal subgroup will not have any contributions because it does not have elements of orders 2 and 5.

Since by Table 5, we have  $\Delta_G(2A, 5A, 23A) = 138$ , we then deduce that  $\Delta_G^*(2A, 5A, 23A) = \Delta_G(2A, 5A, 23A) = 138 > 0$ . Thus G is  $(2A, 5A, 23A)$ generated. Since the same holds for  $(2A, 5A, 23B)$ , it follows that G is a  $(2A, 5A, 23X)$ -generated group, for  $X \in \{A, B\}.$  $\Box$ 

#### 4.1.2  $(2, 7, r)$ -generations

We check for the generation of G through the triples  $(2A, 7X, 7Y)$ ,  $(2A, 7X, 11Y)$ and  $(2A, 7X, 23Y)$  for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}.$ 

**Proposition 4.5.** The group G is  $(2A, 7X, 7Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}$ .

**Proof.** By Table 4 we see that the maximal subgroups of G whose orders are divisible by 7 are  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$ ,  $K_3$  and  $K_4$ .

The intersection of conjugacy classes from these four maximal subgroups do not contain elements of order 7. The intersection of the conjugacy classes from any three maximal subgroups do not contain elements of order 7. Considering all various intersections of the conjugacy classes for pairwise of these three maximal subgroups, we noticed that the groups  $PSL_3(4)$ ,  $A_7$  (2-copies),  $2^3$ : $PLS_3(2)$  (2copies) and  $PSL<sub>3</sub>(2)$  are the only ones having elements of order 7.

The group  $PSL<sub>3</sub>(2)$  has its relevant structure constant zero and as such it will not have any contributions. We obtained that  $\sum_{PSL_3(4)}(2a, 7a, 7a)$  =  $42,\ \sum_{A_7}(2a,7a,7a) = 7,\ \sum_{2^3:PSL_3(2)}(2a,7b,7b) = 7 \, \, \text{and} \, \, h(7\AA,PSL_3(4)) =$  $h(7A, A_7) = h(7A, 2^3 \cdot PSL_3(2)) = 2$ . For the contributing maximal subgroups, we have  $\sum_{K_1} (2a, 7b, 7b) = 147$ ,  $\sum_{K_2} (2x, 7b, 7b) = \Delta_{K_2} (2a, 7b, 7b) + \Delta_{K_2} (2b,$  $(7b, 7b) = 0 + 42 = 42$ ,  $\sum_{K_3} (2a, 7a, 7a) = 7$ ,  $\sum_{K_4} (2x, 7b, 7b) = \Delta_{K_4} (2a, 7b, 7b) +$  $\Delta_{K_4}(2b, 7b, 7b) = 14 + 28 = 42$  and found that  $h(7A, K_2) = h(7A, K_3) = 1$  and  $h(7A, K_1) = h(7A, K_4) = 2$ . Since by Table 5 we have  $\Delta_G(2A, 7A, 7A) = 301$ , we then obtain that  $\Delta_G^*(2A, 7A, 7A) \geq \Delta_G(2A, 7A, 7A) - 2 \cdot \sum_{K_1} (2a, 7b, 7b)$ we then obtain that  $\Delta_G(zA, tA, tA) \geq \Delta_G(zA, tA, tA) - 2 \cdot \sum_{K_1} \Delta_u$ ,  $tA$ ,  $tB$ ,  $tB$ ,  $tC$ ,  $tD$ ,  $2 \cdot 2 \cdot \sum_{A_7} (2 a, 7 a, 7 a) + 2 \cdot 2 \cdot \sum_{2^3 : PSL_3(2)} (2 a, 7 b, 7 b) = 301 - 2 (\hat{147}) - 42 - 7 2(42) + 2(42) + 2(2)(7) + 2(2)(7) = 14 > 0$  and it follows that  $(2A, 7A, 7A)$  is a generating triple for G. Since the same holds for  $(2A, 7B, 7B)$ , it follows that the group G is  $(2A, 7X, 7X)$ -generated, for all  $X \in \{A, B\}$ .

We now investigate the  $(2A, 7A, 7B)$ - generations for G. From the intersections, we noticed that the groups  $PSL_3(4)$ ,  $A_7$  (2-copies),  $2^3$ : $PLS_3(2)$  (2-copies) and  $PSL_3(2)$  will all contribute here. We obtained that  $\sum_{PSL_3(4)}(2a, 7a, 7b)$  = 63,  $\sum_{A_7}(2a, 7a, 7b) = 28$ ,  $\sum_{2^3:PSL_3(2)}(2a, 7b, 7a) = 14$ ,  $\sum_{PSL_3(2)}(2a, 7a, 7b) = 7$ and  $h(7B,PSL_3(4)) = h(7B, A_7) = h(7B, 2^3:PSL_3(2)) = h(7B, PSL_3(2)) = 2.$ 

The maximal subgroup  $K_3$  will not have any contributions because its relevant structure constant is zero. For the contributing maximal subgroups, we have  $\sum_{K_1} (2a, 7b, 7a) = 224$ ,  $\sum_{K_2} (2x, 7b, 7a) = \Delta_{K_2} (2a, 7b, 7a) + \Delta_{K_2} (2b, 7b, 7a)$  $= 0 + 63 = 63, \sum_{K_4} (2x, 7b, 7a) = \Delta_{K_4}(2a, 7b, 7a) + \Delta_{K_4}(2b, 7b, 7a) = 21 + 42 =$ 63 and found that  $h(7B, K_2) = 1$  and  $h(7B, K_1) = h(7B, K_4) = 2$ . Since by Table 5 we have  $\Delta_G(2A, 7A, 7B) = 462$ , we then obtain that  $\Delta_G^*(2A, 7A, 7B) =$  $\Delta_G(2A,7A,7B) - 2 \cdot \sum_{K_1} (2a,7b,7a) - \sum_{K_2} (2x,7b,7a) - 2 \cdot \sum_{K_4} (2x,7b,7a) +$  $2 \cdot \sum_{PSL_3(4)} (2a, 7a, 7b) + 2 \cdot \sum_{A_7} (2a, 7b, 7a) + 2 \cdot \sum_{2^3:PSL_3(2)} (2a, 7b, 7a) + 2 \cdot$  $\sum_{PSL_3(2)}(2a, 7b, 7a) = 462 - 2(224) - 63 - 2(21) + 2(63) + 2(2)(28) + 2(2)(14) +$  $2(7) = 217 > 0$ . Therefore G is  $(2A, 7A, 7B)$ -generated.

**Proposition 4.6.** The group G is  $(2A, 7X, 11Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}$ .

**Proof.** Looking at Proposition 4.3, we see that  $PSL_2(11)$  is the only group having elements of order 11. This group  $PSL_2(11)$  will not have any contributions because it does not contain elements of order 7. With regard to maximal subgroups having elements of order 11, by Table 4 we see that the maximal subgroup  $K_1$  of G is the only one whose order is divisible by 7 and 11. We obtained that  $\sum_{K_1}(2a, 7x, 11y) = 176$  and  $h(11Z, K_1) = 1$  for  $Z \in \{A, B\}$ . By Table 5 we have  $\Delta_G(2A, 7X, 11Y) = 308$  so that  $\Delta_G^*(2A, 7X, 11Y) \geq \Delta_G(2A, 7X, 11Y) \sum_{K_1} (2a, 7x, 11y) = 308 - 176 = 132 > 0$ , implies that G is  $(2A, 7X, 11Y)$ generated for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}.$  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 4.7.** The group G is  $(2A, 7X, 23Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}$ .

**Proof.** By Table 4,  $K_7$  is the only maximal subgroup having elements of order 23. This maximal subgroup  $K_7$  does not have elements of order 7. By Table 5 we have  $\Delta_G(2A, 7X, 23Y) = 184$ . Since there are no contributions from any of the maximal subgroups of G, we then have  $\Delta_G^*(2A, 7X, 23Y) = \Delta_G(2A, 7X, 23Y) =$ 184 > 0, proving that G is  $(2A, 7X, 23Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}$ .  $\Box$ 

#### 4.1.3  $(2, 11, r)$ -generations

Also here we check for the generation of G through the triples  $(2A, 11A, 11A)$ -, (2A, 11A, 11B)-, (2A, 11A, 23A)-, (2A, 11A, 23B)-, (2A, 11B, 11B)-, (2A, 11B, 23A)- and  $(2A, 11B, 23B)$ -generation. For this we have the following theorems:

**Proposition 4.8.** The group G is  $(2A, 11X, 11Y)$ -generated for  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}$ .

Proof. Looking at the discussions in Proposition 4.3 for the intersections, we see that the group  $PSL_2(11)$  may be involved when proving  $(2A, 11X, 11Y)$ generations. By Table 4 we see that the maximal subgroups of  $G$  containing elements of orders 2 and 11 are  $K_1$  and  $K_5$ . The groups  $K_1$ ,  $K_5$  and  $PSL_2(11)$ have elements of orders 2 and 11. We obtained that  $\sum_{K_1} (2a, 11x, 11x) = 99$ , have elements of orders 2 and 11. We obtained that  $\sum_{K_1}(2a, 11x, 11x) = 33$ ,<br> $\sum_{K_5}(2a, 11x, 11x) = 11$  and  $\sum_{PSL_2(11)}(2a, 11x, 11x) = 11$ . We found that  $h(11A, K_1) = h(11A, K_5) = h(11A, PSL_2(11)) = 1$ . Since by Table 5 we have  $\Delta_G(2A, 11X, 11X) = 341$ , so that  $\Delta_G^*(2A, 11X, 11X) \geq \Delta_G(2A, 11X, 11X) \sum_{K_1} (2a, 11x, 11x) - \sum_{K_5} (2a, 11x, 11x) + \sum_{PSL_2(11)} (2a, 11x, 11x) = 341 - 147 11 + 11 = 194 > 0$ , proving that G is  $(2A, 11X, 11X)$ -generated for  $X \in \{A, B\}$ .

Finally, we show that G is  $(2A, 11A, 11B)$ -generated. We obtained that  $\sum_{K_1} (2a, 11b, 11a) = 132$  and  $\sum_{K_5} (2a, 11b, 11a) = 11$ . The group  $PSL_2(11)$  will not have any contributions because its relevant structure constant is zero. Since by Table 5 we have  $\Delta_G(2A, 11A, 11B) = 341$ , so that  $\Delta_G^*(2A, 11A, 11B) =$  $\Delta_G(2A, 11A, 11B) - \sum_{K_1} (2a, 11b, 11a) - \sum_{K_5} (2a, 11b, 11a) = 341 - 224 - 11 =$  $106 > 0$ , implies that G is  $(2A, 11A, 11B)$ -generated. We conclude that G is  $(2A, 11Y, 11Z)$ -generated for all  $Y, Z \in \{A, B\}.$  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 4.9.** The group G is  $(2A, 11X, 23Y)$ -generated for  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}$ .

