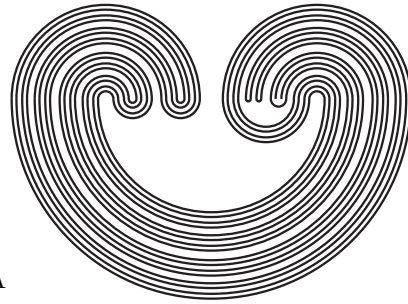


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**PSEUDOCOMPACT DENSE SUBGROUPS  
WITHOUT NON-TRIVIAL CONVERGENT  
SEQUENCES OF SOME COMPACT GROUPS**

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**ABSTRACT.** It is shown that if  $\kappa$  and  $\lambda$  are two cardinal numbers such that  $\lambda = \lambda^\omega \leq \kappa \leq 2^\lambda$ , then  $\{0, 1\}^\kappa$  contains a dense pseudocompact subgroup without non-trivial convergent sequences. As a direct consequence of this result, we can see that if  $M$  is a model of  $ZFC$  in which  $M \models \mathfrak{c} < \aleph_\omega < 2^{\mathfrak{c}}$ , then  $M \models \{0, 1\}^{\aleph_\omega}$  contains a dense pseudocompact subgroup without non-trivial convergent sequences. On the other hand, it is known that if  $\aleph_\omega$  is a strong limit cardinal number, then every dense subgroup of  $\{0, 1\}^{\aleph_\omega}$  contains a non-trivial convergent sequence. We also give some conditions to guarantee that  $\{0, 1\}^\kappa$  contains a countably compact dense subgroup without non-trivial convergent sequences, where  $\kappa$  is a cardinal number such that  $\lambda = \lambda^\omega \leq \kappa \leq 2^\lambda$  for some cardinal number  $\lambda$ . We also prove that it is consistent with the axioms of  $ZFC$  that the compact group  $\{0, 1\}^{\omega_1}$  contains a countably compact dense subgroup without non-trivial convergent sequences and the continuum  $\mathfrak{c}$  takes any possible value.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper, our spaces will be Tychonoff and the topological groups will be Hausdorff (hence, they will be Tychonoff). The symbol  $\mathbb{T}$  will stand for the unit circle equipped with the complex multiplication and the topology inherited from  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . The identity element of an arbitrary Abelian group will be simply denoted by 0; we make only one exception for  $\mathbb{T}$  whose identity element is denoted by 1. The order of an element  $g \in G$  is denoted by  $o(g)$ . A finite subset  $\{g_0, \dots, g_k\}$  of an Abelian group  $G$  is said to be *independent* if  $g_i \neq 0$  for all  $i \leq k$ , and  $n_0g_0 + \dots + n_kg_k = 0$ , where  $n_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  for all  $i \leq k$ , imply that  $n_i g_i = 0$ , for each  $i \leq k$ . An infinite subset  $L$  of  $G$  is called *independent* if every finite subset of  $L$  is independent. If  $\emptyset \neq A \subseteq I$ , then  $\pi_A : \prod_{i \in I} X_i \rightarrow \prod_{i \in A} X_i$  will stand for the projection map. If  $X$  is a set and  $\kappa$  is an infinite cardinal number, then  $[X]^\kappa = \{A \in \mathcal{P}(X) : |A| = \kappa\}$  and the meaning of the symbol  $[X]^{<\kappa}$  is clear. A subspace  $Y$  of a space  $X$  is called  $G_\delta$ -dense if every nonempty  $G_\delta$  subset of  $X$  meets  $Y$ . If  $m$  and  $n$  are integer numbers, the symbol  $m|n$  should be read as  $m$  divides  $n$ .

In 1980, Eric K. van Douwen [7] assuming the existence of a countably compact Boolean group without non-trivial convergent sequences, constructed, in  $ZFC$ , two countably compact groups whose product is not countably compact: The existence of these two countably compact groups is unknown in  $ZFC$ . Also, the problem of the existence in  $ZFC$  of a countably compact group without non-trivial convergent sequences is still unsolved. All known examples are constructed either by using some set-theoretic axiom compatible with  $ZFC$  ([7], [13], [21], and [22]), or by assuming the existence of selective ultrafilters on  $\omega$  ([10]). Concerning the problem about the existence of a dense pseudocompact subgroup without non-trivial convergent sequences of a compact group, S. M. Sirota gave the first construction of such a topological group [18]; Jan J. Dijkstra and Jan van Mill stated several conditions for the existence of pseudocompact dense subgroups without non-trivial convergent sequences of some compact groups [3] (see also [17] and [24]); M. G. Tkachenko constructed a dense pseudocompact subgroup  $G$  of  $\{0, 1\}^c$  such that every homeomorphism of any countable subgroup of  $G$  to a compact group  $K$  extends to a continuous

homeomorphism from  $G$  to  $K$  (in particular,  $G$  does not have non-trivial convergent sequences) [19]; and a classification, under the assumption of  $GCH$ , of certain compact Abelian groups in which every dense pseudocompact subgroup has a non-trivial convergent sequence is given in [9].

In the second section, we prove that it is independent from the axioms of  $ZFC$  that the compact group  $\{0, 1\}^{\aleph_\omega}$  admits a dense pseudocompact subgroup without non-trivial convergent sequences. In the third section, some conditions are given to see that  $\{0, 1\}^\kappa$  contains a countably compact dense subgroup without non-trivial convergent sequences, whenever  $\lambda = \lambda^\omega \leq \kappa \leq 2^\lambda$  for some cardinal number  $\lambda$ . V. I. Malykhin and L. B. Shapiro showed that it is consistent with  $ZFC$  that  $\{0, 1\}^{\omega_1}$  contains a pseudocompact dense subgroup without non-trivial convergent sequences and the continuum  $\mathfrak{c}$  takes any possible value [17]. We improved this result by replacing “pseudocompact” by “countably compact.” The last section is devoted to the study of some infinite powers of the circle  $\mathbb{T}$ .

## 2. PSEUDOCOMPACT DENSE SUBGROUPS OF SOME POWERS OF $\{0, 1\}$

In this section, our goal is to establish the independence from  $ZFC$  of the statement “ $\{0, 1\}^{\aleph_\omega}$  admits a dense pseudocompact subgroup without non-trivial convergent sequences.”

The first lemma is precisely the combinatorial property which lies behind the proof of Hewitt-Marczewski-Pondiczery’s Theorem (see [8, Theorem 2.3.15]). To prove the lemma we need the following notion.

