

# Graphs and reflection representations

## I. Classifications and beyond.

Recall

H.S.M. Coxeter 1930's:

Any discrete reflection group (group generated by reflections)  $W \subseteq O(E)$  on a Euclidean space  $E$  has a presentation of the form

$$W = \langle s_1, \dots, s_n \mid s_i^2 = \text{id}_E \quad \forall i \rangle$$

$$(s_i s_j)^{m_{ij}} = \text{id}_E \quad m_{ij} = m_{ji} \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 2} \quad \forall 1 \leq i, j \leq n$$

where  $s_i : E \rightarrow E$  is an orthogonal reflection

w.r.t. some nonzero vector  $\alpha_i \in E$

e.g. (finite, affine) Weyl groups of a s.s Lie alg.

Rmk. Orthogonal refl:

To emphasize that the refl.  $s_i$  is defined under the inner product on  $E$

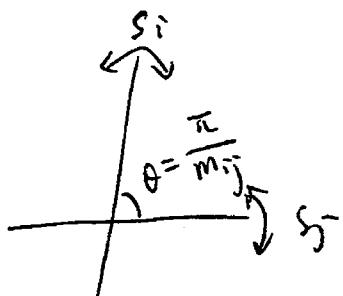
$$s_i: E \rightarrow E$$

$$x \mapsto x - \frac{2(x|\alpha_i)}{(\alpha_i|\alpha_i)} \alpha_i$$

The inner product stays invariant under the  $W$ -action. i.e.

$$(x|y) = (wx|wy) \quad \forall w \in W, x, y \in E.$$

Rmk the braid relation  $(s_i s_j)^{m_{ij}} = \text{id}_E$



$$s_i s_j = \text{rotation by } 2\theta$$

- If  $\theta$  is not a rational multiple of  $\pi$ , then  $s_i s_j$  has infinite order

Inspired by Coxeter's result, we have the following defn

Def. Let  $S$  be a (finite) set.

Given  $m_{st} \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 2} \cup \{\infty\}$  for any pair of  $s, t \in S$  such that  $m_{st} = m_{ts}$ ,

a Coxeter group is defined to be a group with a presentation of the form

$$W = \langle s \in S \mid s^2 = e, \forall s \in S \\ (st)^{m_{st}} = e. \forall s, t \in S \text{ s.t. } m_{st} < \infty \rangle$$

So, this defn extends the notion of refl. gps on Euclidean spaces.

Q<sup>1</sup>. Can we realize an arbitrary Coxeter gp  $(W, S)$  as a "reflection group" on some vector space  $V$ ?

(Is there a bilinear form on  $V$  inv. under the  $W$ -action s.t. the action of  $s \in S$  is an "orthogonal refl"?)

We have an answer by J. Tits.

Let  $V_{\text{geom}} := \bigoplus_{s \in S} \mathbb{R}\alpha_s$  be a vector space with formal basis  $\{\alpha_s \mid s \in S\}$

We define a symmetric bilinear form  $(-1-)$  on  $V_{\text{geom}}$  by :

$$\begin{cases} (\alpha_s \mid \alpha_s) = 1 & \forall s \in S \\ (\alpha_s \mid \alpha_t) = -\cos \frac{\pi}{m_{st}} & \forall s, t \in S, s \neq t \end{cases}$$

(Here we regard  $-\cos \frac{\pi}{\infty} = -1$ )

For any  $s \in S$ , define a linear map  $\sigma_s \in \text{GL}(V_{\text{geom}})$

by  $\sigma_s(x) = x - 2 \frac{(x \mid \alpha_s)}{(\alpha_s \mid \alpha_s)} \cdot \alpha_s, \forall x \in V_{\text{geom}}$

(In other words,  $\sigma_s$  is the orthogonal refl. w.r.t.  $\alpha_s$  defined by the bilinear form  $(-1-)$ ).

Then :

(Bourbaki, 1968)  $(V_{\text{geom}}, \tau)$  is a well-defined representation of  $W$ , call the geometric rep, and  $(-1)$  is inv. under the  $W$ -action.

Q2 Can we find out and classify all "such representations"?

(reps of  $W$  on which any  $s \in S$  acts by an "abstract refl")

Def. (1) Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$  (or  $\mathbb{R}$ )

A linear map  $s: V \rightarrow V$  is called a reflection

if  $V = H_s \oplus \mathbb{C}d_s$  such that

$$s|_{H_s} = \text{id}_{H_s}, \quad s(d_s) = -d_s \neq 0.$$

( $d_s$ : refl. vector, unique up to a scalar.