**Proof.** By Table 4 we see the  $K_7$  is the only maximal subgroup of G containing elements of order 23. This maximal subgroup will not have any contributions because it does not have elements of order 2. By Table 5 we have  $\Delta_G(2A, 11X, 23Y) = 391$ , so that  $\Delta^*(2A, 11X, 23Y) = \Delta_G(2A, 11X, 23Y) =$ 391 > 0. Hence the group G is  $(2A, 11X, 23Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}$ .  $\Box$ 

## 4.1.4  $(2, 23, r)$ -generations

In here we check for the generation of G through the triples  $(2A, 23A, 23A)$ ,  $(2A, 23A, 23B)$  and  $(2A, 23B, 23B)$ . For these we have the following theorems:

**Proposition 4.10.** The group G is  $(2A, 23X, 23Y)$ -generated for  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}$ .

**Proof.** By Table 4 we see the  $K_7$  is the only maximal subgroup of G containing elements of order 23. This maximal subgroup will not have any contributions because it does not have elements of order 2. By Table 5 we have  $\Delta_G(2A, 23X, 23X) = 161$  and  $\Delta_G(2A, 23A, 23B) = 230$  for  $X \in \{A, B\}$ . Since there is no contributing group here, we then obtain that  $\Delta_G^*(2A, 23X, 23X) =$  $\Delta_G(2A, 23X, 23X) = 161 > 0$  and  $\Delta_G^*(2A, 23A, 23B) = \Delta_G(2A, 23A, 23B) =$  $230 > 0$  for all  $X \in \{A, B\}$ . Hence, the group G is a  $(2A, 23X, 23Y)$ -generated for  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}.$  $\Box$ 

## 4.2 The  $(3, q, r)$ -generations

The condition  $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{r} < 1$  shows that  $r > 3$ . We then handle all the possible  $(3, q, r)$ -generations, namely  $(3A, 3A, 5A)$ -,  $(3A, 3A, 7X)$ -,  $(3A, 3A, 11X)$ - ,  $(3A, 3A, 23X)$ -,  $(3A, 5A, 5A)$ -,  $(3A, 5A, 7X)$ -,  $(3A, 5A, 11X)$ -,  $(3A, 5A, 23X)$ -,  $(3A, 7X, 7Y)$ -,  $(3A, 7X, 11Y)$ -,  $(3A, 7X, 23Y)$ -,  $(3A, 11X, 11Y)$ -,  $(3A, 11X, 23Y)$ and  $(3A, 23X, 23Y)$ -generations in this section.

#### 4.2.1  $(3, 3, r)$ -generations

**Proposition 4.11.** The group G is neither  $(3A, 3A, 5A)$ - nor  $(3A, 3A, 7X)$ generated group for  $X \in \{A, B\}.$ 

**Proof.** By Table 2, the group G acts on a 22-dimensional irreducible complex module V. By Scott's Theorem applied to this module and using the Atlas of finite groups, we see that  $d_{3A} = \dim(\mathbb{V}/C_{\mathbb{V}}(3A)) = \frac{2(22-4)}{3} = 12, d_{5A} =$ dim(V/C<sub>V</sub>(5A)) =  $\frac{4(22-2)}{5}$  = 16 and  $d_{7A} = d_{7B} = \dim(V/C_V(5A)) = \frac{6(22-1)}{7}$  = 18. For the case  $(3A, 3A, 5A)$ , we get  $d_{3A} + d_{3A} + d_{5A} = 2 \times 12 + 16 = 40 < 44$ showing that G is not  $(3A, 3A, 5A)$ -generated. We also get that  $d_{3A} + d_{3A} + d_{7X} =$  $2 \times 12 + 16 = 42 < 44$  for  $X \in \{A, B\}$  and by Scott's Theorem G is not  $(3A, 3A, 7X)$ -generated for all  $X \in \{A, B\}$  and the proof is complete.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 4.12.** The group G is  $(3A, 3A, 11X)$ -generated for  $X \in \{A, B\}$ .

**Proof.** Looking at Proposition 4.3, we notice that the subgroups of G involved here are  $K_1, K_5$  and  $PSL_2(11)$  because both subgroups have their elements of respective orders 3 and 11 which fuse to the elements  $3A$  and  $11A$  (or  $11B$ ) of the group G. We obtained that  $\sum_{K_1} (3a, 3a, 11b) = 209$ ,  $\sum_{K_5} (3a, 3a, 11b) = 11$ and  $\sum_{PSL_2}(11)(3a, 3a, 11b) = 11$ . We already have  $h(11A, K_1) = h(11A, K_5) =$  $h(11A, PSL<sub>2</sub>(11)) = 1$ . Since by Table 6 we have  $\Delta_G(3A, 3A, 11A) = 275$ , we then obtain that  $\Delta_G^*(3A, 3A, 11A) \geq \Delta_G(3A, 3A, 11A) - \sum_{K_1} (3a, 3a, 11b)$ then obtain that  $\Delta_G(\mathcal{S}_A, \mathcal{S}_A, \mathcal{S}_A,$ that G is  $(3A, 3A, 11A)$ -generated. Since the same holds for  $(3A, 3A, 11B)$ , it follows that G is  $(3A, 3A, 11X)$ -generated, for all  $X \in \{A, B\}$ .  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 4.13.** The group G is a  $(3A, 3A, 23X)$ -generated for  $X \in \{A, B\}$ .

**Proof.** By Table 4,  $K_7$  is the only maximal subgroup having elements of order 23. This maximal subgroup will not have any contributions because it does not have elements of order 3. By Table 6 we have that  $\Delta_G(3A, 3A, 23X) = 138$ . Since there is no contributing group, we then obtain that  $\Delta^*(3A, 3A, 23X) =$  $\Delta_G(3A, 3A, 23X) = 138 > 0$ , so that G is  $(3A, 3A, 23X)$ -generated for  $X \in$  ${A, B}.$  $\Box$ 

## 4.2.2  $(3, 5, r)$ -generations

**Proposition 4.14.** The group  $G$  is  $(3A, 5A, 5A)$ -generated.

**Proof.** Looking at Table 4 we see that all the maximal subgroups of G have elements of order 5 except for the seventh maximal subgroup. Let  $T$  be the set of all maximal subgroups of  $G$  except the seventh one. We look at various intersections of conjugacy classes for these maximal subgroups. We have the following:

- The groups arising from the intersections of conjugacy classes for any 4, 5 or 6 maximal subgroups in T do not contain elements of order 5.
- The group arising from intersections of the conjugacy classes for any three maximal subgroups in T having elements of orders 3 and 5 is  $S_5$  (2-copies). We obtained that  $\sum_{S_5} (3a, 5a, 5a) = 10$  and  $h(5A, S_5) = 3$ .
- The groups arising from intersections of the conjugacy classes for any two maximal subgroups in T having elements of orders 3 and 5 are  $2^4$ : $S_5$ (3-copies),  $PSL_3(4)$ ,  $A_7$  (2-copies),  $2^4$ : $A_6$ ,  $PSL_2(11)$ ,  $A_6$ :2,  $A_5$  and  $S_5$  (2copies). We obtained that  $\sum_{2^4: S_5} (3a, 5a, 5a) = 160$ ,  $\sum_{PSL_3(4)} (3a, 5x, 5y) =$  $\Delta_{PSL_3(4)}(3a, 5a, 5a) + \Delta_{PSL_3(4)}(3a, 5a, 5b) + \Delta_{PSL_3(4)}(3a, 5b, 5b) = 445 +$  $445 + 445 = 1335, \ \sum_{A_7} (3x, 5a, 5a) = \Delta_{A_7}(3a, 5a, 5a) + \Delta_{A_7}(3b, 5a, 5a) =$  $20 + 60 = 80, \, \sum_{2^4: A_6} (3x, 5y, 5z) = \Delta_{2^4: A_6} (3a, 5a, 5a) + \Delta_{2^4: A_6} (3a, 5a, 5b) +$  $\Delta_{2^4:A_6}(3a,5b,5b)+\Delta_{2^4:A_6}(3b,5a,5a)+\Delta_{2^4:A_6}(3b,5a,5b)+\Delta_{2^4:A_6}(3b,5b,5b)$  $= 80+160+80+20+40+20 = 400, \sum_{PSL_2(11)} (3a, 5x, 5y) = \Delta_{PSL_2(11)} (3a,$  $5a, 5a) + \Delta_{PSL_2(11)}(3a, 5a, 5b) + \Delta_{PSL_2(11)}(3a, 5b, 5b) = 20 + 20 + 20 = 60,$  $\sum_{A_6:2}(3a,5a,5a) = 30, \sum_{A_5}(3a,5x,5y) = \Delta_{A_5}(3a,5a,5a) + \Delta_{A_5}(3a,5a,5b)$  $+\Delta_{A_5}(3a, 5b, 5b) = 5 + 5 + 5 = 15$  and  $\sum_{S_5}(3a, 5a, 5a) = 10$ . We found that the value of h for each of these eight groups is 3.

By Table 6 we have  $\Delta_G(3A, 5A, 5A) = 6550$ . We obtained that  $\sum_{K_1}(3a, 5a, 5a)$  $\mathcal{L}_{K_{2}}(3a,5a,5a)=910,\sum_{K_{3}}(3x,5a,5a)=\Delta_{K_{3}}(3a,5a,5a)+\Delta_{K_{3}}(3b,5a,5a)$  $5a) = 320 + 240 = 560, \, \sum_{K_4} (3x, 5a, 5a) = \Delta_{K_4} (3a, 5a, 5a) + \Delta_{K_4} (3b, 5a, 5a) =$  $25 + 135 = 160, \sum_{K_5} (3a, 5a, 5a) = 80, \sum_{K_6} (3x, 5a, 5a) = \Delta_{K_6} (3a, 5a, 5a) +$  $\Delta_{K_6}(3b, 5a, 5a) + \Delta_{K_6}(3c, 5a, 5a) = 0 + 0 + 160 = 160$ . The value of h for each maximal subgroup is 3 except for  $K_4$  and  $K_6$ . The value of h is 1 for each of these maximal subgroups  $K_4$  and  $K_6$ . It follows that  $\Delta_G^*(3A, 5A, 5A) \geq$  $\Delta_G(3A, 5A, 5A) - 3 \cdot \sum_{K_1} (3a, 5a, 5a) - 3 \cdot \sum_{K_2} (3a, 5a, 5a) - 3 \cdot \sum_{K_3} (3x, 5a, 5a) -$ <br> $\sum_{K_4} (3x, 5a, 5a) - 3 \cdot \sum_{K_5} (3a, 5a, 5a) - \sum_{K_6} (3x, 5a, 5a) - 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \sum_{S_5} (3a, 5a, 5a) +$  $K_4(\overline{3x},5a,5a)-3\cdot\sum_{K_5}(3a,5a,5a)-\sum_{K_6}(3x,5a,5a)-2\cdot 3\cdot\sum_{S_5}(3a,5a,5a)+$  $3\cdot 3 \cdot \sum_{2^4: S_5} (3 a, 5 a, 5 a) + 3 \cdot \sum_{PSL_3(4)} (3 a, 5 x, 5 y) + 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \sum_{A_7} (3 x, 5 a, 5 a) +$  $3\cdot \sum_{2^4:A_6}(3x,5y,5z)+3\cdot \sum_{PSL_2(11)}(3a,5x,5y)+3\cdot \sum_{A_6:2}\ \sum_{A_6}(3a,5x,5y)+2\cdot 3\cdot \sum_{S_8}(3a,5a,5a)=6550-3(2800)-3$  $(3a, 5a, 5a) + 3$ .  $A_5(3a, 5x, 5y) + 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \sum_{S_5} (3a, 5a, 5a) = 6550 - 3(2800) - 3(910) - 3(560) 1(160) - 3(80) - 1(160) - 2(3)(10) + 3(3)(160) + 3(1335) + 2(3)(80) + 3(400) +$  $3(60) + 3(30) + 3(15) + 2(3)(10) = 620 > 0$ . It follows that the group G is  $(3A, 5A, 5A)$ -generated.  $\Box$ 