For a space  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $P(X)$  will denote the  $P$ -modification of the topology  $\tau$  which is the topology on  $X$  whose base is  $\{\bigcap_{n < \omega} U_n : \forall n < \omega (U_n \in \tau)\}$ . For a space  $X$ , we know that  $P(X)$  is a  $P$ -space of weight  $\leq w(X)^\omega$  which is discrete iff  $\psi(x, X) = \omega$  for every  $x \in X$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** *If  $\omega \leq \lambda = \lambda^\omega \leq \kappa \leq 2^\lambda$ , then there is  $\mathcal{B} \in [\mathcal{P}(\kappa)]^\lambda$  such that for every  $\{\theta_n : n < \omega\} \in [\kappa]^\omega$  of pairwise distinct elements there is a pairwise disjoint family  $\{B_n : n < \omega\}$  of elements of  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $\theta_n \in B_n$ , for every  $n < \omega$ .*

*Proof:* Let us consider the space  $X = \{0, 1\}^\lambda$ . Since  $cf(\lambda) > \omega$ , it is clear that  $P(X)$  is a non-discrete, Hausdorff  $P$ -space that has weight  $\lambda^\omega = \lambda$ . Let  $Y$  be a non-discrete subspace of  $P(X)$  of size  $\kappa$  and let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a base for  $Y$  with  $|\mathcal{B}| = \lambda$ . Fix  $\{y_n : n < \omega\} \in [Y]^\omega$  such that  $y_n \neq y_m$  for  $n < m < \omega$ . Since  $Y$  is a Hausdorff  $P$ -space, we may find a pairwise disjoint family  $\{B_n : n < \omega\}$  of elements of  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $y_n \in B_n$ , for each  $n < \omega$ . This shows that  $\mathcal{B}$  is the desired family.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $\kappa$  be a cardinal number such that  $\lambda = \lambda^\omega \leq \kappa \leq 2^\lambda$  for some infinite cardinal  $\lambda$  and let  $G_\alpha$  be a topological group with  $w(G_\alpha) \leq \lambda$ , for every  $\alpha < \kappa$ . Then the product  $\prod_{\alpha < \kappa} G_\alpha$  contains a  $G_\delta$ -dense subgroup  $H$  of size  $\lambda$ .*

*Proof:* For every  $\alpha < \kappa$ , let  $D_\alpha$  be a  $G_\delta$ -dense subgroup of  $G_\alpha$  of size  $\lambda$ . Now, pick  $\mathcal{B} \in [\mathcal{P}(\kappa)]^\lambda$  satisfying all the conditions of Lemma 2.1. We enumerate the set  $\{f : \omega \rightarrow \mathcal{B} : f(n) \cap f(m) = \emptyset \text{ provided that } n < m < \omega\}$  as  $\{f_\xi : \xi < \lambda\}$ . Let us consider the set

$$A = \{x \in \prod_{\alpha < \kappa} G_\alpha : \exists \xi < \kappa \forall \alpha \notin \bigcup_{n < \omega} f_\xi(n)(x(\alpha) = 0) \\ \text{and } \pi_{f_\xi(n)}(x) \in \prod_{\alpha \in f_\xi(n)} D_\alpha, \text{ for all } n < \omega\}.$$

By using the properties of  $\mathcal{B}$ , it is not difficult to see that  $A$  is a  $G_\delta$ -dense subset of  $\prod_{\alpha < \kappa} G_\alpha$  and it is clear that  $\langle A \rangle$  has size  $\lambda$ . We put  $H = \langle A \rangle$ .  $\square$

Next, we generalize Lemma 2.1 from [9].

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $\kappa$  and  $\lambda$  be two infinite cardinal numbers such that  $\lambda = \lambda^\omega \leq \kappa \leq 2^\lambda$ . Let  $\{G_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa\}$  be a collection of topological Abelian groups such that  $w(G_\alpha) \leq \lambda$ , for every  $\alpha < \kappa$ , and the following condition holds:*

(\*) *If there are  $1 \leq n < \omega$ ,  $\beta < \lambda$ , and  $g \in G_\beta$  such that  $o(g) \nmid n$ , then for every  $X \in [\lambda]^{< \lambda}$ , there are  $\alpha \in \lambda \setminus X$  and  $h \in G_\alpha$  such that  $o(h) \nmid n$ .*

*Then, for each  $y \in \prod_{\alpha < \kappa} G_\alpha$ , there is a  $G_\delta$ -dense, independent subset  $A$  of  $\prod_{\alpha < \kappa} G_\alpha$  of size  $\lambda$  such that whenever  $S, T \in [A]^\omega$  are disjoint we can find  $\gamma < \lambda$  satisfying  $x(\gamma) = 0$ , for all  $x \in S$ , and*

$x(\gamma) = y(\gamma)$ , for all  $x \in T$ . In addition, if  $y(\alpha)$  has infinite order, for every  $\alpha < \kappa$ , then  $\langle A \rangle$  is a free Abelian group.

*Proof:* For the case when  $\kappa = \lambda$ , the statement is Lemma 2.1 from [9]. Suppose that  $\lambda < \kappa$ . From Lemma 2.2, we know that the topological group  $\prod_{\alpha \in \kappa \setminus \lambda} G_\alpha$  contains a  $G_\delta$ -dense subgroup  $H$  of size  $\lambda$ . Enumerate  $H$  as  $\{h_\xi : \xi < \lambda\}$ . Now let us consider the product  $\prod_{\alpha < \lambda} G_\alpha$ . We will follow the main idea of the proofs of Lemma 2.1 from [9] and Theorem 3 from [3]. For each  $\alpha < \lambda$ , let  $D_\alpha$  be a  $G_\delta$ -dense subset of  $G_\alpha$  with  $|D_\alpha| \leq \lambda$ . Enumerate  $D = \bigcup_{I \in [\lambda]^\omega} \prod_{\alpha \in I} D_\alpha$  as  $\{x_{\mu,\nu} : \mu, \nu < \lambda\}$  in such a way that  $x_{\xi,\zeta} = x_{\xi,\eta}$ , for every  $\xi, \zeta, \eta < \lambda$ . Let  $\{(E_{\mu,\nu}, \sigma_{\mu,\nu}) : \mu, \nu < \lambda\}$  be an enumeration of all pairs  $(E, \sigma)$  where  $E \in [\lambda \times \lambda]^{<\omega} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  and  $\sigma : E \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  is a function, and let  $\{(S_{\mu,\nu}, T_{\mu,\nu}) : \mu, \nu < \lambda\}$  be an enumeration of all pairs  $(S, T)$  where  $S, T \in [\lambda \times \lambda]^\omega$  are disjoint. We may assume that  $(S_{\mu,\nu} \cup T_{\mu,\nu}) \cap E_{\mu,\nu} = \emptyset$ , for every  $\mu, \nu < \lambda$ . Proceeding as in the proof of Lemma 2.1 from [9], for every  $\mu, \nu < \lambda$ , we can extend each  $x_{\mu,\nu}$  to  $\lambda$  such that there is  $\gamma < \lambda$  such that the following conditions hold:

1.  $x_{\xi,\zeta}(\gamma) = 0$ , for all  $(\xi, \zeta) \in S_{\mu,\nu}$ ,
2.  $x_{\xi,\zeta}(\gamma) = y(\gamma)$ , for all  $(\xi, \zeta) \in T_{\mu,\nu}$ , and
3. if there are  $\xi_0, \zeta_0 \in E_{\mu,\nu}$ ,  $\beta < \lambda$ , and  $g \in G_\beta$  such that  $o(g) \nmid \sigma_{\mu,\nu}((\xi_0, \zeta_0))$ , then  $\sum_{(\xi,\zeta) \in E_{\mu,\nu}} \sigma_{\mu,\nu}((\xi, \zeta)) x_{\xi,\zeta}(\gamma) \neq 0$ .