$H_s$ : refl. hyperplane).

(2) Let  $V$  be a rep. of  $(W, S)$

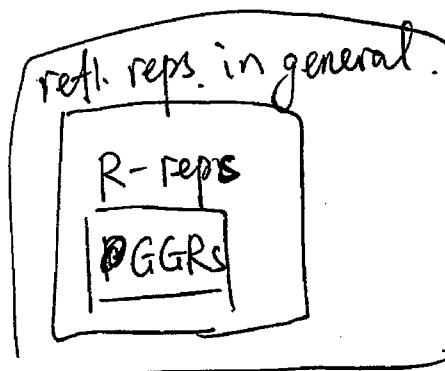
If  $\forall s \in S$ ,  $s$  acts by a refl. on  $V$ . then  
 $V$  is called a reflection representation of  $W$ .

(3) If moreover the refl. ~~vectors~~ vectors  $\{as \mid s \in S\}$

form a basis of  $V$ , then  $V$  is called a  
generalized geometric representation of  $W$

(GGR for short)

Rank. The "classification" of refl. reps is divided into three levels :



### § classification of GGRs.

For simplicity, we assume  $m_{st} < \infty$ .  $\forall s, t \in S$

- Let  $V = \bigoplus_{s \in S} \mathbb{C}\alpha_s$  be a GGR of (W, S)

$$\text{Then } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} s \cdot \alpha_t = \alpha_t + 2b_{ts} \cos \frac{k_{st}\pi}{m_{st}} \alpha_s \\ t \cdot \alpha_s = \alpha_s + 2b_{st} \cos \frac{k_{st}\pi}{m_{st}} \alpha_t \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{for some } k_{st} \in \mathbb{N}, \quad 1 \leq k_{st} \leq \frac{m_{st}}{2} \quad (\text{unique})$$

$$b_{ts}, b_{st} \in \mathbb{C}^{\times}. \quad b_{st} \cdot b_{ts} = 1 \quad (\text{not unique})$$

- We define a graph  $\tilde{G}$  as follows

vertex set :  $S$

edge set :  $s-t$  if  $k_{st} \neq \frac{m_{st}}{2}$

(A subgraph of the Coxeter graph  $G$ )

- $\tilde{G}$  can be regarded as a simplicial complex of dim 1.

Thus we can consider  $H_1(\tilde{G}, \mathbb{Z})$  which is a finitely generated free abelian group

The generators are cycles in the graph  $\tilde{G}$ .

- For a cycle  $c$ , say,

$$c = s_0 \xrightarrow{s_1} s_1 \xrightarrow{s_2} \dots \xrightarrow{s_{n-1}} s_n$$

in  $\tilde{G}$ , we define

$$\chi(c) := b_{s_0 s_1} b_{s_1 s_2} \cdots b_{s_{n-1} s_n} b_{s_n s_0} \in \mathbb{C}^\times.$$

This can be extended to a character

$$\chi: H_1(\tilde{G}, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$$

i.e. a group homomorphism.

Thm 1) The isom. classes of GGRs of (W, S)

one-to-one correspond to the following set:

$$\left\{ \left( \left( k_{st} \right)_{s,t \in S, s \neq t}, \chi \right) \mid k_{st} = k_{ts} \in \mathbb{N}, 1 \leq k_{st} \leq \frac{m_{st}}{2}, \forall s, t \in S. \right.$$

$\chi: H_1(\tilde{G}, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$  is a character  
where  $\tilde{G}$  is the graph determined  
by  $(k_{st})_{s \neq t \in S}$

}

2) There exists a nonzero W-inv. bilinear form

$(-1-)$  on a GGR  $V$  iff  $\text{Im } \chi \subseteq \{\pm 1\}$

where  $\chi$  is the corr. character.

In this case,  $(-1-)$  is symmetric and is unique  
up to a  $\mathbb{C}^*$ -scalar, and

$$S(x) = x - 2 \frac{(x | \alpha_s)}{(\alpha_s | \alpha_s)} \alpha_s$$

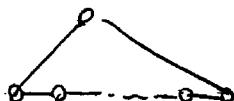
i.e. the action of  $S$  is an orthogonal reflection  
w.r.t.  $\alpha_s$  defined by this bilinear form.