## **Proposition 4.15.** The group G is  $(3A, 5A, 7X)$ -generated for  $X \in \{A, B\}$ .

**Proof.** As in Proposition 4.5, the groups  $PSL_3(4)$ ,  $A_7$  (2-copies),  $2^3:PLS_3(2)$ (2-copies) and  $PSL_3(2)$  may have contributions here. The groups  $2^3$ :  $PLS_3(2)$ and  $PSL<sub>3</sub>(2)$  will not have any contributions because they do not have elements of order 5. We obtained that  $\sum_{PSL_3(4)}(3a, 5x, 7b) = \Delta_{PSL_3(4)}(3a, 5a, 7b) +$   $\Delta_{PSL_{3}(4)}(3a, 5b, 7b) = 441 + 441 = 882, \ \sum_{A_{7}} (3x, 5a, 7b) = \Delta_{A_{7}}(3a, 5a, 7b) +$  $\Delta_{A_7}(3b, 5a, 7b) = 56 + 7 = 63$  and  $h(7A, PSL_3(4)) = h(7A, A_7) = 2$ .

The maximal subgroups  $K_1, K_2, K_3$  and  $K_4$  meet the 3A, 5A, 7A classes of G. We obtained that  $\sum_{K_1} (3a, 5a, 7b) = 2464$ ,  $\sum_{K_2} (3a, 5a, 7b) = 882$ ,  $\sum_{K_3} (3x, 5a, 7b) = 882$  $5a, 7a) = \Delta_{K_3}(3a, 5a, 7a) + \Delta_{K_3}(3b, 5a, 7a) = 112 + 224 = 336, \sum_{K_4}(3x, 5a, 7b) =$  $\Delta_{K_4}(3a, 5a, 7b) + \Delta_{K_4}(3b, 5a, 7b) = 77 + 7 = 84.$  We found that  $h(7A, K_1) =$  $h(7A, K_4) = 2$  and  $h(7A, K_2) = h(7A, K_3) = 1$ .

Since by Table 6 we have  $\Delta_G(3A, 5A, 7A) = 5124$ , we then obtain that  $\Delta_G^*(3A, 5A, 7A) \geq \Delta_G(3A, 5A, 7A) - 2 \cdot \sum_{K_1}(3a, 5a, 7b) - \sum_{K_2}(3a, 5a, 7b) \sum_{K_{3}}(3x, 5a, 7a)-2\cdot\sum_{K_{4}}(3a, 5a, 7b)+2\cdot\sum_{PSL_{3}(4)}(3a, 5x, 7b)+2\cdot 2\cdot\sum_{A_{7}}(3x, 5a, 7b).$  $(7b) = 5124 - 2(2464) - 882 - 336 - 2(84) + 2(882) + 2(2)(63) = 826 > 0.$  Therefore, the group G is  $(3A, 5A, 7A)$ -generated. Since the same holds for  $(3A, 5A, 7B)$ , it follows that the group G is  $(3A, 5A, 7X)$ -generated for  $X \in \{A, B\}$ .  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 4.16.** The group G is  $(3A, 5A, 11X)$ -generated for  $X \in \{A, B\}$ .

**Proof.** By Table 4 we see that the maximal subgroups of  $G$  containing elements of orders 3 and 11 are  $K_1$  and  $K_5$ . The group  $PSL_2(11)$ contains elements of orders 3, 5 and 11. We obtained that  $\sum_{K_1} (3a, 5a, 11b) = 2112$ , EINERS OF ORDERS 3, 3 and 11. We obtained that  $\sum_{K_1}(3a, 5a, 11b) = 2112$ ,<br> $\sum_{K_5}(3a, 5a, 11a) = 99$  and  $\sum_{PSL_2(11)}(3a, 5x, 11b) = \Delta_{PSL_2(11)}(3a, 5a, 11b) +$  $\Delta_{PSL_2(11)}(3a, 5b, 11b) = 22+22 = 44.$  We already have  $h(11A, K_1) = h(11A, K_5)$  $= h(11A, PSL<sub>2</sub>(11)) = 1$ . Since by Table 6 we have  $\Delta_G(3A, 5A, 11A) = 4136$ , we then have  $\Delta_G^*(3A, 5A, 11A) \geq \Delta_G(3A, 5A, 11A) - \sum_{K_1} (3a, 5a, 11b) - \sum_{K_5} (3a,$  $(5a, 11b) + \sum_{PSL_2(11)} (3a, 5x, 11b) = 4136 - 2112 - 99 + 44 = 1969 > 0$ , so that G is  $(3A, 5A, 11A)$ -generated. Since the same holds for  $(3A, 5A, 11B)$ , it follows that the group G is  $(3A, 5A, 11X)$ -generated for  $X \in \{A, B\}$ .  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 4.17.** The group G is  $(3A, 5A, 23X)$ -generated group for  $X \in$  ${A, B}.$ 

**Proof.** By Table 4,  $K_7$  is the only maximal subgroup having elements of order 23. This maximal subgroup will not have any contributions because it does not have elements of order 5. By Table 6 we have that  $\Delta_G(3A, 5A, 23X) = 2438$ . Since there is no contributing group, we then obtain that  $\Delta_G^*(3A, 5A, 23X) =$  $\Delta_G(3A, 5A, 23X) = 2438 > 0$ , so that G is  $(3A, 5A, 23X)$ -generated for  $X \in$  ${A, B}.$  $\Box$ 

### 4.2.3  $(3, 7, r)$ -generations

In this subsection we discuss the case  $(3, 7, r)$ -generations. It follows that we will end up with 11 cases, namely  $(3A, 7A, 7A)$ -,  $(3A, 7A, 7B)$ -,  $(3A, 7A, 11A)$ -, (3A, 7A, 11B)-, (3A, 7A, 23A)-, (3A, 7A, 23B)-, (3A, 7B, 7B)-, (3A, 7B, 11A)-,  $(3A, 7B, 11B)$ -,  $(3A, 7B, 23A)$  and  $(3A, 7B, 23B)$ -generation.

**Proposition 4.18.** The group G is  $(3A, 7X, 7Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}$ 

**Proof.** As in Proposition 4.5, the groups  $PSL_3(4)$ ,  $A_7$  (2-copies),  $2^3$ : $PLS_3(2)$ (2-copies) and  $PSL_3(2)$  have elements of order 7. We obtained that  $\sum_{PSL_3(4)} (3a,$  $(7b, 7b) = 357, \sum_{A_7} (3x, 7b, 7b) = \Delta_{A_7}(3a, 7b, 7b) + \Delta_{A_7}(3b, 7b, 7b) = 56 + 21 = 77,$  $\sum_{2^3:PSL_3(2)} (3a, 7b, 7b) = 28$ ,  $\sum_{PSL_3(2)} (3a, 7a, 7a) = 7$  and  $h(7A, PSL_3(4)) =$  $h(7A, A_7) = h(7A, 2^3 \cdot PSL_3(2)) = h(7A, PSL_3(2)) = 2.$ 

The maximal subgroups  $K_1, K_2, K_3$  and  $K_4$  meet the 3A, 7A classes of G. We obtained that  $\sum_{K_1} (3a, 7b, 7b) = 1792$ ,  $\sum_{K_2} (3a, 7b, 7b) = 357$ ,  $\sum_{K_3} (3x, 7a, 7a) =$  $\Delta_{K_3}(3a, 7a, 7a) + \Delta_{K_3}(3b, 7a, 7a) = 168 + 126 = 294, \sum_{K_4}(3x, 7b, 7b) = \Delta_{K_4}(3a,$  $(7b, 7b) + \Delta_{K_4}(3b, 7b, 7b) = 147 + 21 = 168$ . We found that  $h(7A, K_1) = h(7A, K_4) =$ 2 and  $h(7A, K_2) = h(7A, K_3) = 1$ .

Since by Table 6 we have  $\Delta_G(3A, 7A, 7A) = 4886$ , we then obtain that  $\Delta_G^*(3A, 7A, 7A) \geq \Delta_G(3A, 7A, 7A) - 2 \cdot \sum_{K_1}(3a, 7b, 7b) - \sum_{K_2}(3a, 7b, 7b) - \sum_{K_3}(3x, 7a, 7a, 7a) - 2 \cdot \sum_{K_4}(3a, 7b, 7b) + 2 \cdot \sum_{PSL_3(4)}(3a, 7b, 7b) + 2 \cdot 2 \cdot \sum_{A_{\pi}}(3x, 7b, 7b)$  $K_3(3x,7a,7a)-2\cdot\sum_{K_4}(3a,7b,7b)+2\cdot\sum_{PSL_3(4)}(3a,7b,7b)+2\cdot2\cdot\sum_{A_7}(3x,7b,7b)+$  $2 \cdot 2 \cdot \sum_{2^3:PSL_3(2)} (3a, 7b, 7b) + 2 \cdot \sum_{PSL_3(2)} (3a, 7a, 7a) = 4886 - 2(1792) - 357 - 2$  $394 - 2(168) + 2(357) + 2(2)(77) + 2(2)(28) + 2(7) = 1363 > 0$ . Therefore, the group G is  $(3A, 7A, 7A)$ -generated. Since the same holds for  $(3A, 7B, 7B)$ , it follows that the group G is  $(3A, 7X, 7X)$ -generated for  $X \in \{A, B\}$ .

We now prove that G is  $(3A, 7A, 7B)$ -generated.