Next, we complete the extension of  $x_{\xi,\zeta}$  by defining  $x_{\xi,\zeta}(\theta) = 0$  for those coordinates  $\theta < \lambda$  where  $x_{\xi,\zeta}$  has not been defined yet, for each  $\xi, \zeta < \lambda$ . We can also guarantee that  $x_{\xi,\zeta} \neq x_{\xi',\zeta'}$  whenever  $(\xi, \zeta) \neq (\xi', \zeta')$  and  $\xi, \zeta, \xi', \zeta' < \lambda$ . Notice that  $\{x_{\xi,\zeta} : \xi, \zeta < \lambda\}$  is an independent set. Finally, we define  $A = \{(x_{\xi,\zeta}, h_\zeta) : \xi, \zeta < \lambda\}$ . From the construction, we see that  $A$  satisfies all the requirements.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $\kappa$  and  $\lambda$  be two infinite cardinal numbers such that  $\lambda = \lambda^\omega \leq \kappa \leq 2^\lambda$ . Then  $\{0, 1\}^\kappa$  contains a dense pseudocompact subgroup without non-trivial convergent sequences.*

*Proof:* By applying Lemma 2.3 to the constant function  $y \in \{0, 1\}^\kappa$  with  $y(\xi) = 1$ , for all  $\xi < \kappa$ , we obtain a  $G_\delta$ -dense, independent subset  $A$  of  $\{0, 1\}^\kappa$  of size  $\lambda$  such that whenever  $S, T \in [A]^\omega$  are disjoint, we can find  $\gamma < \kappa$  satisfying that  $x(\gamma) = 0$ , for all  $x \in S$ , and  $x(\gamma) = 1$ , for all  $x \in T$ . Put  $H = \langle A \rangle$ . It follows

from Theorem 1.2 of [2] that  $H$  is pseudocompact and dense in  $\{0, 1\}^\kappa$ . Now, let  $(a_n)_{n < \omega}$  be a sequence in  $H$  such that  $a_n \neq a_m$ , provided that  $n < m < \omega$ , and let us assume that  $a_n \rightarrow 0$ . Then, there is  $\{E_n : n < \omega\} \subseteq [\lambda]^{<\omega} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  such that  $a_n = \sum_{\xi \in E_n} x_\xi$ , for every  $n < \omega$ . Our assumption implies that  $E_n \neq E_m$  whenever  $n < m < \omega$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that either  $|E_n|$  is odd, for all  $n < \omega$ , or  $|E_n|$  is even, for all  $n < \omega$ . First, let us suppose that  $|E_n|$  is odd, for all  $n < \omega$ . By putting  $N = \bigcup_{n < \omega} E_n$  and taking any  $M \in [\lambda \setminus N]^\omega \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ , we can find  $\theta < \kappa$  such that  $x_\xi(\theta) = 0$ , for all  $\xi \in M$ , and  $x_\zeta(\theta) = 1$ , for all  $\zeta \in N$ . Then  $a_n(\theta) = 1$  for each  $n < \omega$ , but this is impossible since  $a_n(\theta) \rightarrow 0$ . Thus, we must have that  $|E_n|$  is even, for all  $n < \omega$ . It is clear that we can find a strictly increasing sequence  $(n_k)_{k < \omega}$  of positive integers and  $P, Q \in [\lambda]^\omega \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  so that  $|P \cap E_{n_k}| = 1$  for all  $k < \omega$  and  $Q = (\bigcup_{k < \omega} E_{n_k}) \setminus P$ . Let us consider the subsequence  $(a_{n_k})_{k < \omega}$ . Then, we can find  $\lambda < \kappa$  such that  $x_\xi(\lambda) = 0$ , for all  $\xi \in P$ , and  $x_\zeta(\lambda) = 1$ , for all  $\zeta \in Q$ . Again, we have that  $a_{n_k}(\lambda) = 1$  for each  $k < \omega$ , but this is impossible since  $a_{n_k}(\lambda) \rightarrow 0$ . Therefore,  $G$  does not have any non-trivial convergent sequence.  $\square$

It follows from Theorem 2.4 that if  $M$  is a model of  $ZFC$  in which the inequality  $\mathfrak{c} < \aleph_\omega < 2^{\mathfrak{c}}$  holds, then  $M \models \{0, 1\}^{\aleph_\omega}$  contains a dense pseudocompact subgroup without non-trivial convergent sequences. Contrary to this, if  $\aleph_\omega$  is a strong limit cardinal number, then, by Theorem 1 from [3], we have that every dense subgroup of  $\{0, 1\}^{\aleph_\omega}$  contains a non-trivial convergent sequence.

### 3. COUNTABLY COMPACT SUBGROUPS OF SOME POWERS OF $\{0, 1\}$

In this section, under the assumption of the existence of a selective ultrafilter on  $\omega$ , we shall construct a countably compact dense subgroup without non-trivial convergent sequences of some infinite powers of  $\{0, 1\}$ .

Here, we shall use the following notation.

Let  $\lambda$  be an infinite cardinal with  $\lambda = \lambda^\omega$ . Let  $\{I_0, I_1\}$  be a partition of  $\lambda$  in subsets of size  $\lambda$  such that  $\omega \subseteq I_1$ . Let  $\{I_d : d \in \bigcup_{s \in [\lambda]^{<\omega}} \{0, 1\}^s\}$  be a partition of  $I_1$  in subsets of cardinality  $\lambda$ . Fix an enumeration  $\{f_\alpha : \alpha \in I_0\}$  of all one-to-one functions  $f : \omega \rightarrow [\lambda]^{<\omega} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume

that  $\bigcup_{n < \omega} f_\alpha(n) \subseteq \alpha + \omega$ , for every  $\alpha < \lambda$ . As in [1], we say that a space  $X$  is *card-homogeneous* if  $|V| = X$  for every nonempty open subset  $V$  of  $X$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $\lambda$  be an uncountable cardinal number. If the subset  $\{x_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda\}$  of  $\{0, 1\}^\lambda$  satisfies*

- (1)  $\{x_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda\}$  is an independent subset of  $\{0, 1\}^\lambda$ ;
- (2)  $x_\alpha$  is an accumulation point of the set  $\{\sum_{\mu \in f_\alpha(n)} x_\mu : n < \omega\}$ , for every  $\alpha \in I_0$ ;
- (3) the group  $\langle \{x_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda\} \rangle$  does not contain non-trivial convergent sequences,

then  $\{0, 1\}^\lambda$  contains a card-homogeneous dense independent subset  $\{y_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda\}$  satisfying conditions (1) – (3).

