

Facial Weak Order

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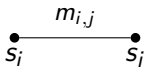
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- *Finite Coxeter System* (W, S) such that

$$W := \langle s \in S \mid (s_i s_j)^{m_{i,j}} = e \text{ for } s_i, s_j \in S \rangle$$

where $m_{i,j} \in \mathbb{N}^*$ and $m_{i,j} = 1$ only if $i = j$.

- A *Coxeter diagram* Γ_W for a Coxeter System (W, S) has S as a vertex set and an edge labelled $m_{i,j}$ when $m_{i,j} > 2$.

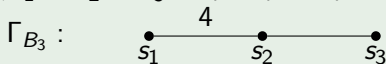


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$$W_{B_3} = \langle s_1, s_2, s_3 \mid s_1^2 = s_2^2 = s_3^2 = (s_1 s_2)^4 = (s_2 s_3)^3 = (s_1 s_3)^2 = e \rangle$$



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Let (W, S) be a Coxeter system.

- Let $w \in W$ such that $w = s_1 \dots s_n$ for some $s_i \in S$. We say that w has *length* n , $\ell(w) = n$, if n is minimal.
- Let the *(right) weak order* be the order on the Cayley graph where $\overset{w}{\bullet} \xrightarrow{ws} \bullet$ and $\ell(w) < \ell(ws)$.
- For finite Coxeter systems, there exists a longest element in the weak order, w_o .

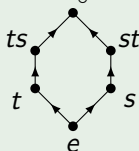
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$$sts = w_0 = tst$$



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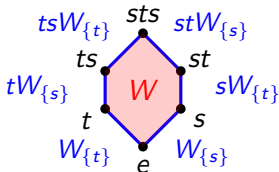
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Parabolic Subgroups

Let $I \subseteq S$.

- $W_I = \langle I \rangle$ is the *standard parabolic subgroup* with long element denoted $w_{0,I}$.
- $W^I := \{w \in W \mid \ell(w) \leq \ell(ws), \text{ for all } s \in I\}$ is the set of minimal length coset representatives for W/W_I .
- Any element $w \in W$ admits a unique factorization $w = w^I \cdot w_I$ with $w^I \in W^I$ and $w_I \in W_I$.
- By convention in this talk xW_I means $x \in W^I$.
- *Coxeter complex* - \mathcal{P}_W - the abstract simplicial complex whose faces are all the standard parabolic cosets of W .



Facial Weak Order

Definition (Krob et.al. [2001], Palacios, Ronco [2006])

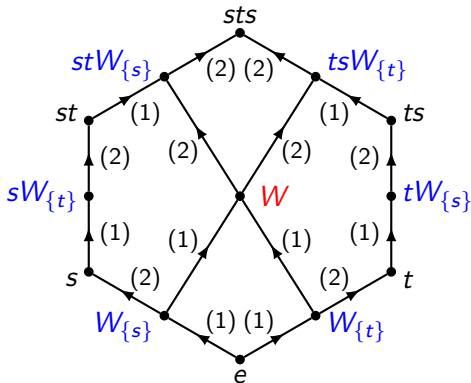
The (*right*) *facial weak order* is the order \leq_F on the Coxeter complex \mathcal{P}_W defined by cover relations of two types:

- (1) $xW_I \triangleleft xW_{I \cup \{s\}}$ if $s \notin I$ and $x \in W^{I \cup \{s\}}$,
- (2) $xW_I \triangleleft xw_{0,I}w_{0,I \setminus \{s\}}W_{I \setminus \{s\}}$ if $s \in I$,

where $I \subseteq S$ and $x \in W^I$.

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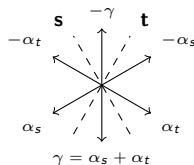
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Root System

- Let $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be a Euclidean space.
- Let W be a group generated by a set of reflections S .
 $W \hookrightarrow O(V)$ gives representation as a finite reflection group.
- The reflection associated to $\alpha \in V \setminus \{0\}$ is

$$s_\alpha(v) = v - \frac{2 \langle v, \alpha \rangle}{\|\alpha\|^2} \alpha \quad (v \in V)$$



- A *root system* is $\Phi := \{\alpha \in V \mid s_\alpha \in W, \|\alpha\| = 1\}$
- We have $\Phi = \Phi^+ \sqcup \Phi^-$ decomposable into positive and negative roots.

Inversion Sets

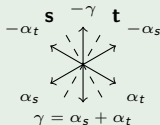
Let (W, S) be a Coxeter system.

Define *(left) inversion sets* as the set $\mathbf{N}(w) := \Phi^+ \cap w(\Phi^-)$.