We obtained that  $\sum_{PSL_3(4)} (3a, 7b, 7a) = 357$ ,  $\sum_{A_7} (3x, 7b, 7b) = \Delta_{A_7} (3a, 7b, 7b)$  $(7b, 7b) + \Delta_{A_7}(3b, 7b, 7b) = 28 + 14 = 32, \sum_{2^3:PSL_3(2)}(3a, 7b, 7b) = 28, \sum_{PSL_3(2)}(3a,$  $(7a, 7b) = 7, \ \sum_{K_1} (3a, 7b, 7a) = 1792, \ \sum_{K_2} (3a, 7b, 7a) = 357, \ \sum_{K_3} (3x, 7a, 7b) = 1792,$  $\Delta_{K_3}(3a, 7a, 7b) + \Delta_{K_3}(3b, 7a, 7b) = 112 + 70 = 182, \ \sum_{K_4}(3x, 7b, 7a) = \Delta_{K_4}(3a,$  $(7b, 7a) + \Delta_{K_4}(3b, 7b, 7a) = 21 + 147 = 168, \sum_{PSL_3(4)}(3a, 7b, 7a) = 357, \sum_{A_7}(3x,$  $(7b, 7a) = \Delta_{A_7}(3a, 7b, 7a) + \Delta_{A_7}(3b, 7b, 7a) = 56 + 21 = 77, \sum_{2^3:PSL_3(2)}(3a, 7b, 7a)$  $= 28$  and  $\sum_{PSL_3(2)}(3a, 7a, 7b)$ . Since by the same Table 6 we have  $\Delta_G(3A, 7A, 7B)$  $= 4886$ , so that  $\Delta_G^*(3A, 7A, 7B) \geq \Delta_G(3A, 7A, 7B) - 2 \cdot \sum_{K_1}(3a, 7b, 7a) -\frac{1}{2}$  48800, so that  $\Delta G(3A, 7A, 7B) \geq \Delta G(3A, 7A, 7D) - 2 \cdot \sum_{K_1}(3a, 7b, 7a) - \sum_{K_2}(3a, 7b, 7a) - \sum_{K_3}(3x, 7a, 7b) - 2 \cdot \sum_{K_4}(3x, 7a, 7b) + 2 \cdot \sum_{PSL_3(4)}(3a, 7b, 7a) +$  $2 \cdot 2 \cdot \sum_{A_7} (3x, 7b, 7a) + 2 \cdot 2 \cdot \sum_{2^3:PSL_3(2)} (3a, 7b, 7a) + 2 \cdot \sum_{PSL_3(2)} (3a, 7a, 7b) =$  $4886-2(1792)-357-182-2(168)+2(357)+2(2)(42)+2(2)(28)+2(7)=1435>0.$ This proves that G is  $(3A, 7A, 7B)$ -generated group.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 4.19.** The group G is  $(3A, 7X, 11Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in$  ${A, B}.$ 

**Proof.** Looking at Proposition 4.3,  $K_1$ ,  $K_5$ ,  $K_7$  and  $PSL_2(11)$  are the only groups having elements of order 11. The group  $PSL_2(11)$  will not have any contributions because it does not have elements of order 7. Looking at Table 4, we see that  $K_1$  is the only maximal subgroup of G having elements of orders 3, 7 and 11. We obtained that  $\sum_{K_1} (3a, 7x, 11y) = 1760$  and  $h(11X, K_1) = 1$  for  $X \in \{A, B\}$ . By Table 6 we have  $\Delta_G(3A, 7X, 11Y) = 4136$ . We obtained that  $\Delta_G^*(3A, 7X, 11Y) \ge \Delta_G(3A, 7X, 11Y) - \sum_{K_1}(3a, 7x, 11y) = 4136 - 1760 = 2376$ and so that the group G becomes is  $(3A, 7X, 11Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in$  ${A, B}.$  $\Box$  **Proposition 4.20.** The group G is  $(3A, 7X, 23Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in$  ${A, B}.$ 

**Proof.** By Table 4,  $K_7$  is the only maximal subgroup having elements of order 23. This maximal subgroup will not have any contributions because it does not have elements of orders 3 and 7. By Table 6 we have that  $\Delta_G(3A, 7X, 23Y) =$ 3312. Since there is no contributing group, we then obtain that  $\Delta^*_{G}(3A,7X,23Y)$  $=\Delta_G(3A, 7X, 23Y) = 3312 > 0$ , so that the group G is  $(3A, 7X, 23Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}.$  $\Box$ 

#### 4.2.4  $(3, 11, r)$ -generations

In this subsection we discuss the case  $(3, 11, r)$ -generations.

It follows that we will end up with 7 cases, namely  $(3A, 11A, 11A)$ -,  $(3A, 11A, 11A)$ 11B)-,(3A, 11A, 23A)-, (3A, 11A, 23B)-, (3A, 11B, 11B)-, (3A, 11B, 23A)-, (3A,  $11B, 23B$ )-generation.

**Proposition 4.21.** The group G is  $(3A, 11X, 11Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in$  ${A, B}.$ 

**Proof.** Looking at Proposition 4.3,  $K_1$ ,  $K_5$ ,  $K_7$  and  $PSL_2(11)$  are the only groups having elements of order 11. The maximal subgroup  $K_7$  will not have any contributions because it does not have elements of order 3. We obtained that any contributions because it does not have elements of order 3. We obtained that  $\sum_{K_1} (3a, 11b, 11b) = 1320, \sum_{K_5} (3a, 11b, 11b) = 22$  and  $\sum_{PSL_2(11)} (3a, 11b, 11b) =$ 0. The value of h for each group is 1. Since by Table 6 we have  $\Delta_G(3A, 11A, 11A) =$ 5126, it follows that  $\Delta_G^*(3A, 11A, 11A) \geq \Delta_G(3A, 11A, 11A) - \sum_{K_1} (3a, 11b, 11b) \sum_{K_5}$ (3a, 11b, 11b) +  $\sum_{PSL_2(11)}$ (3a, 11b, 11b) = 5126 – 1320 – 22 + 0 = 3784 > 0. Therefore, the group G is  $(3A, 11A, 11A)$ -generated. Since the same holds for  $(3A, 11B, 11B)$ , the group G becomes  $(3A, 11X, 11X)$ -generated for  $X \in \{A, B\}$ .

We now prove that G is  $(3A, 11A, 11B)$ -generated.

We obtained that  $\sum_{K_1} (3a, 11a, 11b) = 1276$ ,  $\sum_{K_5} (3a, 11a, 11b) = 77$  and We obtained that  $\sum_{K_1}(3a, 11a, 11b) = 1270$ ,  $\sum_{K_5}(3a, 11a, 11b) = 17$  and  $\sum_{PSL_2(11)}(3a, 11a, 11b) = 22$ . By the same Table 6 we have  $\Delta_G(3A, 11A, 11B) =$ 5379. Then, we obtain that  $\Delta_G^*(3A, 11A, 11B) \geq \Delta_G(3A, 11A, 11B) - \sum_{K_1} (3a,$  $(11b, 11a) - \sum_{K_5} (3a, 11b, 11a) + \sum_{PSL_2(11)} (3a, 11b, 11a) = 5379 - 1276 - 77 + 22 =$  $4048 > 0$ , proving that G is  $(3A, 11\overline{A}, 11B)$ -generated. Hence, the group G is  $(3A, 11X, 11Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}.$  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 4.22.** The group G is  $(3A, 11X, 23Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in$  ${A, B}.$ 

**Proof.** By Table 4,  $K_7$  is the only maximal subgroup having elements of order 23. This maximal subgroup will not have any contributions because it does not have elements of order 3. By Table 6 we have that  $\Delta_G(3A, 11X, 23Y) = 5129$ . Since there is no contributing group, we then obtain that  $\Delta^*(3A, 11X, 23Y) =$  $\Delta_G(3A, 11X, 23Y) = 5129 > 0$ , so that the group G is  $(3A, 11X, 23Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}.$  $\Box$ 

# 4.2.5  $(3, 23, r)$ -generations

In this subsection we discuss the case  $(3, 23, r)$ -generations. It follows that we will end up with 3 cases, namely  $(3A, 23A, 23A)$ -,  $(3A, 23A, 23B)$ -,  $(3A, 23B, 23B)$ generation which will be handled in the following Proposition 4.23.

**Proposition 4.23.** The group G is  $(3A, 23X, 23Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in$  ${A, B}.$ 

**Proof.** By Table 4,  $K_7$  is the only maximal subgroup having elements of order 23. This maximal subgroup will not have any contributions because it does not have elements of order 3. By Table 6 we have  $\Delta_G(3A, 23A, 23A) = 3082$ . Since there is no contributing group, we then obtain that  $\Delta^*(3A, 23X, 23X) =$  $\Delta_G(3A, 23A, 23A) = 3082 > 0$ , so that the group G is  $(3A, 23A, 23A)$ -generated. Since the same holds for  $(3A, 23B, 23B)$ , the group G will be  $(3A, 23B, 23B)$ generated. Similarly,  $\Delta^*(3A, 23A, 23B) = \Delta_G(3A, 23A, 23B) = 2714 > 0$ , so that the group G becomes  $(3A, 23A, 23B)$ -generated.  $\Box$ 

# 4.3 Other results

In this section we handle all the remaining cases, namely the  $(5, q, r)$ -,  $(7, q, r)$ -,  $(11, q, r)$ - and  $(23, q, r)$ -generations.

## 4.3.1  $(5,5,r)$ -generations

In this subsection we discuss the case  $(5, 5, r)$ -generations. It follows that we will end up with 5 cases, namely  $(5A, 5A, 5A)$ -,  $(5A, 5A, 11A)$ -,  $(5A, 5A, 11B)$ -,  $(5A, 5A, 23A)$ -,  $(5A, 5A, 23B)$ -generation.

**Proposition 4.24.** The group  $G$  is  $(5A, 5A, 5A)$ -generated.

**Proof.** From Table 4 we see that all the maximal subgroups of  $G$  have elements of order 5 except for the seventh maximal subgroup. Let  $T$  be the set of all maximal subgroups of G except the seventh one. We look at various intersections of conjugacy classes for these maximal subgroups. We have the following:

- The groups arising from the intersections of conjugacy classes for any 4, 5 or 6 maximal subgroups in T do not contain elements of order 5.
- The groups arising from intersections of the conjugacy classes for any three maximal subgroups in T having elements of order 5 are  $S_5$  (2-copies),  $D_{10}$  and 5:4. We obtained that  $\sum_{S_5} (5a, 5a, 5a) = 8, \sum_{D_{10}} (5x, 5y, 5z) =$  $\Delta_{D_{10}}(5a, 5a, 5a) + \Delta_{D_{10}}(5a, 5a, 5b) + \Delta_{D_{10}}(5a, 5b, 5b) + \Delta_{D_{10}}(5b, 5b, 5b) =$  $0 + 1 + 1 + 0 = 2$  and  $\sum_{5:4}(5a, 5a, 5a) = 3$ . We found that the value of h for each of these three groups is 3.
- The groups arising from intersections of the conjugacy classes for any two maximal subgroups in T having elements of order 5 are  $2^4$ : $S_5$  (3-copies),  $PSL<sub>3</sub>(4)$ ,  $A<sub>7</sub>$  (2-copies),  $2<sup>4</sup>:A<sub>6</sub>$ ,  $PSL<sub>2</sub>(11)$ ,  $A<sub>6</sub>:2$ ,  $A<sub>5</sub>$  and  $S<sub>5</sub>$  (2-copies).