*Proof:* By adding coordinates  $\lambda$ -many times, we may assume that

1' For every  $F \in [\lambda]^{<\omega} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ ,

$$|\{\theta < \lambda : \sum_{\mu \in F} x_\mu(\theta) \neq 0\}| = \lambda.$$

3' For every one-to-one function  $f : \omega \rightarrow [\lambda]^{<\omega} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ ,

$$|\{\theta < \lambda : \text{the sequence } (\sum_{\mu \in f(n)} x_\mu(\theta))_{n < \omega} \text{ does not converge in } \{0, 1\}\}| = \lambda.$$

According to condition (2), for every  $\alpha \in I_0$ , we can find  $p_\alpha \in \omega^*$  such that

$$x_\alpha = p_\alpha - \lim_{n \rightarrow \omega} \sum_{\mu \in f_\alpha(n)} x_\mu.$$

Now, let  $\{d_\alpha : \alpha \in I_1\}$  be an enumeration of  $\bigcup_{s \in [\lambda]^{<\omega}} \{0, 1\}^s$  in such a way that each element appears  $\lambda$ -many times. Put  $y_0 = x_0$  and suppose that we have defined  $y_\beta \in \{0, 1\}^\lambda$ , for every  $\beta < \alpha < \lambda$ . If  $\alpha \in I_0$ , then we define

$$(*) \quad y_\alpha = p_\alpha - \lim_{n \rightarrow \omega} \sum_{\mu \in f_\alpha(n)} y_\mu.$$

If  $\alpha \in I_1$ , then we define  $y_\alpha = x_\alpha|_{\lambda \setminus \text{dom}(d_\alpha)} \cup d_\alpha$ . It is not difficult to prove that  $\{y_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda\}$  is dense in  $\{0, 1\}^\lambda$ . Condition 1' guarantees that (1) holds for  $\{y_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda\}$ . It follows from (\*) that  $y_\alpha$  is an accumulation point of the set  $\{\sum_{\mu \in f_\alpha(n)} y_\mu : n < \omega\}$ , for every  $\alpha \in I_0$ . The third condition follows directly from 3'.  $\square$



**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $\lambda$  be a cardinal number such that  $\lambda = \lambda^\omega$ . If the subset  $\{x_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda\}$  of  $\{0, 1\}^\lambda$  satisfies*

- (1)  $\{x_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda\}$  is an independent subset of  $\{0, 1\}^\lambda$ ;
- (2)  $x_\alpha$  is an accumulation point of the set  $\{\sum_{\mu \in f_\alpha(n)} x_\mu : n < \omega\}$ , for every  $\alpha \in I_0$ ;
- (3) the group  $\langle \{x_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda\} \rangle$  does not contain any non-trivial convergent sequence,

then  $\{0, 1\}^\kappa$  contains a countably compact dense subgroup without non-trivial convergent sequences, for every cardinal number  $\kappa$  with  $\lambda \leq \kappa \leq 2^\lambda$ .

*Proof:* According to Lemma 3.1, we may assume that the following condition holds.

- (4) For every  $d \in \bigcup_{s \in [\lambda]^{<\omega}} \{0, 1\}^s$  and every  $\alpha \in I_d$ ,  
 $x_\alpha|_{\text{dom}(d)} = d$ .

By the second condition, for every  $\alpha \in I_0$ , we can find  $p_\alpha \in \omega^*$  such that

$$x_\alpha = p_\alpha - \lim_{n \rightarrow \omega} \sum_{\mu \in f_\alpha(n)} x_\mu.$$

We know from Theorem 2.4 that  $\{0, 1\}^{\kappa \setminus \lambda}$  contains a  $G_\delta$ -dense (dense suffices here) subgroup  $\{h_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda\}$  of size  $\lambda$  without non-trivial convergent sequences. Now, for each  $d \in \bigcup_{s \in [\lambda]^{<\omega}} \{0, 1\}^s$ , let  $\{\alpha(d, \xi) : \xi < \lambda\}$  be a faithful enumeration of  $I_d$ . We shall define inductively a suitable set  $\{z_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda\} \subseteq \{0, 1\}^{\kappa \setminus \lambda}$ . Suppose that  $\{z_\beta : \beta < \alpha\}$  has been defined for  $\alpha < \lambda$ . If  $\alpha \in I_0$ , we let  $z_\alpha = p_\alpha - \lim_{n \rightarrow \omega} \sum_{\mu \in f_\alpha(n)} z_\mu$ . If  $\alpha \in I_1$ , then there exists  $d \in \bigcup_{s \in [\lambda]^{<\omega}} \{0, 1\}^s$  such that  $\alpha \in I_d$ , and then we define  $z_\alpha = h_\xi$ , where  $\xi < \lambda$  satisfies that  $\alpha = \alpha(d, \xi)$ . Next, we proceed to define  $y_\alpha = (x_\alpha, z_\alpha)$ , for every  $\alpha < \lambda$ . We claim that the group  $H = \langle \{y_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda\} \rangle$  is the required one. Indeed, it is not difficult to see that  $H$  is countably compact. The density of  $H$  in  $\{0, 1\}^\kappa$  follows from the fact that  $\{(x_{\alpha(d, \xi)}, h_\xi) : \xi < \lambda \text{ and } d \in \bigcup_{s \in [\lambda]^{<\omega}} \{0, 1\}^s\}$  is dense in  $\{0, 1\}^\kappa$ . Let  $f : \omega \rightarrow [\lambda]^{<\omega} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  be a one-to-one function and consider the sequence  $(\sum_{\alpha \in f(n)} y_\alpha)_{n < \omega}$ . Suppose that this sequence converges. Then, by clauses (1) – (3), the sequence  $(\sum_{\alpha \in f(n)} x_\alpha)_{n < \omega}$  must be trivial. Hence, we deduce that the sequence  $(\sum_{\alpha \in f(n)} y_\alpha)_{n < \omega}$  is also trivial.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.3.** *If there is a selective ultrafilter on  $\omega$ , then  $\{0, 1\}^\kappa$  contains a countably compact dense subgroup without non-trivial convergent sequences, for every cardinal number  $\kappa$  with  $\mathfrak{c} \leq \kappa \leq 2^\mathfrak{c}$ .*

*Proof:* Assume the existence of a selective ultrafilter on  $\omega$ . We know from Example 2.4 of [10] that  $\{0, 1\}^\mathfrak{c}$  contains a countably compact subgroups of size  $\mathfrak{c}$ . The conclusion follows directly from Theorem 3.2.  $\square$

Next, we address our attention to the power space  $\{0, 1\}^{\omega_1}$ .

**Definition 3.4 (A. Hajnal and I. Juhász [11]).** We say that  $Y \subseteq \prod_{\alpha < \omega_1} X_\alpha$  is  $\omega$ -HFD if for every  $X \in [Y]^\omega$  there is  $\beta < \omega_1$  such that for every basic open subset  $U$  of  $\prod_{\alpha < \omega_1} X_\alpha$  with  $\pi_\gamma[U] = X_\gamma$  for every  $\gamma < \beta$ , we have that  $U \cap X \neq \emptyset$ .

The following result is taken from [12].