Rmk 1) If we drop the assumption  $m_{st} < \infty$ .

and if  $m_{st} = \infty$ , then in the classification the parameter set  $\{1, 2, -\frac{m_{st}}{2}\}$  is replaced by  $\underbrace{\mathbb{C} \cup \{*\_1, *\_2\}}_{p_s^+, p_t^+}$

2) Only a few (finitely many) GGRs admit a W-inv. bilinear form.

E.g.  $\tilde{A}_n$



$$H_1(\tilde{G}, \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

The GGRs of  $\tilde{A}_n$  is parameterized by  $\mathbb{C}^\times$

The geometric rep  $\leftrightarrow +1$  } admit W-inv.  
 $\boxed{\phantom{0}}$   $\leftrightarrow -1$  } bilinear form.

## § R-representations

Def. A refl. rep.  $\checkmark$  of  $W$  is called an R-representation if (1)  $V$  is spanned by refl. vectors  $\{\alpha_s \mid s \in S\}$  as a vector space  
(2)  $\forall s, t \in S$ , with  $s \neq t$  and  $m_{st} < \infty$ .  
the vectors  $\alpha_s$  and  $\alpha_t$  are linearly independent.

Remark. The defn. looks very weird at first glance.

The original motivation comes from the investigation of Lusztig's function  $a$ :

$$a(\text{R-reps}) = 1$$

For certain simply laced Coxeter groups, it can be shown that any irrep of  $a$ -function value 1 must be an R-rep.

(Now we don't assume  $m_{st} < \infty$ )

Prop Let  $V = \sum_{s \in S} \mathbb{C} v_s$  be an  $R$ -rep of  $W$ .

Then  $\exists!$  GGR  $\tilde{V}$  of  $W$  s.t.

$$V \simeq \tilde{V}/V_0 \text{ as } W\text{-reps}$$

where  $V_0 \subseteq \tilde{V}$  is a subrep. with trivial  $W$ -action

Rank 1). It is not hard to compute the subspace

$\tilde{V}_0$  of  $\tilde{V}$  consisting of vectors fixed by  $W$ .

In fact, it is <sup>the</sup> solution space of certain linear equations.

The space  $V_0$  can be any subspace of  $\tilde{V}_0$ .

2) If  $m_{st} < \infty$ .  $\forall s, t \in S$ , then the isom. classes of semisimple  $R$ -reps 1-1 corr. to the isom. classes of GGRs.

In particular, those simple  $R$ -reps corr. to those GGRs with connected graph  $\tilde{G}$ .

## § Refl. reps in general. (V, ρ)

Observation: If  $\alpha_s$  and  $\alpha_t$  are proportional for some  $s, t \in S$  with  $m_{st} < \infty$ . then

$$f(s) = f(t)$$

Prop The isom. classes of refl. reps (spanned by refl. vectors) of  $W$  one-to-one corr. to the set

$$\left\{ (S = I_1 \cup \dots \cup I_k, (V, \bar{\rho})) \right\}$$

where 1)  $S = I_1 \cup \dots \cup I_k$  is a partition of  $S$  such that

- $d_{ij} := \gcd \{ m_{rt} \mid r \in I_i, t \in I_j, m_{rt} < \infty \} > 1$   
(by convention,  $\gcd \emptyset = \infty$ ) for any  $1 \leq i \neq j \leq k$
  - $\forall i$ ,  $I_i$  can not be written as a disjoint union  $I_i = J \cup J'$  s.t.  $m_{rt} = \infty \quad \forall r \in J, \forall t \in J'$ .
- 2)  $\bar{\rho}: \bar{W} \rightarrow \text{GL}(V)$  is an  $R$ -rep of  $\bar{W}$ . where  
 $\bar{W}$  is a Coxeter group of rank  $k$  defined by  
Coxeter matrix  $(d_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq k}$

The refl. rep of  $W$  corr. to  $(I^{u_1 \dots u_k}, (V, \bar{\rho}))$   
is the composition

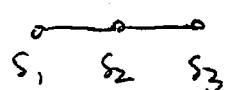
$$\rho : W \xrightarrow{\pi} \bar{W} \xrightarrow{\bar{\rho}} GL(V)$$

where  $\pi$  maps each  $s \in I_i$  to the  $i$ th generator  
of  $\bar{W}$ .

e.g. If the partition of  $S$  is trivial  
(i.e.,  $k=1$ .  $S = I_1$ )

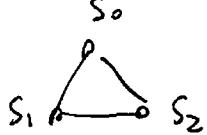
then the corr. refl. rep is the sign. rep.