We obtained that  $\sum_{2^4: S_5}(5a, 5a, 5a) = 128$ ,  $\sum_{PSL_3(4)}(3a, 5x, 5y) =$  $\Delta_{PSL_3(4)}(5a, 5a, 5a) + \Delta_{PSL_3(4)}(5a, 5a, 5b) + \Delta_{PSL_3(4)}(5a, 5b, 5b) +$  $\Delta_{PSL_3(4)}(5b, 5b, 5b) = 845 + 781 + 781 + 845 = 3252, \ \sum_{A_7}(a, 5a, 5a) =$  $\Delta_{A_7}(5a, 5a, 5a) = 108, \sum_{2^4:A_6}(5x, 5y, 5z) = \Delta_{2^4:A_6}(5a, 5a, 5a) + \Delta_{2^4:A_6}(5a,$  $(5a, 5b) + \Delta_{2^4:A_6}(5a, 5b, 5b) + \Delta_{2^4:A_6}(5b, 5b, 5b) = 320 + 176 + 176 + 320 = 992,$  $\begin{array}{l} \displaystyle \frac{\partial a}{\partial b}, \frac{\partial b}{\partial b} + \Delta_{2^4:A_6}(5a,5b,5b) + \Delta_{2^4:A_6}(5b,5b,5b) = 320+176+176+320 = 992, \ \sum_{PSL_2(11)}(5x,5y,5z) \ \end{array}$  $\Delta_{PSL_2(11)}(5a, 5b, 5b) + \Delta_{PSL_2(11)}(5b, 5b, 5b) = 20 + 31 + 31 + 20 = 102,$  $\sum_{A_6:2}(5a, 5a, 5a) = 53, \sum_{A_5}(5x, 5y, 5z) = \Delta_{A_5}(5a, 5a, 5a) + \Delta_{A_5}(5a, 5a, 5b)$  $+\Delta_{A_5}(5a, 5b, 5b)+\Delta_{A_5}(5b, 5b, 5b) = 5+1+1+5 = 12$  and  $\sum_{S_5}(5a, 5a, 5a) =$ 8. We found that the value of h for each of these eight groups is 3.

By Table 7 we have  $\Delta_G(5A, 5A, 5A) = 61058$ . We obtained that  $\sum_{K_1}(5a, 5a, 5a)$  $= 18368, \sum_{K_2} (5a, 5a, 5a) = 3188, \sum_{K_3} (5a, 5a, 5a) = 1728, \sum_{K_4} (5a, 5a, 5a) =$ 173,  $\sum_{K_5} (5a, 5a, 5a) = 378$ ,  $\sum_{K_6} (5a, 5a, 5a) = 128$  The value of h for each maximal subgroup is 3 except for  $K_4$  and  $K_6$ . The value of h is 1 for each of these maximal subgroups  $K_4$  and  $K_6$ . It follows that  $\Delta_G^*(5A, 5A, 5A) \geq \Delta_G(5A, 5A, 5A) 3\cdot \sum_{K_{1}}(5a,5a,5a)-3\cdot \sum_{K_{2}}(5a,5a,5a)-3\cdot \sum_{K_{3}}(5a,5a,5a)-\sum_{K_{4}}(5a,5a,5a)-3\cdot$  $\sum_{K_5}(5a, 5a, 5a) - \sum_{K_6}(5a, 5a, 5a) - 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \sum_{S_5}(5a, 5a, 5a) - 3 \cdot \sum_{D_{10}}(5x, 5y, 5z) 3\cdot\sum_{5:4}(5a,5a,5a)+3\cdot 3\cdot\sum_{2^4: S_5}(5a,5a,5a)+3\cdot\sum_{PSL_3(4)}(5x,5y,5z)+2\cdot 3\cdot$  $\sum_{A_7}(5a, 5a, 5a) + 3 \cdot \sum_{2^4: A_6}(5x, 5y, 5z) + 3 \cdot \sum_{PSL_2(11)}(5x, 5y, 5z) + 3 \cdot \sum_{A_6:2}(5a,$  $(5a, 5a) + 3 \cdot \sum_{A_5} (5x, 5y, 5z) + 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \sum_{S_5} (5a, 5a, 5a) = 61058 - 3(18368) - 3(3188) 3(1728)-1(173)-3(378)-1(128)-2(3)(11)-3(2)-3(3)+3(3)(128)+3(3252)+$  $2(3)(108) + 3(992) + 3(102) + 3(53) + 3(12) + 2(3)(8) = 6499 > 0.$  It follows that the group G is  $(5A, 5A, 5A)$ -generated.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 4.25.** The group G is  $(5A, 5A, 7X)$ -generated for  $X \in \{A, B\}$ .

**Proof.** As in Proposition 4.5, we observe that the groups  $PSL<sub>3</sub>(4)$ ,  $A<sub>7</sub>$  (2copies),  $2^3$ : $PLS_3(2)$  (2-copies) and  $PSL_3(2)$  may have contributions here. The groups  $2^3$ : $PLS_3(2)$  and  $PSL_3(2)$  will not have any contributions because they do not have elements of order 5. We obtained that  $\sum_{PSL_3(4)} (5x, 5y, 7b)$  =  $\Delta_{PSL_3(4)}(5a, 5a, 7b) + \Delta_{PSL_3(4)}(5a, 5b, 7b) + \Delta_{PSL_3(4)}(5b, 5b, 7b) = 819 + 819 +$  $819 = 2457, \sum_{A_7} (5a, 5a, 7b) = 84$  and  $h(7A, PSL_3(4)) = h(7A, A_7) = 2.$ 

The maximal subgroups  $K_1, K_2, K_3$  and  $K_4$  meet the 5A, 7A classes of G. We obtained that  $\sum_{K_1} (5a, 5a, 7b) = 17920, \sum_{K_2} (5a, 5a, 7b) = 3276, \sum_{K_3} (5a, 5a, 7a)$  $= 1344, \sum_{K_4}(5a, 5a, 7b) = 91.$  We found that  $h(7A, K_1) = h(7A, K_4) = 2$  and  $h(7A, K_2) = h(7A, K_3) = 1.$ 

Since by Table 7 we have  $\Delta_G(5A, 5A, 7A) = 54320$ , we then obtain that  $\Delta_G^*(5A, 5A, 7A) \geq \Delta_G(5A, 5A, 7A) - 2 \cdot \sum_{K_1}(5a, 5a, 7b) - \sum_{K_2}(5a, 5a, 7b) \sum_{K_3}(5a, 5a, 7a)-2\cdot\sum_{K_4}(5a, 5a, 7b)+2\cdot\sum_{PSL_3(4)}(5x, 5y, 7b)+2\cdot 2\cdot\sum_{A_7}(5a, 5a, 7b)$  $= 54320 - 2(17920) - 3276 - 1344 - 2(91) + 2(2457) + 2(2)(84) = 18928 > 0.$ Therefore, the group G is  $(5A, 5A, 7A)$ -generated. Since the same holds for  $(5A, 5A, 7B)$ , it follows that the group G is  $(5A, 5A, 7X)$ -generated for  $X \in$  $\Box$  ${A, B}.$ 

**Proposition 4.26.** The group G is  $(5A, 5A, 11X)$ -generated for  $X \in \{A, B\}$ .

**Proof.** By Proposition 4.3 we proved that the group G is  $(2A, 5A, 11X)$ -generated for  $X \in \{A, B\}$ . It follows by Theorem 2.4 that G is  $(5A, 5A, (11A)^2)$ - and  $(5A, 5A, (11B)^2)$ -generated. By GAP, we see that  $(11A)^2 = 11B$  and  $(11B)^2 =$ 11A and the results follow.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 4.27.** The group G is  $(5A, 5A, 23X)$ -generated for  $X \in \{A, B\}$ .

**Proof.** By Proposition 4.4 we proved that G is  $(2A, 5A, 23X)$ -generated for  $X \in \{A, B\}$ . It follows by Theorem 2.4 that the group G is  $(5A, 5A, (23A)^2)$ and  $(5A, 5A, (23B)^2)$ -generated. Since by GAP we have  $(23A)^2 = 23A$  and  $(23B)^2 = 23B$ , then the results follow.  $\Box$ 

### **4.3.2**  $(5, 7, r)$ -generations

In this subsection we discuss the case  $(5, 7, r)$ -generations.

It follows that we will end up with 11 cases, namely  $(5A, 7A, 7A)$  -,  $(5A, 7A, 7A)$ 7B) -, (5A, 7A, 11A) - , (5A, 7A, 11B)-, (5A, 7A, 23A)-, (5A, 7A, 23B)-, (5A, 7B, 7B)-, (5A, 7B, 11A)-, (5A, 7B, 11B)-, (5A, 7B, 23A)-, (5A, 7B, 23B)-generation.

**Proposition 4.28.** The group G is  $(5A, 7X, 7Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}$ .

**Proof.** As in Proposition 4.5, we observe that the groups  $PSL<sub>3</sub>(4)$ ,  $A<sub>7</sub>(2$ copies),  $2^3$ : $PLS_3(2)$  (2-copies) and  $PSL_3(2)$  may have contributions here. The groups  $2^3$ : $PLS_3(2)$  and  $PSL_3(2)$  will not have any contributions because they both do not have elements of order 5. We obtained that  $\sum_{PSL_3(4)} (5x, 7b, 7b) =$  $\Delta_{PSL_{3}(4)}(5a,7b,7b)+\Delta_{PSL_{3}(4)}(5b,7b,7b)=567+567=1134,\sum_{A_{7}}(5a,7b,7b)=$ 84 and  $h(7A,PSL_3(4)) = h(7A, A_7) = 2.$ 

The maximal subgroups  $K_1, K_2, K_3$  and  $K_4$  meet the 5A, 7A classes of G. We obtained that  $\sum_{K_1} (5a, 7b, 7b) = 12544$ ,  $\sum_{K_2} (5a, 7b, 7b) = 1134$ ,  $\sum_{K_3} (5a, 7a, 7a)$  $= 672, \sum_{K_4}(5a, 7b, 7b) = 189.$  We found that  $h(7A, K_1) = h(7A, K_4) = 2$  and  $h(7A, K_2) = h(7A, K_3) = 1.$ 

Since by Table 7 we have  $\Delta_G(5A, 7A, 7A) = 52584$ , we then obtain that  $\Delta_G^*(5A, 7A, 7A) \geq \Delta_G(5A, 7A, 7A) - 2 \cdot \sum_{K_1}(5a, 7b, 7b) - \sum_{K_2}(5a, 7b, 7b) \sum_{K_3}$ (5a, 7a, 7a) – 2·  $\sum_{K_4}$ (5a, 7b, 7b) + 2·  $\sum_{PSL_3(4)}$ (5x, 7b, 7b) + 2·  $2$ ·  $\sum_{A_7}$ (5a, 7b, 7b) + 2·  $2\sum_{A_7}$ (5a, 7b, 7b)  $= 52584 - 2(12544) - 1134 - 672 - 2(189) + 2(1134) + 2(2)(84) = 27916 > 0.$ Therefore, the group G is  $(5A, 7A, 7A)$ -generated. Since the same holds for  $(5A, 7B, 7B)$ , it follows that the group G is  $(5A, 7X, 7X)$ -generated for  $X \in$  ${A, B}.$ 