**Lemma 3.5.** *Let  $X = \prod_{\alpha < \omega_1} X_\alpha$  be a product of compact metric spaces each one of them having at least two points, and let  $Y \subseteq X$  be  $\omega$ -HFD. If  $\pi_{[0, \beta)}[Y] = \prod_{\alpha < \beta} X_\alpha$ , where  $\pi_{[0, \beta)} : X \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha < \beta} X_\alpha$  is the projection map, for every  $\beta < \omega_1$ , then  $Y$  is a countably compact dense subspace of  $X$  which does not contain non-trivial convergent sequences.*

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $X = \{x_\alpha : \alpha < \mathfrak{c}\} \subseteq \{0, 1\}^{\omega_1}$  be such that for every  $F \in [\mathfrak{c}]^{<\omega} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ , we have that  $\{\mu < \omega_1 : \sum_{\xi \in F} x_\xi(\mu) \neq 0\}$  is unbounded in  $\omega_1$  and  $\langle X \rangle$  is  $\omega$ -HFD. Then  $\{0, 1\}^{\omega_1}$  contains a countably compact dense subgroup without non-trivial convergent sequences.*

*Proof:* Let  $\{K_\beta : \beta < \omega_1\}$  be a partition of  $\mathfrak{c}$  in subsets of size  $\mathfrak{c}$ . For each  $\beta < \omega_1$ , fix an enumeration  $\{z_\alpha : \alpha \in K_\beta\}$  of  $\{0, 1\}^\beta$ . Then, for every  $\alpha < \mathfrak{c}$ , we define  $y_\alpha = z_\alpha \cup x_\alpha|_{[\beta, \omega_1)}$ , where  $\beta < \omega_1$  satisfies  $\alpha \in K_\beta$ . Put  $Y = \{y_\alpha : \alpha < \mathfrak{c}\}$ .

CLAIM 1.  $Y$  is independent.

*Proof of Claim 1:* Fix  $F \in [\mathfrak{c}]^{<\omega} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ . Let  $E = \{\beta < \mathfrak{c} : F \cap K_\beta \neq \emptyset\}$ . Since  $E$  is finite, we can find  $\mu < \omega_1$  such that  $\max\{E\} < \mu$  and  $\sum_{\xi \in F} x_\xi(\mu) \neq 0$ . As  $\max\{E\} < \mu$ , we must have that  $x_\xi(\mu) = y_\xi(\mu)$ , for every  $\xi \in F$ . Thus, we obtain that  $\sum_{\xi \in F} y_\xi \neq 0$ . So,  $Y$  is independent.

CLAIM 2.  $\pi_{[0, \beta)}[Y] = \{0, 1\}^\beta$ , for every  $\beta < \omega_1$ .

*Proof of Claim 2:* This follows directly from the definition of  $Y$ .

CLAIM 3.  $\langle Y \rangle$  is  $\omega$ -HFD.

*Proof of Claim 3:* Let  $\{a_n : n < \omega\} \subseteq \langle Y \rangle$ . Choose a one-to-one function  $f : \omega \rightarrow [\mathfrak{c}]^{<\omega} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  such that  $a_n = \sum_{\xi \in f(n)} y_\xi$ , for every  $n < \omega$ . Let  $D = \{\beta < \omega_1 : (\bigcup_{n < \omega} f(n)) \cap K_\beta \neq \emptyset\}$ . We know that  $\theta = \sup\{D\} < \omega_1$ , because  $D$  is countable. Since  $\langle X \rangle$  is  $\omega$ -HFD, there exists an ordinal number  $\mu$  with  $\theta < \mu < \omega_1$  for which the set  $\{b_n|_{\omega_1 \setminus \mu} : n < \omega\}$  is dense in  $\{0, 1\}^{\omega_1 \setminus \mu}$ , where  $b_n = \sum_{\xi \in f(n)} x_\xi$  for every  $n < \omega$ . As  $\mu > \theta$ , we have that  $b_n|_{\omega_1 \setminus \mu} = a_n|_{\omega_1 \setminus \mu}$ , for every  $n < \omega$  and then  $\{a_n|_{\omega_1 \setminus \mu} : n < \omega\}$  is dense in  $\{0, 1\}^{\omega_1 \setminus \mu}$ . Thus, we have proved that  $Y$  is  $\omega$ -HFD in  $\{0, 1\}^{\omega_1}$ .

According to Lemma 3.5,  $\langle Y \rangle$  is a countably compact dense subgroup of  $\{0, 1\}^{\omega_1}$  which does not contain any non-trivial convergent sequences.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7.** *It is consistent with the axioms of ZFC that the compact group  $\{0, 1\}^{\omega_1}$  contains a countably compact dense subgroup without non-trivial convergent sequences and  $\mathfrak{c}$  takes any possible value.*

*Proof:* It suffices to find a set  $X = \{x_\alpha : \alpha < \mathfrak{c}\} \subseteq \{0, 1\}^{\omega_1}$  satisfying all the conditions of Theorem 3.6. We start with a model  $M$  of GCH and let  $\kappa > \omega_1$  be a regular cardinal with  $\kappa = \kappa^\omega$ . By using the Cohen forcing with the poset  $F_n(\kappa \times \omega_1, 2)$ , we obtain a generic function  $E : \kappa \times \omega_1 \rightarrow 2$ , where  $E = \bigcup G$  and  $G$  is a  $F_n(\kappa \times \omega_1, 2)$ -generic set. Then, we define  $x_\alpha(\gamma) = E(\alpha, \gamma)$ , for every  $(\alpha, \gamma) \in \kappa \times \omega_1$ . Set  $X = \{x_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa\}$ . Since  $\kappa \times \omega_1$  has cardinality  $\kappa$ , we can prove that  $M \models \kappa = \mathfrak{c}$  (see [15, Lemma 5.14, p. 204]).

CLAIM 1.  $\{\mu < \omega_1 : \sum_{\alpha \in F} x_\alpha(\mu) \neq 0\}$  is unbounded in  $\omega_1$ , for every  $F \in [\kappa]^{<\omega} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ .

*Proof of Claim 1:* Given  $F \in [\kappa]^{<\omega} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  and  $\mu < \omega_1$ , we define

$$D_{F, \mu} = \{p \in F_n(\kappa \times \omega_1, 2) : \exists \theta \in (\mu, \omega_1)(F \times \{\theta\} \subseteq \text{dom}(p))$$

and

$$\sum_{\alpha \in F} p(\alpha, \theta) \neq 0\}.$$

It is not hard to see that  $D_{F,\mu}$  is dense in  $F_n(\kappa \times \omega_1, 2)$ . So, there is an ordinal number  $\mu$  with  $\mu < \theta < \omega_1$  such that

$$\sum_{\alpha \in F} x_\alpha(\theta) = \sum_{\alpha \in F} E(\alpha, \theta) \neq 0.$$

CLAIM 2.  $\langle X \rangle$  is  $\omega$ -HFD.