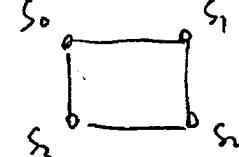
e.g. The only admissible partition for  $A_3$



- are:
  - the trivial partition
  - the discrete —
  - $S = \{s_2\} \cup \{s_1, s_3\}$

If  $n \geq 4$ , the only admissible partition for  $A_n$   
are the trivial one and the discrete one.

e.g.  $\tilde{A}_2$    $\{s_0\} \cup \{s_1, s_2\}$

$\tilde{A}_3$    $\{s_0, s_2\} \cup \{s_1, s_3\}$

$\tilde{A}_n$  ( $n \geq 4$ ) only the trivial partition  
and the discrete —.

{ images of refl. reps.

$f: W \hookrightarrow GL(V_{\text{geom}})$  the geom. rep.

(-1-) on  $V_{\text{geom}}$   $\Leftrightarrow$  s.t.

$$(wx | wy) = (x | y) \quad \forall x, y \in V_{\text{geom}}, w \in W.$$

$$\Rightarrow f(W) \subseteq O(V_{\text{geom}}) = \left\{ \sigma \in GL(V_{\text{geom}}) \mid (\sigma^{-1}|\sigma^{-}) = (-1-) \right\}$$

Thm (Y. Benoist, P. d. l. Harpe, 2004. Compositio)

Suppose  $(W, S)$  is imed. and of finite rank

If  $(-1-)$  is non-positive and non-degenerate,

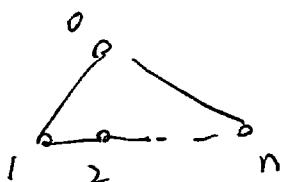
then the Zariski closure of  $f(W)$  is  $O(V_{\text{geom}})$

Rmk For GGRs, in general we don't have a  
W-inv. bilinear form

So we can not talk about the "orthogonal gp".

Here are some examples.

e.g.  $\tilde{A}_n$

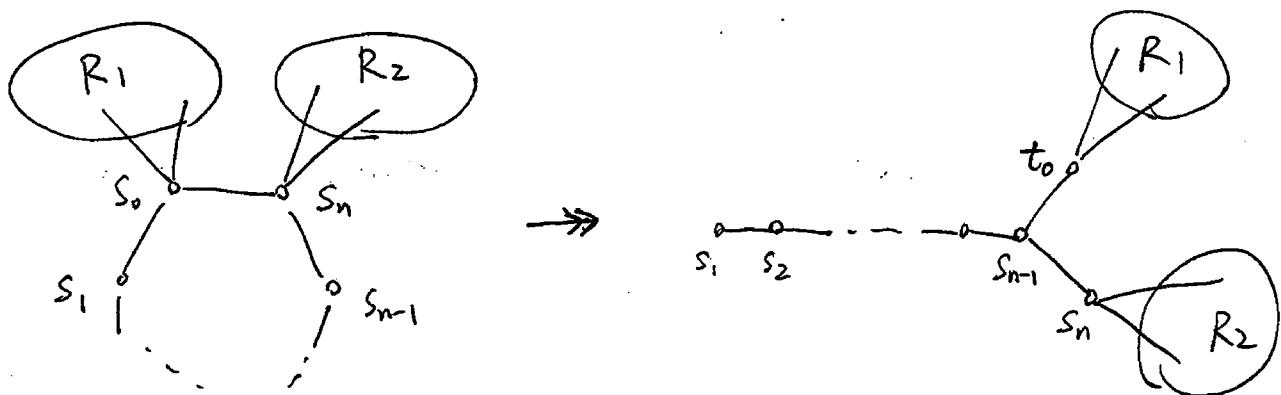


Let  $f: \tilde{A}_n \rightarrow GL_{n+1}$  be the GGR corr. to  $-1$ .

Then the image  $f(\tilde{A}_n) \cong D_{n+1}$

(finite Weyl gp of type D)

By the same method, we ~~can~~ have surjective homomorphisms of the form



Many finite and affine Weyl groups are of the form in the RHS. (n can be 2)

$A_n, B_n, \tilde{B}_n, \tilde{C}_n, \tilde{D}_n, D_n$

$E_n, \tilde{E}_n, \tilde{F}_4, H_4$ .