We now prove that the group G is  $(5A, 7A, 7B)$ -generated. We obtained that  $\sum_{PSL_3(4)} (5x, 7b, 7a) = \Delta_{PSL_3(4)} (5a, 7b, 7a) + \Delta_{PSL_3(4)} (5b, 7b, 7a) = 567 +$  $567 = 1134, \sum_{A_7} (5a, 7b, 7b) = 84, \sum_{K_1} (5a, 7b, 7a) = 12544, \sum_{K_2} (5a, 7b, 7a) =$ 1134,  $\sum_{K_3} (5a, 7a, 7b) = 672$  and  $\sum_{K_4} (5a, 7b, 7a) = 189$ . Since by same Table 7 we have  $\Delta_G(5A, 7A, 7B) = 52584$ , we then obtain that  $\Delta_G^*(5A, 7A, 7B) \ge$  $\Delta_G(5A,7A,7B) - 2 \cdot \sum_{K_1} (5a,7b,7a) - \sum_{K_2} (5a,7b,7a) - \sum_{K_3} (5a,7a,7b) - 2 \cdot$  $\sum_{K_4}(5a, 7b, 7a) + 2 \cdot \sum_{PSL_3(4)}(5x, 7b, 7a) + 2 \cdot 2 \cdot \sum_{A_7}(5a, 7b, 7a) = 52584 2(12544) - 1134 - 672 - 2(189) + 2(1134) + 2(2)(84) = 27916 > 0$ , proving that the group G is  $(5A, 7A, 7B)$ -generated.  $\Box$  **Proposition 4.29.** The group G is  $(5A, 7X, 11Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in$  ${A, B}.$ 

**Proof.** Looking at Proposition 4.3, we see that  $K_1$ ,  $K_5$ ,  $K_7$  and  $PSL_2(11)$  are the only groups having elements of order 11. The groups  $K_5$ ,  $K_7$  and  $PSL_2(11)$ will not have any contributions because they both do not have elements of order 7. We obtained that  $\sum_{K_1} (5a, 7x, 11y) = 12672$  and  $h(11Z, K_1) = 1$  for  $Z \in$  ${A, B}$ . By Table 7 we have  $\Delta_G(5A, 7X, 11Y) = 48576$  for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}$ . We then obtain that  $\Delta_G^*(5A, 7X, 11Y) \geq \Delta_G(5A, 7X, 11Y) - \sum_{K_1} (5a, 7x, 11y) =$  $48576 - 12672 = 35904 > 0$ , so that the group G becomes  $(5A, 7X, 11Y)$ generated for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}.$  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 4.30.** The group G is  $(5A, 7X, 23Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in$  ${A, B}.$ 

**Proof.** By Table 4,  $K_7$  is the only maximal subgroup having elements of order 23. This maximal subgroup will not have any contributions because it does not have elements of orders 5 and 7. By Table 7 we have  $\Delta_G(5A, 7X, 23Y) = 44160$ for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}$ . Since there is no contributing group, we then obtain that  $\Delta_G^*(5A, 7X, 23Y) = \Delta_G(5A, 7X, 23Y) = 44160 > 0$ , so that the group G is  $(5A, 7X, 23Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}.$  $\Box$ 

### **4.3.3**  $(5, 11, r)$ -generations

In this subsection we discuss the case  $(5, 11, r)$ -generations. It follows that we will end up with 7 cases, namely  $(5A, 11A, 11A)$ -,  $(5A, 11A, 11B)$ -,  $(5A, 11A, 23A)$ -,  $(5A, 11A, 23B), (5A, 11B, 11B)$ -,  $(5A, 11B, 23A)$ - and  $(5A, 11B, 23B)$ -generation.

**Proposition 4.31.** The group G is  $(5A, 11X, 11Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in$  ${A, B}.$ 

**Proof.** Looking at Proposition 4.3, we see that  $K_1$ ,  $K_5$ ,  $K_7$  and  $PSL_2(11)$ are the only groups having elements of order 11. The group  $K_7$  will not have any contributions because it does not have elements of order 5. We obtained that  $\sum_{K_1}(5a, 11b, 11b) = 8448$ ,  $\sum_{K_5}(5a, 11b, 11b) = 198$  and  $\sum_{PSL_0(11)}(5x, 11b, 11b)$  $K_1(5a, 11b, 11b) = 8448, \sum_{K_5} (5a, 11b, 11b) = 198$  and  $\sum_{PSL_2(11)} (5x, 11b, 11b) =$  $\Delta_{PSL_2(11)}(5a, 11b, 11b) + \Delta_{PSL_2(11)}(5b, 11b, 11b) = 11 + 11 = 22$ . By Table 7, we have  $\Delta_G(5A, 11A, 11A) = 62238$ . We already have  $h(11A, K_1) = h(11A, K_5) =$  $h(11A, PSL<sub>2</sub>(11)) = 1$ . We then have  $\Delta_G^*(5A, 11X, 11X) \geq \Delta_G(5A, 11A, 11A) \sum_{K_1} (5a, 11b, 11b) - \sum_{K_5} (5a, 11b, 11b) + \sum_{PSL_2(11)} (5a, 11b, 11b) = 62238 - 8448 198 + 22 = 53614 > 0$ , showing that the group G is  $(5A, 11A, 11A)$ -generated.

Since the same holds for  $(5A, 11B, 11B)$  implies that the group G is  $(5A, 11A, 11B)$ 11A)-generated. For the  $(5A, 11A, 11B)$ -generations, we obtained that  $\sum_{K_1} (5a,$  $11b, 11a$  = 8448,  $\sum_{K_5} (5a, 11b, 11a)$  = 99 and  $\sum_{PSL_2(11)} (5a, 11x, 11y)$  =  $\Delta_{PSL_2(11)}(5a, 11b, 11b) + \Delta_{PSL_2(11)}(5b, 11b, 11b) = 11 + 11 = 22$ . Since by Table 7 we have  $\Delta_G(5A, 11A, 11B) = 61479$ , we obtain that  $\Delta_G^*(5A, 11A, 11B) \ge$  $\Delta_G(5A, 11A, 11B) - \sum_{K_1} (5a, 11b, 11a) - \sum_{K_5} (5a, 11b, 11a) + \sum_{PSL_2(11)} (5a, 11b,$ 

 $11a) = 61479 - 8448 - 99 + 22 = 52954 > 0$ , proving that the group G is  $(5A, 11A, 11B)$ -generated.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 4.32.** The group G is  $(5A, 11X, 23Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in$  ${A, B}.$ 

**Proof.** By Table 4,  $K_7$  is the only maximal subgroup having elements of order 23. This maximal subgroup will not have any contributions because it does not have elements of order 5. By Table 7 we have  $\Delta_G(5A, 11X, 23Y) =$ 61893 for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}$ . Since there is no contributing group, we then obtain that  $\Delta_G^*(5A, 11X, 23Y) = \Delta_G(5A, 11X, 23Y) = 61893 > 0$ , so that G is  $(5A, 11X, 23Y)$ -generated group for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}.$  $\Box$ 

### **4.3.4**  $(5, 23, r)$ -generations

In this subsection we discuss the case  $(5, 23, r)$ -generations. It follows that we will end up with 3 cases, namely  $(5A, 23A, 23A)$ -,  $(5A, 23A, 23B)$ - and  $(5A, 23B, 23B)$ 23B)-generation.

**Proposition 4.33.** The group G is  $(5A, 23X, 23Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in$  ${A, B}.$ 

**Proof.** By Table 4,  $K_7$  is the only maximal subgroup having elements of order 23. This maximal subgroup will not have any contributions because it does not have elements of order 5. By Table 7 we have  $\Delta_G(5A, 23X, 23Y) = 32706$  for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}$ . Since there is no contributing group, we then obtain that  $\Delta_G^*(5A, 23X, 23Y) = \Delta_G(5A, 23X, 23Y) = 32706 > 0$ , so that the group G is  $(5A, 11X, 23Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}.$ 

#### 4.3.5  $(7,7,r)$ -generations

In this subsection we discuss the case  $(7, 7, r)$ -generations.

It follows that we will end up with 16 cases, namely  $(7A, 7A, 7A)$ -,  $(7A, 7A, 7A)$ 7B)-, (7A, 7A, 11A)-, (7A, 7A, 11B), (7A, 7A, 23A)-, (7A, 7A, 23B)-, (7A, 7B, 7B)- , (7A, 7B, 11A)-, (7A, 7B, 11B), (7A, 7B, 23A)-, (7A, 7B, 23B), (7B, 7B, 7B)-,  $(7B, 7B, 11A)$ -,  $(7B, 7B, 11B)$ -,  $(7B, 7B, 23A)$ - and  $(7B, 7B, 23B)$ -generation.

**Proposition 4.34.** The group G is  $(7X, 7Y, 7Z)$ -generated for all  $X, Y, Z \in$  ${A, B}.$ 

**Proof.** By Proposition 4.5 we proved that G is  $(2A, 7A, 7X)$ -generated for  $X \in$  $\{A, B\}$ . It follows by Theorem 2.4 that the group G is  $(7A, 7A, (7A)^2)$ - and  $(7A, 7A, (B)^2)$ -generated. Since by the power maps, we have  $(7A)^2 = 7A$  and  $(7B)^2 = 7B$ , the group G becomes  $(7A, 7A, 7A)$ - and  $(7A, 7A, 7B)$ -generated. Since G is  $(7A, 7A, 7A)$ -generated, the same will hold for  $(7B, 7B, 7B)$ .