*Proof of Claim 2:* Let  $\{a_n : n < \omega\} \subseteq \langle X \rangle$ . Pick a one-to-one function  $f : \omega \rightarrow [\kappa]^{<\omega} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  such that  $a_n = \sum_{\alpha \in f(n)} x_\alpha$ , for every  $n < \omega$ . As  $f \in M[G]$ , according to Lemma 5.5 from [15, p. 206], there is a function  $F : \omega \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\{f(n) : n < \omega\})$  such that  $F \in M$ ,  $f(n) \in F(n)$ , for all  $n < \omega$ , and  $M \models \forall n < \omega (|F(n)| \leq \omega)$ . Put  $T = \bigcup_{n < \omega} (\bigcup F(n)) \in M$ . Then, we have that  $f \subseteq \omega \times [T]^{<\omega} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  and  $\omega \times [T]^{<\omega} \in M$ . According to Lemma 2.2 from [15, p. 256], there exists  $I_0 \subseteq \kappa \times \omega_1$  with  $I_0 \in M$  and  $M \models |I_0| \leq |\omega \times [T]^{<\omega}| \leq \omega$  such that  $f \in M[G_0]$ , where  $G_0 = G \cap F_n(I_0, 2)$ . Let  $I_1 = (\kappa \times \omega_1) \setminus I_0$ . By Lemma 2.1 from [15, p. 255], we know that  $G_1 := G \cap F_n(I_1, 2)$  is  $F_n(I_1)$ -generic over  $M[G_0]$  and  $M[G] = M[G_0][G_1]$ . Choose  $\alpha < \omega_1$  such that  $I_0 \subseteq \kappa \times \alpha$ . Let  $r : F \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  be a function with  $F \in [\omega_1 \setminus \alpha]^{<\omega} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ . As  $f \in M[G_0]$ , the set

$$D_r = \{p \in F_n(I_1, 2) : \exists k < \omega (dom(p) \supseteq f(k) \times F \\ \wedge \forall \beta \in F (\sum_{\xi \in f(k)} p(\xi, \beta) = r(\beta)))\}$$

lies in  $M[G_0]$ . We claim that  $D_r$  is  $F_n(I_1, 2)$ -dense in  $M[G_0]$ . Indeed, fix  $q \in F_n(I_1, 2)$ . Then, there exist  $k < \omega$  and  $\gamma \in f(k)$  such that  $(\{\gamma\} \times F) \cap dom(q) = \emptyset$ . We will extend  $q$  to  $p$  where  $dom(p) = dom(q) \cup (f(k) \times F)$ ,  $p(\xi, \beta) = q(\xi, \beta)$  if  $(\xi, \beta) \in dom(q)$ ,  $p(\xi, \beta) = 0$  if  $(\xi, \beta) \in (f(k) \times F) \setminus (dom(q) \cup (\{\gamma\} \times F))$  and, for each  $\beta \in F$ ,  $p(\gamma, \beta)$  is defined such that

$$p(\gamma, \beta) + \sum_{\xi \in f(k) \setminus \{\gamma\}} p(\xi, \beta) = r(\beta).$$

This shows that  $D_r$  is  $F_n(I_1, 2)$ -dense in  $M[G_0]$ . Now, let us prove that  $\{a_k|_{\omega_1 \setminus \alpha} : k < \omega\}$  is dense in  $\{0, 1\}^{\omega_1 \setminus \alpha}$ . Indeed, if  $r : F \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  is as above, then we can find  $p \in G_1 \cap D_r$ . So, there exists  $k < \omega$  for which

$$a_k(\beta) = \sum_{\xi \in f(k)} x_\xi(\beta) = \sum_{\xi \in f(k)} E(\xi, \beta) = \sum_{\xi \in f(k)} p(\xi, \beta) = r(\beta),$$

for each  $\beta \in \text{dom}(r)$ . Therefore,  $a_k|_{\text{dom}(r)} = r$ , and we are done. Thus, we have proved the second claim.  $\square$

#### 4. COUNTABLY COMPACT DENSE SUBGROUPS OF SOME POWERS OF THE CIRCLE

Our task in this last section will be the construction of countably compact dense subgroups without non-trivial convergent sequences of some infinite powers of  $\mathbb{T}$ . First, we state two general results and then we apply them to the compact group  $\mathbb{T}^\kappa$ .

The symbol  $\oplus_\kappa \mathbb{Z}$  will denote the direct sum of  $\kappa$ -many copies of  $\mathbb{Z}$ , where  $\kappa$  is an infinite cardinal. The *support* of an element  $F \in \oplus_\kappa \mathbb{Z}$  is the set  $s(F) = \{\xi < \kappa : F(\xi) \neq 0\}$ . In what follows,  $\kappa$  will be an infinite cardinal number with  $\kappa^\omega = \kappa$  and we also assume that  $\kappa = I_0 \cup I_1$ , where  $I_0 \cap I_1 = \emptyset$ ,  $0 \in I_1$ , and  $|I_0| = |I_1| = \kappa$ . Let  $\{f_\alpha : \alpha \in I_0\}$  be an enumeration of all one-to-one functions  $f : \omega \rightarrow \oplus_\kappa \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\bigcup_{n < \omega} s(f_\alpha(n)) \subseteq \alpha$ , for every  $\alpha < \kappa$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $G$  be a compact Abelian group. If  $\{x_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa\} \subseteq G^\kappa$  satisfies*

- (1) *for every  $F \in \oplus_\kappa \mathbb{Z}$  with  $s(F) \neq \emptyset$ ,*

$$|\{\mu < \kappa : \sum_{\xi \in s(F)} F(\xi)x_\xi(\mu) \neq 0\}| = \kappa;$$

- (2) *for every  $\alpha < \kappa$ ,*

$$|\{\mu < \kappa : \text{the sequence } (\sum_{\xi \in s(f_\alpha(n))} f_\alpha(n)(\xi)x_\xi(\mu))_{n < \omega} \text{ does not converge in } G\}| = \kappa;$$

- (3) *for every  $\alpha \in I_0$ ,  $x_\alpha$  is an accumulation point of the set*

$$\left\{ \sum_{\xi \in s(f_\alpha(n))} f_\alpha(n)(\xi)x_\xi : n < \omega \right\},$$

*then there is a countably compact dense subgroup of  $G^\kappa$  of size  $\kappa$  without non-trivial convergent sequences.*

*Proof:* According to condition (3), for every  $\alpha \in I_0$ , we can find  $p_\alpha \in \omega^*$  such that

$$x_\alpha = p_\alpha - \lim_{n \rightarrow \omega} \sum_{\xi \in s(f_\alpha(n))} f_\alpha(n)(\xi)x_\xi.$$