Q. What can we say in general about the image (and its Zariski closure) of a GGR?

### § Inf. dim'l irreps.

Thm (An anonymous referee)

$W$ : irred. Coxeter gp of finite rank

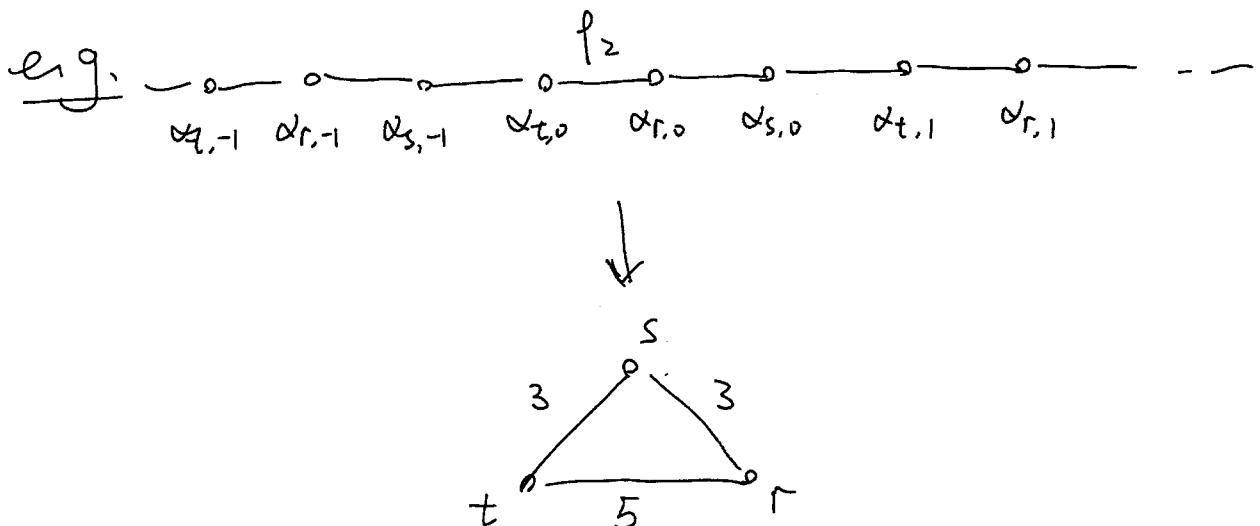
All irreps of  $W$  (over  $\mathbb{C}$ ) are of finite dim  
iff  $W$  is a finite group or an affine Weyl gp.

- The proof uses a result of Margulis and Vinberg saying that an inf. non-affine, irred Coxeter gp of finite rank admits a normal subgp  $Y$  of finite index such that  $Y$  has a quotient  $Y \xrightarrow{\pi} F$  where  $F$  is a non-~~af~~ abelian free group.
- Then we pull back an inf-dim'l irrep of  $F$  along  $\pi$ , and obtain an irrep of  $Y$ .  
Then we induce it to  $W$  and find an irred component of inf. dim.
- But this only proves the existence.

For the following two kinds of Coxeter groups,  
we can construct an inf-dim'l irrep explicitly

- 1) there are at least two cycles in the Coxeter graph
- 2) there is at least one cycle in the Coxeter graph  
and  $m_{st} \geq 4$  for some  $s, t \in S$ .  
(No need for  $s-t$  to be an edge on the cycle)

Illustrate the construction by two examples.



$$V = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (1\alpha_{r,n} \oplus 1\alpha_{t,n} \oplus 1\alpha_{s,n})$$

$$r \cdot \alpha_{t,0} = \alpha_{t,0} + 2 \cos \frac{2\pi}{5} \alpha_{r,0}$$

$$t \cdot \alpha_{r,0} = \alpha_{r,0} + 2 \cos \frac{2\pi}{5} \alpha_{t,0}$$

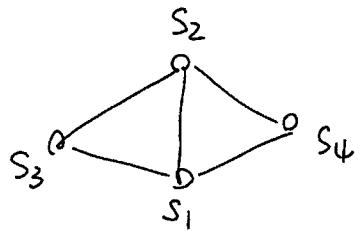
$$\begin{cases} r \cdot \alpha_{t,n} = \alpha_{t,n} + 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{5} \alpha_{r,n} \\ t \cdot \alpha_{r,n} = \alpha_{r,n} + 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{5} \alpha_{t,n} \end{cases}$$

$$A_n \begin{cases} r \cdot \alpha_{s,n} = \alpha_{s,n} + \alpha_{r,n} \\ s \cdot \alpha_{r,n} = \alpha_{r,n} + \alpha_{s,n} \end{cases} \quad t_n \begin{cases} t \cdot \alpha_{s,n} = \alpha_{s,n} + \alpha_{t,n+1} \\ s \cdot \alpha_{t,n} = \alpha_{t,n} + \alpha_{s,n-1} \end{cases}$$