We are left only to investigate of the  $(7A, 7B, 7B)$  generation for the group G. As in Proposition 4.5, we observe that the groups  $PSL<sub>3</sub>(4)$ ,  $A<sub>7</sub>$  (2-copies),  $2^3$ : $PLS_3(2)$  (2-copies) and  $PSL_3(2)$  have contributions. We obtained that  $\sum_{PSL_3(4)} (7b,7a,7a) = 357, \ \sum_{A_7} (7b,7a,7a) = 36, \ \sum_{2^3:PSL_3(2)} (7b,7a,7a) = 8,$  $\sum_{PSL_3(2)}(7a, 7b, 7b) = 1$  and  $h(7A, PSL_3(4)) = h(7A, A_7) = h(7A, 2^3 \cdot PSL_3(2))$  $= h(7\tilde{A},PSL_3(2)) = 2.$ 

The maximal subgroups  $K_1, K_2, K_3$  and  $K_4$  have elements of order 7. We obtained that  $\sum_{K_1} (7b, 7a, 7a) = 8576$ ,  $\sum_{K_2} (7b, 7a, 7a) = 379$ ,  $\sum_{K_3} (7a, 7b, 7b) =$ 148,  $\sum_{K_4} (7b, 7a, 7a) = 379$ . We found that  $h(7A, K_1) = h(7A, K_4) = 2$  and  $h(7A, K_2) = h(7A, K_3) = 1.$ 

Since by Table 7 we have  $\Delta_G(7A, 7B, 7B) = 51948$ , we then obtain that  $\Delta_G^*(7A, 7B, 7B) \geq \Delta_G(7A, 7B, 7B) - 2 \cdot \sum_{K_1}(7b, 7a, 7a) - \sum_{K_2}(7b, 7a, 7a) \sum_{K_3}(7a, 7b, 7b)-2\sum_{K_4}(7b, 7a, 7a)+2\sum_{PSL_3(4)}(7b, 7a, 7a)+2\cdot\sum_{A_7}(7b, 7a, 7a)+2\cdot\sum_{A_8}(7b, 7a, 7a)+2\cdot\sum_{A_9}(7b, 7a, 7a)+2\cdot\sum_{S_9}(7b, 7a, 7a)+2\cdot\sum_{S_9}(7b, 7a, 7a)+2\cdot\sum_{S_9}(7b, 7a, 7a)+2\cdot\sum_{S_9}(7b, 7a, 7a)+2\cdot\sum_{S_9}(7b,$  $2 \cdot 2 \cdot \sum_{2^3:PSL_3(2)} (7b,7a,7a) + 2 \cdot \sum_{PSL_3(2)} (7a,7b,7b) = 51948 - 2(8576) - 379 148 - 2(379) + 2(379) + 2(2)(36) + 2(2)(8) + 2(1) = 34447 > 0$ . Therefore, the group G is  $(7A, 7B, 7B)$ -generated.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 4.35.** The group G is  $(7X, 7Y, 11Z)$ -generated for  $X, Y, Z \in \{A, B\}$ .

**Proof.** By Proposition 4.6 we have proved that G is  $(2A, 7X, 11Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}$ . It follows by Theorem 2.4 that G is  $(7X, 7X, (11Y)^2)$ generated. It follows that G is  $(7X, 7X, (11A)^2)$ - and  $(7X, 7X, (11B)^2)$ -generated for  $X \in \{A, B\}$ . Since by the power maps we have  $(11A)^2 = 11B$  and  $(11B)^2 =$ 11A, it then follows that G is  $(7X, 7X, 11B)$ - and  $(7X, 7X, 11A)$ -generated group for  $X \in \{A, B\}.$ 

We investigate the  $(7A, 7B, 11X)$  generations of G, where  $X \in \{A, B\}$ . Looking at Proposition 4.3, we see that  $K_1, K_5, K_7$  and  $PSL_2(11)$  are the only groups having elements of order 11. The groups  $K_5$ ,  $K_7$  and  $PSL_2(11)$  will not have any contributions because they both do not have elements of order 7. We obtained that  $\sum_{K_1} (7b, 7a, 11x) = 9856$  for  $x \in \{a, b\}$ . We already have  $h(11X, K_1) = 1$ for  $X \in \{A, B\}$ . Since by Table 7 we have  $\Delta_G(7A, 7B, 11X) = 56496$  for  $X \in \{A, B\}$ , we then obtain that  $\Delta_G^*(7A, 7B, 11X) \geq \Delta_G(7A, 7B, 11X)$  –  $\sum_{K_1}$ (7b, 7a, 11x) = 56496 – 9856 = 46640 > 0, proving G is (7A, 7B, 11X)generated for  $X \in \{A, B\}.$  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 4.36.** The group G is  $(7X, 7Y, 23Z)$ -generated for  $X, Y, Z \in \{A, B\}$ .

**Proof.** By Proposition 4.7 we have proved that  $G$  is  $(2A, 7X, 23Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}$ . It follows by Theorem 2.4 that G is  $(7X, 7X, (23Y)^2)$ generated. Since  $(23A)^2 = 23A$  and  $(23B)^2 = 23B$  then it follows that G is  $(7X, 7X, 23A)$ - and  $(7X, 7X, 23B)$ -generated for  $X \in \{A, B\}$ .

We prove that G is  $(7A, 7B, 23X)$ -generated for  $X \in \{A, B\}$ . By Table 4,  $K<sub>7</sub>$  is the only maximal subgroup having elements of order 23. This maximal subgroup will not have any contributions because it does not have elements of order 7. By Table 7 we have  $\Delta_G(7A, 7B, 23X) = 45264$  for  $X \in \{A, B\}.$ Since there is no contributing group, we then obtain that  $\Delta^*(7A, 7B, 23X) =$  $\Delta_G(7A,7B,23X) = 45264 > 0$ , so that G is  $(7A,7B,23X)$ -generated group for  $X \in \{A, B\}.$  $\Box$ 

### 4.3.6  $(7, 11, r)$ - and  $(7, 23, 23)$ -generations

In this subsection we discuss the cases  $(7, 11, r)$ - and  $(7, 23, r)$ -generations.

It follows that we will end up with 20 cases, namely  $(7A, 11A, 11A)$ -,  $(7A, 11A, 11A)$ 11B)-, (7A, 11A, 23A)-, (7A, 11A, 23B)-, (7A, 11B, 11B)-, (7A, 11B, 23A)-, (7A, 11B, 23B)-, (7B, 11A, 11A)-, (7B, 11A, 11B)-, (7B, 11A, 23A)-, (7B, 11A, 23B)- , (7B, 11B, 11B)-, (7B, 11B, 23A)-, (7B, 11B, 23B)-, (7A, 23A, 23A)-, (7A, 23A,  $(7A, 23B, 23B)$ - $(7B, 23A, 23A)$ -,  $(7B, 23A, 23B)$ - and  $(7B, 23B, 23B)$ -generation.

**Proposition 4.37.** The group G is  $(7X, 11Y, 11Z)$ -generated for  $X, Y, Z \in$  ${A, B}.$ 

**Proof.** Looking at Proposition 4.3, we see that  $K_1$ ,  $K_5$ ,  $K_7$  and  $PSL_2(11)$  are the only groups having elements of order 11. The groups  $K_5$ ,  $K_7$  and  $PSL_2(11)$ will not have any contributions because they both do not have elements of order 7. We obtained that  $\sum_{K_1}(7X, 11Y, 11Z) = 5632$  and  $h(11Z, K_1) = 1$  for all  $X, Y, Z \in \{A, B\}$ . By Table 7 we have  $\Delta_G(7X, 11Y, 11Z) = 64416$ . We then obtained that  $\Delta_G^*(7X, 11Y, 11Z) \geq \Delta_G(7X, 11Y, 11Z) - \sum_{K_1}(7X, 11Y, 11Z) =$  $64416 - 5632 = 58784 > 0$  and so G is  $(7X, 11Y, 11Z)$ -generated group for all  $X, Y, Z \in \{A, B\}.$  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 4.38.** The group G is  $(7X, 11Y, 23Z)$ -generated for all  $X, Y, Z \in$  ${A, B}.$ 

**Proof.** By Table 4,  $K_7$  is the only maximal subgroup having elements of order 23. This maximal subgroup will not have any contributions because it does not have elements of order 7. By Table 7 we have  $\Delta_G(TX, 11Y, 23Z) = 67712$ for all  $X, Y, Z \in \{A, B\}$ . Since there is no contributing group, we then obtain that  $\Delta^*(7X, 11Y, 23Z) = \Delta_G(7X, 11Y, 23Z) = 67712 > 0$ , so that G is  $(7X, 11Y, 23Z)$ -generated group for all  $X, Y, Z \in \{A, B\}.$  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 4.39.** The group G is  $(7X, 23Y, 23Z)$ -generated for all  $X, Y, Z \in$  ${A, B}.$ 

**Proof.** By Table 4,  $K_7$  is the only maximal subgroup having elements of order 23. This maximal subgroup will not have any contributions because it does not have elements of order 7. By Table 7 we have  $\Delta_G(7X, 23Y, 23Z) = 32384$  for all  $X, Y, Z \in \{A, B\}$ . Since there is no contributing group, we then obtain that  $\Delta^*(7X, 23Y, 23Z) = \Delta_G(7X, 23Y, 23Z) = 32384 > 0$ , so that the group G is  $(7X, 23Y, 23Z)$ -generated for all  $X, Y, Z \in \{A, B\}.$  $\Box$ 

#### **4.3.7**  $(11, 11, r)$ -generations

In this subsection we discuss the case  $(11, 11, r)$ -generations.

It follows that we will end up with 10 cases, namely  $(11A, 11A, 11A)$ -,  $(11A, 11A)$ 11A, 11B)-, (11A, 11A, 23A)-, (11A, 11A, 23B)-, (11A, 11B, 11B)-, (11A, 11B, 23A)-,  $(11A, 11B, 23B)$ -,  $(11B, 11B, 11B)$ -,  $(11B, 11B, 23A)$ - and  $(11B, 11B,$ 23B)-generation.

**Proposition 4.40.** The group G is  $(11X, 11Y, 11Z)$ -generated for all  $X, Y, Z \in$  ${A, B}.$ 

**Proof.** By Proposition 4.8 we have proved that G is  $(2A, 11X, 11Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}$ . Then, by Theorem 2.4 it follows that G is  $(11X, 11X,$  $(11Y)^2$ -generated for all  $X, Y, Z \in \{A, B\}$ . Since  $(11A)^2 = 11B$  and  $(11B)^2$  = 11A then it follows that G is  $(11X, 11X, 11Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y, Z \in \{A, B\}$ .

We prove that G is  $(11A, 11B, 11B)$ -generated. Looking at Proposition 4.3, we see that  $K_1, K_5, K_7$  and  $PSL_2(11)$  are the only groups having elements of order 11. The maximal subgroup  $K_7$  have its relevant structure constant zero, so it will not have any contributions. We obtained that  $\sum_{K_1}(11b, 11a, 11a)$  = 3632,  $\sum_{K_5} (11b, 11a, 11a) = 35$  and  $\sum_{PSL_2(11)} (11b, 11a, 11a) = 2$ . We have found that  $h(11B, K_1) = h(11B, K_5) = h(11B, PSL_2(11)) = 1$ . By Table 8 we have  $\Delta_G(11A, 11B, 11B) = 87485$ , we then obtain  $\Delta_G^*(11A, 11B, 11B) \ge$  $\Delta_G(11A, 11B, 11B) - \sum_{K_1} (11b, 11a, 11a) - \sum_{K_5} (11b, 11a, 11a) + \sum_{PSL_2(11)} (11b,$  $11a, 11a$ ) = 87485 – 3632 – 35 + 2 = 83820 > 0, proving that the group G is  $(11A, 11B, 11B)$ -generated.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 4.41.** The group G is  $(11X, 11Y, 23Z)$ -generated for all  $X, Y, Z \in$  ${A, B}.$ 

**Proof.** By Proposition 4.9 we have proved that G is  $(2A, 11X, 23Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}$ . Then, by Theorem 2.4 it follows that G is  $(11X, 11X,$  $(23Y)^2$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}$ . Since  $(23A)^2 = 23A$  and  $(23B)^2 = 23B$ we then obtained that G is  $(11X, 11X, 23Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}$ .