Let  $\{I_t : t \in \bigcup_{s \in [\kappa]^{<\omega}} G^s\}$  be a partition of  $I_1$  in subsets of size  $\kappa$ . Put  $y_0 = x_0$  and suppose that  $y_\beta$  has been defined for each  $\beta < \alpha < \kappa$ . First, assume that  $\alpha \in I_1$ . Then, choose  $t \in \bigcup_{s \in [\kappa]^{<\omega}} G^s$  such that  $\alpha \in I_t$ . Then, we proceed to define  $y_\alpha = x_\alpha|_{\kappa \setminus \text{dom}(t)} \cup t$ . Now, suppose that  $\alpha \in I_0$ . In this case, we put

$$(*) \quad y_\alpha = p_\alpha - \lim_{n \rightarrow \omega} \sum_{\xi \in s(f_\alpha(n))} f_\alpha(n)(\xi)y_\xi.$$

CLAIM. For every  $\alpha < \kappa$ , we have that

$$|\{\mu < \kappa : y_\alpha(\mu) \neq x_\alpha(\mu)\}| < \kappa.$$

*Proof of the Claim:* Let us proceed by transfinite induction. Suppose that the conclusion holds for every  $\beta < \alpha$ , where  $\alpha < \kappa$ . If  $\alpha \in I_t$ , for some  $t \in \bigcup_{s \in [\kappa]^{<\omega}} G^s$ , then we have that  $y_\alpha = x_\alpha|_{\kappa \setminus \text{dom}(t)} \cup t$ ; hence,  $\{\mu < \kappa : y_\alpha(\mu) \neq x_\alpha(\mu)\} \subseteq \text{dom}(t)$  which is a finite set. If  $\alpha \in I_0$ , then we know that  $y_\alpha = p_\alpha - \lim_{n \rightarrow \omega} \sum_{\xi \in s(f_\alpha(n))} f_\alpha(n)(\xi)y_\xi$ . It then follows that

$$\{\mu < \kappa : y_\alpha(\mu) \neq x_\alpha(\mu)\} \subseteq \bigcup_{n < \omega} \bigcup_{\xi \in s(f_\alpha(n))} \{\nu < \kappa : y_\xi(\nu) \neq x_\xi(\nu)\}.$$

So,  $|\{\mu < \kappa : y_\alpha(\mu) \neq x_\alpha(\mu)\}| < \kappa$ .

It follows from the previous claim and the first condition that  $\{y_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa\}$  is an independent subset of  $G^\kappa$ . Let us consider the subgroup  $H = \langle \{y_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa\} \rangle$ . By construction, we have that  $H$  is dense in  $G^\kappa$ . The countable compactness of  $H$  follows from (\*). The second condition and the claim assure us that  $H$  does not have non-trivial convergent sequences.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2.** *If there exists an infinite countably compact free Abelian group without non-trivial convergent sequences, then there exists one that is dense in  $\mathbb{T}^{\mathfrak{c}}$ .*

*Proof:* Let  $G$  be an infinite countably compact free Abelian group without non-trivial convergent sequences. Without loss of generality, we can assume that  $G$  is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{T}^\kappa$  for some cardinal  $\kappa$ . In addition, we may assume that  $\{f_\alpha : \alpha \in I_0 \cap \mathfrak{c}\}$  enumerates all one-to-one functions  $f : \omega \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\mathfrak{c}} \mathbb{Z}$ . By using some ideas from [23], it is possible to get  $\{x_\alpha : \alpha < \mathfrak{c}\} \subseteq G$  such that

- a)  $\{x_\alpha : \alpha < \mathfrak{c}\}$  is independent and,

b) for each  $\alpha \in I_0 \cap \mathfrak{c}$ ,  $x_\alpha$  is an accumulation point of the set

$$\left\{ \sum_{\xi \in s(f_\alpha(n))} f_\alpha(n)(\xi)x_\xi : n < \omega \right\}.$$

Then, the subgroup  $H = \langle \{x_\alpha : \alpha < \mathfrak{c}\} \rangle$  of  $G$  satisfies

$$\sum_{\xi \in s(F)} F(\xi)x_\xi \neq 0,$$

for every  $F \in \oplus_{\mathfrak{c}} \mathbb{Z}$  with  $s(F) \neq \emptyset$ . Hence,

c) for every  $F \in \oplus_{\mathfrak{c}} \mathbb{Z}$  with  $s(F) \neq \emptyset$ , there exists  $\mu_F < \kappa$  such that

$$\sum_{\xi \in s(F)} F(\xi)x_{\xi(\mu_F)} \neq 0.$$

Observe that  $H$  does not have non-trivial convergent sequences. Thus, for each  $\alpha \in I_0 \cap \mathfrak{c}$ , the sequence

$$\left( \sum_{\xi \in s(f_\alpha(n))} f_\alpha(n)(\xi)x_\xi \right)_{n < \omega}$$

does not converge in  $\langle \{x_\alpha : \alpha < \mathfrak{c}\} \rangle$ . So,

d) for each  $\alpha \in I_0 \cap \mathfrak{c}$ , there exists  $\mu_\alpha < \kappa$  such that the sequence

$$\left( \sum_{\xi \in s(f_\alpha(n))} f_\alpha(n)(\xi)x_{\xi(\mu_\alpha)} \right)_{n < \omega}$$

does not converge in  $\mathbb{T}$ . Indeed, given  $\mu < \kappa$ , if the sequence

$$\left( \sum_{\xi \in s(f_\alpha(n))} f_\alpha(n)(\xi)x_{\xi(\mu)} \right)_{n < \omega}$$

converges in  $\mathbb{T}$ , then, by *b)*, it must converge to  $x_\alpha(\mu)$ . Thus, if *d)* does not hold, then  $(\sum_{\xi \in s(f_\alpha(n))} f_\alpha(n)(\xi)x_\xi)_{n < \omega}$  converges to  $x_\alpha$ , but this is impossible. Now we shall transform the set  $\{x_\alpha : \alpha < \mathfrak{c}\}$  in a subset of  $\mathbb{T}^{\mathfrak{c}}$ . To do that let  $A = \{\mu_F : F \in \oplus_{\mathfrak{c}} \mathbb{Z} \text{ with } s(F) \neq \emptyset\} \cup \{\mu_\alpha : \alpha \in I_0 \cap \mathfrak{c}\}$  and fix a bijection  $\sigma : \mathfrak{c} \longrightarrow A \times \mathfrak{c}$ . For every  $\alpha < \mathfrak{c}$ , we define  $y_\alpha : \mathfrak{c} \longrightarrow \mathbb{T}$  as  $y_\alpha(\beta) = x_\alpha(\mu)$  where  $\sigma(\beta) = (\mu, \xi)$ , for each  $\beta < \mathfrak{c}$ . It is evident that  $\{y_\alpha : \alpha < \mathfrak{c}\}$  satisfies conditions (1) - (3) of Theorem 4.1. (We add coordinates if it necessary as we did in Lemma 3.1.) Thus, there exists a countably compact free Abelian dense subgroup of  $\mathbb{T}^{\mathfrak{c}}$  as required.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.3.** *If there are  $\mathfrak{c}$  many RK-incomparable, selective ultrafilters in  $\omega^*$ , then there exists a countably compact free Abelian dense subgroup of  $\mathbb{T}^{\mathfrak{c}}$  without non-trivial convergent sequences.*

*Proof:* It was shown in [16] that there exists an infinite countably compact free Abelian group without non-trivial convergent sequences assuming the existence of  $\mathfrak{c}$  many RK-incomparable, selective ultrafilters in  $\omega^*$ . Applying Theorem 4.2, we obtain the required conclusion.  $\square$

If we require only pseudocompact subgroups, then we have the following.