Example

Let $\Gamma_{A_2} : s \text{ --- } t$, with Φ given by the roots

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{N}(ts) &= \Phi^+ \cap ts(\Phi^-) \\ &= \Phi^+ \cap \{\alpha_t, \gamma, -\alpha_s\} \\ &= \{\alpha_t, \gamma\} \end{aligned}$$

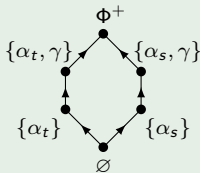
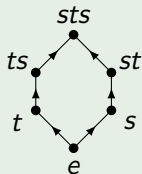
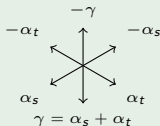


Weak order and Inversion sets

Given $w, u \in W$ then $w \leq_R u$ if and only if $\mathbf{N}(w) \subseteq \mathbf{N}(u)$.

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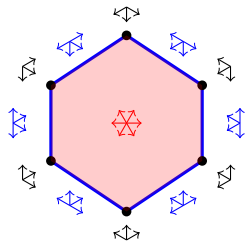
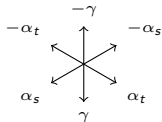
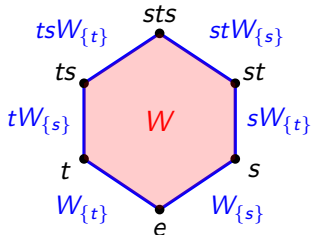
Root Inversion Set

Definition (Root Inversion Set)

Let xW_I be a standard parabolic coset. The *root inversion set* is the set

$$\mathbf{R}(xW_I) := x(\Phi^- \cup \Phi_I^+)$$

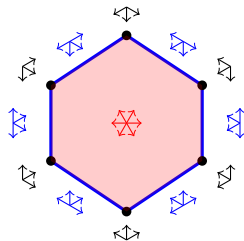
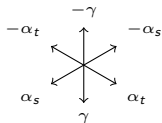
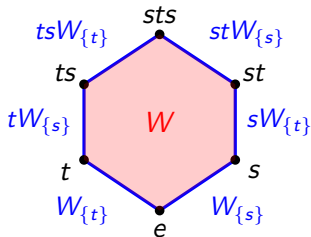
Note that $N(x) = \mathbf{R}(xW_\emptyset) \cap \Phi^+$.



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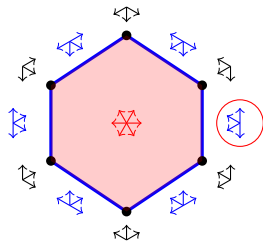
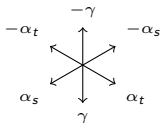
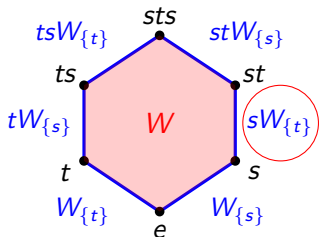
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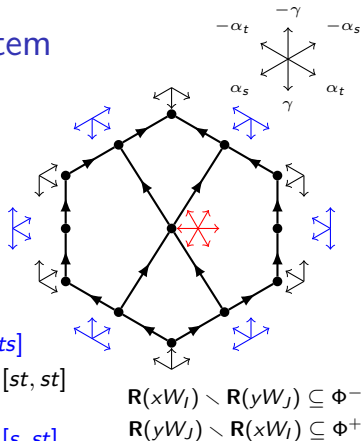
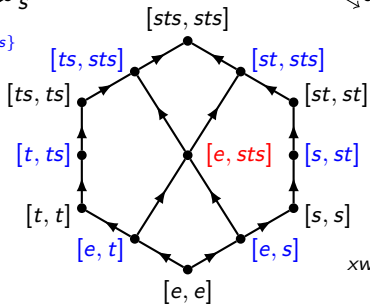
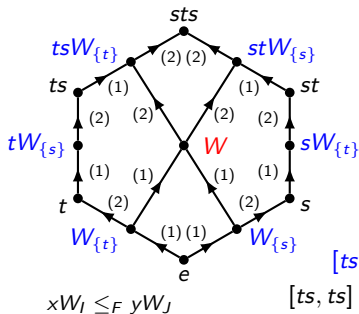
Equivalent definitions

Theorem (D., Hohlweg, Pilaud [2016])