We still have to prove the  $(11A, 11B, 23X)$ -generations where  $X \in \{A, B\}$ . By Table 4 we see that  $K_7$  is the only maximal subgroup having elements of orders 11 and 23. We then obtain that  $\sum_{K_7} (11x, 11y, 23z) = \Delta_{K_7} (11a, 11j, 23z) +$  $\Delta_{K_7}(11c, 11h, 23z) + \Delta_{K_7}(11d, 11g, 23z) + \Delta_{K_7}(11e, 11f, 23z) + \Delta_{K_7}(11i, 11b,$  $23x = 23 + 23 + 23 + 23 + 23 = 115$  for  $z \in \{a, b\}$ . We have found that  $h(23X, K_7) = 1$  for  $X \in \{A, B\}$ . Since by Table 8 we have  $\Delta_G(11A, 11B, 23X) =$ 79994, then we obtained that  $\Delta_G^*(11A, 11B, 23X) \geq \Delta_G(11A, 11B, 23Z)$  –  $\sum_{K_7} (11x, 11y, 23z) = 79994 - 115 = 79879 > 0$  for all  $Z \in \{A, B\}$ . Hence G is  $(11A, 11B, 23X)$ -generated group for  $X \in \{A, B\}$ .  $\Box$ 

#### 4.3.8  $(11, 23, r)$ -generations

We will be looking at the cases (11A, 23A, 23A)-, (11A, 23A, 23B)-, (11A, 23B, 23B)-, (11B, 23A, 23A)-, (11B, 23A, 23B)- and (11B, 23B, 23B)-generation.

**Proposition 4.42.** The group G is (11X, 23Y, 23Z)-generated for all  $X, Y, Z \in$  ${A, B}.$ 

**Proof.** By Table 4,  $K_7$  is the only maximal subgroup having elements of orders 11 and 23. This maximal subgroup  $K_7$  will not have any contributions because its relevant structure constants are all zero. By Table 8 we have  $\Delta_G(11X, 23Y, 23Z) = 42067$  for all  $X, Y, Z \in \{A, B\}$ . Since there is no contributing group, we then obtain that  $\Delta_G^*(11X, 23Y, 23Z) = \Delta_G(11X, 23Y, 23Z) =$  $42067 > 0$ , showing that G is  $(11X, 23Y, 23Z)$ -generated group for all  $X, Y, Z \in$  ${A, B}.$  $\Box$ 

#### **4.3.9**  $(23, 23, r)$ -generations

We conclude our investigation on the  $(p, q, r)$ -generations of the Mathieu sporadic simple group G by considering the  $(23, 23, 23)$ -generations. We will be looking at the cases  $(23A, 23A, 23A)$ -,  $(23A, 23A, 23B)$ -,  $(23A, 23B, 23B)$ - and  $(23B, 23B, 23B)$ -generation.

**Proposition 4.43.** The group G is  $(23X, 23Y, 23Z)$ -generated for all  $X, Y, Z \in$  ${A, B}.$ 

**Proof.** By Proposition 4.10 we have proved that G is  $(2A, 23X, 23Y)$ -generated for all X, Y ∈ {A, B}. Then, by Theorem 2.4 it follows that G is (23X, 23X,  $(23Y)^2$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}$ . Since  $(23A)^2 = 23A$  and  $(23B)^2 = 23B$ then it follows that G is  $(23X, 23X, 23Y)$ -generated for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}$ . We now check the  $(23A, 23B, 23B)$ -generation of G. By Table 4,  $K_7$  is the only maximal subgroup having elements of order 11. We obtained that  $\sum_{K_7} (23a, 23b, 23b)$  $= 5$  and  $h(23B, K_7) = 1$ . Since by Table 8 we have  $\Delta_G(23A, 23B, 23B) = 17646$ , then we obtained that  $\Delta_G^*(23A, 23B, 23B) \geq \Delta_G(23A, 23B, 23B) - \sum_{K_7}(23a,$  $(23b, 23b) = 17646 - 5 = 17641 > 0$ . Hence the group G is  $(23A, 23B, 23B)$ - $\Box$ generated.

### 5. Conclusion

As mentioned at the introduction of this paper that it is natural to ask whether a finite simple group G is  $(l, m, n)$ -generated or not. The motivation for this question came from the calculation of the genus of finite simple groups [34]. It can be shown that the problem of finding the genus of a finite simple group can be reduced to one of generations (see [33] for further details). Our aim in this paper was to establish all the  $(p, q, r)$ -generations of the Mathieu group  $M_{23}$ , where p, q and r are prime numbers dividing  $|M_{23}|$ . The main result of the paper was to prove Theorem 1.1 and this was done though sequence of propositions. We found that the Mathieu group  $M_{23}$  is generated by the following:

- $(2A, 5A, 11X), (2A, 5A, 23X), (2A, 7X, 7Y), (2A, 7X, 11Y), (2A, 7X, 23Y),$  $(2A, 11X, 11Y), (2A, 11X, 23Y)$  and  $(2A, 23X, 23Y)$  for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}.$
- $(3A, 3A, 11X), (3A, 3A, 23X), (3A, 5A, 5A), (3A, 5A, 7X), (3A, 5A, 11X),$  $(3A, 5A, 23X), (3A, 7X, 7Y), (3A, 7X, 11Y), (3A, 7X, 23Y), (3A, 11X, 11Y),$  $(3A, 11X, 23Y)$  and  $(3A, 23X, 23Y)$  for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}.$
- $\bullet$  (5A, 5A, 5A), (5A, 5A, 7X), (5A, 5A, 11X), (5A, 5A, 23X), (5A, 7X, 7Y),  $(5A, 7X, 11Y), (5A, 7X, 23Y), (5A, 11X, 11Y), (5A, 11X, 23Y)$  and  $(5A,$ 23X, 23Y) for all  $X, Y \in \{A, B\}.$
- $(7X, 7Y, 7Z), (7X, 7Y, 11Z), (7X, 7Y, 23Z), (7X, 11Y, 11Z), (7X, 11Y, 23Z)$ and  $(7X, 23Y, 23Z)$  for all  $X, Y, Z \in \{A, B\}.$
- (11X, 11Y, 11Z), (11X, 11Y, 23Z) and (11X, 23Y, 23Z) for all  $X, Y, Z \in$  ${A, B}.$
- $(23X, 23Y, 23Z)$  for all  $X, Y, Z \in \{A, B\}.$

Theorem 1.1 tells us also that the Mathieu group  $M_{23}$  is not generated by the following:  $(p, q, r) \in \{(2, 3, r), (2, 5, 5), (2, 5, 7), (3, 3, 3), (3, 3, 5), (3, 3, 7)\},$  for all primes r that divides  $|M_{23}|$ .

### Tables : Structure constants of  $M_{23}$

Tables 5 to 8 following here below give the partial structure constants of  $M_{23}$ computed using GAP that were used in the calculations above.

Table 5:

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pX	2Α	ЗА	5Α	7Α	7В	11 A	11B	23A	23B
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(2\bar{A},2\bar{A},pX)$	98	30	5	0	0	0	0		$\mathbf{0}$
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(2A,3A,pX)$	448	180	65	35	35	11	11	$\theta$	$\mathbf{0}$
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(2A,5A,pX)$	896	780	605	364	364	253	253	138	138
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(2A, 7A, pX)$	$\theta$	450	390	301	462	308	308	184	184
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(2A,7B,pX)$	$\mathbf{0}$	450	390	462	301	308	308	184	184
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(2A,11A,pX)$	$\Omega$	180	345	392	392	341	341	391	391
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(2A,11B,pX)$	$\Omega$	180	345	392	392	341	341	391	391
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(2A,23A,pX)$	$\theta$	$\mathbf{0}$	90	112	112	187	187	161	230
$\underline{\Delta_{M_{23}}}(2A,23B,pX)$	$\Omega$	$\mathbf{0}$	90	112	112	187	187	230	161
$ C_{M_{23}}(pX) $	688	180	15	14	14	11	11	23	23

Table 6:

рX	2Α	ЗA	5Α	7Α	7B	11 A	11B	23A	23B
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(3A,3A,pX)$	2688	1681	855	511	511	275	275	138	138
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(3A, 5A, pX)$	11648	10260	5490	4886	4886	4136	4136	2438	2438
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(3A,7A,pX)$	6720	6570	5490	4886	4886	4136	4136	3312	3312
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(3A,7B,pX)$	6720	6570	5490	4886	4886	4136	4136	3312	3312
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(3A, 11A, pX)$	2688	4500	5175	5264	5264	5126	5379	5129	5129
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(3A, 11B, pX)$	2688	4500	5175	5264	5264	5379	5126	5129	5129
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(3A,23A,pX)$	0	1080	1590	2016	2016	2453	2453	3082	2714
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(3A, 23B, pX)$	0	1080	1590	2016	2016	2453	2453	2714	3082
$ C_{M_{23}}(p\overline{X}) $	688	180	15	14	14	11	11	23	23

Table 7:										
pX	2A	3A	5A	7Α	7B	11A	11B	23A	23B	
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(5A,5A,pX)$	108416	78600	61058	54320	54320	45287	45287	37582	37582	
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(5A,7A,pX)$	69888	65880	58200	52584	52584	48576	48576	44160	44160	
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(5A,7B,pX)$	69888	65880	58200	52584	52584	48576	48576	44160	44160	
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(5A, 11A, pX)$	61824	62100	61755	61824	61824	62238	61479	61893	61893	
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(5A, 11B, pX)$	61824	62100	61755	61824	61824	61479	62238	61893	61893	
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(5A, 23A, pX)$	16128	19080	24510	26880	26880	29601	29601	32706	32706	
$\Delta_{M_{22}}(5A, 23B, pX)$	16128	19080	24510	26880	26880	29601	29601	32706	32706	
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(7A,7A,pX)$	88704	62820	56340	51948	60412	48400	48400	52992	52992	
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(7A,7B,pX)$	57792	62820	56340	51948	51948	56496	56496	45264	45264	
$\Delta_{M_{22}}(7A,11A,pX)$	75264	67680	66240	71904	61600	64416	64416	67712	67712	
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(7A, 11B, pX)$	75264	67680	66240	71904	61600	64416	64416	67712	67712	
$\Delta_{M_{22}}(7A, 23A, pX)$	21504	25920	28800	27552	32256	32384	32384	32384	32384	
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(7A,23B,pX)$	21504	25920	28800	27552	32256	32384	32384	32384	32384	
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(7B,7B,pX)$	88704	62820	56340	60412	51948	48400	48400	52992	52992	
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(7B, 11A, pX)$	75264	67680	66240	61600	71904	64416	64416	67712	67712	
$\Delta_{M_{22}}(7B, 11B, pX)$	75264	67680	66240	61600	71904	64416	64416	67712	67712	
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(7B, 23A, pX)$	21504	25920	28800	32256	27552	32384	32384	32384	32384	
$\Delta_{M_{23}}(7B, 23B, pX)$	21504	25920	28800	32256	27552	32384	32384	32384	32384	
$ C_{M_{23}}(pX) $	688	180	15	14	14	11	11	23	23	

Table 8:



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