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $G$  be a compact Abelian group. If  $\{x_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa\} \subseteq G^\kappa$  satisfies*

(1) *for every  $F \in \oplus_\kappa \mathbb{Z}$  with  $s(F) \neq \emptyset$ , there is  $\mu < \kappa$  such that*

$$\sum_{\xi \in s(F)} F(\xi)x_\xi(\mu) \neq 0;$$

(2) *for every one-to-one function  $f : \omega \rightarrow \oplus_\kappa \mathbb{Z}$ , there is  $\mu < \kappa$  such that the sequence  $(\sum_{\xi \in s(f(n))} f(n)(\xi)x_\xi(\mu))_{n < \omega}$  does not converge in  $G$ ,*

*then there is a  $G_\delta$ -dense independent subset  $A$  of  $G^\kappa$  such that  $\langle A \rangle$  does not have non-trivial convergent sequences.*

*Proof:* By repeating coordinates  $\kappa$ -many times, we may assume that conditions (1) and (2) hold for  $\kappa$ -many  $\mu$ 's. Let  $\{K_d : d \in \bigcup_{s \in [\kappa]^\omega} G^s\}$  be a partition of  $\kappa$  in subsets of cardinality  $\kappa$ . For every  $\alpha < \kappa$ , choose  $\alpha \in K_d$  and define  $z_\alpha = d \cup x_\alpha|_{\kappa \setminus \text{dom}(d)}$ . Set  $A = \{z_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa\}$ . It is evident that  $A$  is a  $G_\delta$ -dense subset of  $G^\kappa$ .

CLAIM 1. The set  $A = \{z_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa\}$  is independent.

*Proof of Claim 1:* Given  $F \in \oplus_2 \mathbb{Z}$  with  $s(F) \neq \emptyset$ , let  $\gamma > \max\{\text{dom}(d) : s(F) \cap K_d \neq \emptyset\}$ . From condition (1), we can find an ordinal number  $\mu$  with  $\gamma < \mu < \kappa$  such that

$$\sum_{\zeta \in s(F)} F(\zeta)z_\zeta(\mu) = \sum_{\zeta \in s(F)} F(\zeta)x_\zeta(\mu) \neq 0.$$

This shows that  $A$  is independent.

CLAIM 2. The group  $\langle A \rangle$  does not have non-trivial convergent sequences.



*Proof of Claim 2:* Let  $(a_n)_{n < \omega}$  be a sequence in  $\langle A \rangle$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that there is a one-to-one continuous function  $f : \omega \rightarrow \oplus_{\kappa} \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $a_n = \sum_{\xi \in s(f(n))} f(n)(\xi) z_{\xi}$ , for every  $n < \omega$ . Choose an ordinal number  $\gamma$  such that

$$\sup\{dom(d) : (\bigcup_{n < \omega} s(f(n))) \cap K_d \neq \emptyset \text{ and } d \in \bigcup_{s \in [\kappa]^{\omega}} G^s\} < \gamma < \kappa.$$

It follows from condition (2) that there is an ordinal number  $\mu$  with  $\gamma < \mu < \omega_1$  such that the sequence

$$(a_n)_{n < \omega} = \left( \sum_{\xi \in s(f(n))} f(n)(\xi) z_{\xi}(\mu) \right)_{n < \omega} = \left( \sum_{\xi \in s(f(n))} f(n)(\xi) x_{\xi}(\mu) \right)_{n < \omega}$$

does not converge in  $G$ . Hence, the sequence  $(a_n)_{n < \omega}$  cannot converge in  $G^{\kappa}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.5.** *Let  $\kappa = \kappa^{\omega}$  be an infinite cardinal. The group  $\mathbb{T}^{\kappa}$  contains a pseudocompact free Abelian dense subgroup without non-trivial convergent sequences.*

*Proof:* According to Lemma 2.6 from [9],  $\mathbb{T}^{\kappa}$  contains a pseudocompact free dense subgroup without non-trivial convergent sequences of size  $2^{\kappa}$ . Then, we apply Theorem 4.4. An alternative proof is the following.

Let  $\{f_{\alpha} : \omega \leq \alpha < \kappa\}$  be an enumeration of all one-to-one functions  $f : \omega \rightarrow \oplus_{\kappa} \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\bigcup_{n < \omega} s(f_{\alpha}(n)) \subseteq \alpha$  for each infinite  $\alpha < \kappa$ . We partition  $\kappa$  in  $A \cup B$  such that  $|A| = |B| = \kappa$ . For each infinite  $\alpha < \kappa$ , let  $\chi_{\alpha} \in \oplus_{\kappa} \mathbb{Z}$  be such that  $\chi_{\alpha}(\alpha) = 1$  and  $\chi_{\alpha}(\mu) = 0$  if  $\alpha \neq \mu$ . Let  $\{F_{\alpha} : \alpha \in A\}$  be an enumeration of all  $F \in \oplus_{\kappa} \mathbb{Z}$  with  $s(F) \neq \emptyset$  such that each  $F$  appears  $\kappa$ -many times in the enumeration. For each  $\alpha \in A$ , by using the lineal independence of  $\{\chi_{\alpha} : \alpha < \kappa\}$ , it is not difficult to construct a homomorphism  $\phi_{\alpha} : \oplus_{\kappa} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  such that  $\phi_{\alpha}(F_{\alpha}) \neq 0$ . Now, partition  $B$  into  $\{B_{\alpha} : \alpha < \kappa\}$  such that each  $B_{\alpha}$  has cardinality  $\kappa$ . For each  $\beta \in B$ , let  $\alpha < \kappa$  be the unique ordinal number such that  $\beta \in B_{\alpha}$ . Let  $E_{\beta}$  be a countable subset of  $\kappa$  such that  $\alpha \in E_{\beta}$  and  $s(f_{\gamma}(n)) \subseteq E_{\beta}$ , for each  $n \in \omega$  and for each  $\gamma \in E_{\beta}$ . By using an argument from [20] (also used in [14]), for each  $\beta \in B$ , we can find a homomorphism  $\phi_{\beta} : \oplus_{E_{\beta}} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  such that the sequence  $(\phi_{\beta}(f_{\alpha}(n)))_{n < \omega}$  does not converge in  $\mathbb{T}$ . Extend this homomorphism  $\phi_{\beta}$  arbitrarily to  $\oplus_{\kappa} \mathbb{Z}$ .

We are ready to define the generators of our group. For each  $\alpha < \kappa$ , let  $x_\alpha : \kappa \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  be defined by  $x_\alpha(\mu) = \phi_\mu(\chi_\alpha)$ . It is not hard to see that the set  $\{x_\xi : \xi < \kappa\}$  satisfies all the conditions of Theorem 4.4.  $\square$

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