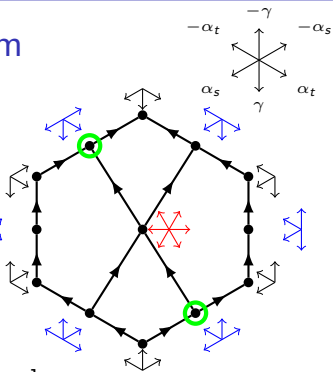
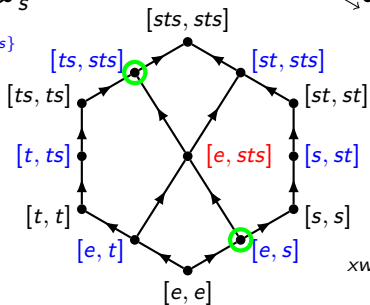
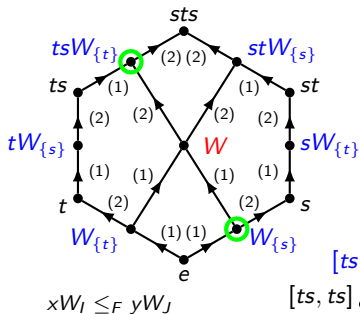
The following conditions are equivalent for two standard parabolic cosets xW_I and yW_J in the Coxeter complex \mathcal{P}_W

- 1** $xW_I \leq_F yW_J$
- 2** $\mathbf{R}(xW_I) \setminus \mathbf{R}(yW_J) \subseteq \Phi^-$ and $\mathbf{R}(yW_J) \setminus \mathbf{R}(xW_I) \subseteq \Phi^+$.
- 3** $x \leq_R y$ and $xw_{0,I} \leq_R yw_{0,J}$.

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Facial weak order lattice

Theorem (D., Hohlweg, Pilaud [2016])

The facial weak order (\mathcal{P}_W, \leq_F) is a lattice with the meet and join of two standard parabolic cosets xW_I and yW_J given by:

$$xW_I \wedge yW_J = z_{\wedge} W_{K_{\wedge}},$$

$$xW_I \vee yW_J = z_{\vee} W_{K_{\vee}}.$$

where,

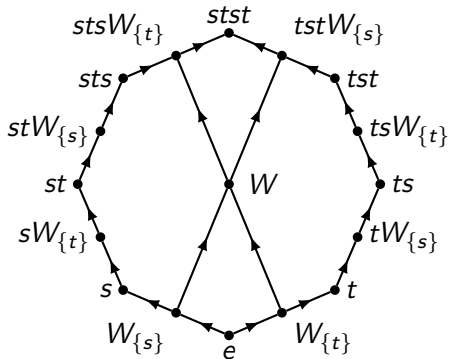
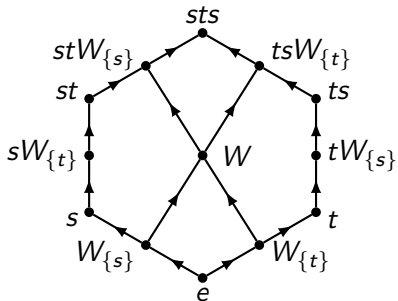
$$z_{\wedge} = x \wedge y \quad \text{and} \quad K_{\wedge} = D_L(z_{\wedge}^{-1}(xw_{0,I} \wedge yw_{0,J})), \text{ and}$$

$$z_{\vee} = xw_{0,I} \vee yw_{0,J} \quad \text{and} \quad K_{\vee} = D_L(z_{\vee}^{-1}(x \vee y))$$

Corollary (D., Hohlweg, Pilaud [2016])

The weak order is a sublattice of the facial weak order lattice.

Example: A_2 and B_2



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Example (Meet example)

Recall

$$xW_I \wedge yW_J = z_{\wedge} W_{K_{\wedge}}$$

$$\text{where } z_{\wedge} = x \wedge y$$

$$K_{\wedge} = D_L(z_{\wedge}^{-1}(xw_{o,I} \wedge yw_{o,J}))$$

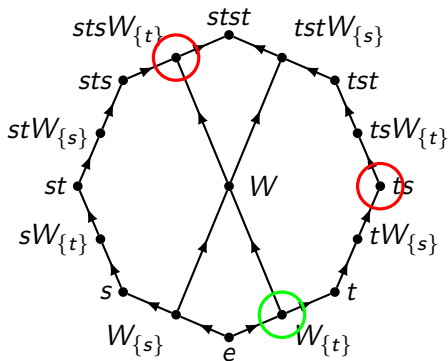
We compute $ts \wedge stsW_{\{t\}}$.

$$z_{\wedge} = ts \wedge sts = e$$

$$K_{\wedge} = D_L(z_{\wedge}^{-1}(tsw_{o,\emptyset} \wedge stsw_{o,t}))$$

$$= D_L(e(ts \wedge stst))$$

$$= D_L(ts) = \{t\}.$$



Thank you!