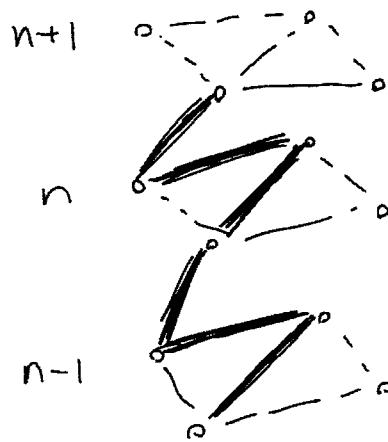
then  $\mathbb{V}/V_0$  is an irrep of inf dim

where  $V_0 = \{ v \in V \mid sv = rv = tv = v \} \quad (= \text{ maybe})$

e.g.



$$V := \bigoplus_{\substack{n \in \mathbb{Z} \\ i=1,\dots,4}} \mathbb{C}\alpha_{i,n}$$

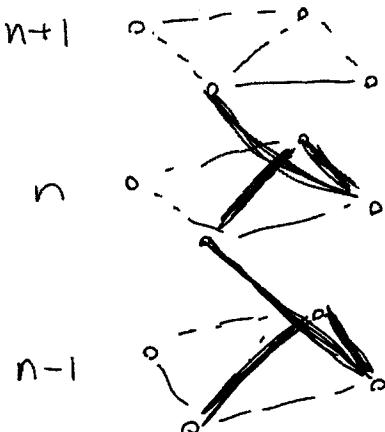


$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} s_3 \alpha_{4,n} = \alpha_{4,n} \\ s_4 \alpha_{3,n} = \alpha_{3,n} \end{array} \right. \forall n$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} s_1 \alpha_{3,n} = \alpha_{3,n} + \alpha_{1,n+1} \\ s_3 \cdot \alpha_{1,n+1} = \alpha_{1,n+1} + \alpha_{3,n} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} s_1 \cdot \alpha_{4,n} = \alpha_{4,n} + 2^n \alpha_{1,n+1} \\ s_4 \cdot \alpha_{1,n+1} = \alpha_{1,n+1} + 2^{-n} \alpha_{4,n} \end{array} \right.$$

other  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} s_i \alpha_{j,n} = \alpha_{j,n} + \alpha_{i,n} \\ s_j \alpha_{i,n} = \alpha_{i,n} + \alpha_{j,n} \end{array} \right.$   
 $i \neq j$



then  $\mathbb{V}/V_0$  is an irrep of inf. dim

where  $V_0$  as above.

## II Exterior powers

Thm (R. Steinberg, 1968)

Let  $E$  be a Euclidean space with inner product  $(-| -)$ .  
and  $e_1, \dots, e_n \in E$  be a set of basis

Let  $s_1, \dots, s_n \in O(E)$  be orthogonal reflections w.r.t  
 $e_1, \dots, e_n$ , resp., and  $W = \langle s_1, \dots, s_n \rangle$  be the group  
generated by  $s_1, \dots, s_n$

Suppose  $E$  is an irrep of  $W$

Then  $\wedge^d E$ ,  $0 \leq d \leq n$  are pairwise non-isomorphic  
irreps of  $W$

Remark The proof relies on the inner product  $(-| -)$   
and is done by induction on the number of reflections  $n$ .

We will extend this result to a more general context.  
where the  $W$ -inv. bilinear form may not exist.

## Sketched proof of Steinberg's thm :

Do induction on  $n$

$$n=1 \quad \checkmark$$

$n \geq 2$  Let  $G$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices  $v_1, \dots, v_n$

and  $v_i - v_j$  be an edge iff  $e_i$  and  $e_j$  are not orthogonal

Then  $E$  is an irrep of  $W \Leftrightarrow G$  is connected

$\exists$  a vertex (e.g.,  $v_n$ ) s.t.  $v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}$  span a connected subgraph in  $G$

Let  $U := \mathbb{R}\langle e_1, \dots, e_{n-1} \rangle$  be the subspace of codim 1.

and  $v \in E$  s.t.  $v \perp U$

Then  $E = U \oplus \langle v \rangle$  as a rep. of  $W' := \langle s_1, \dots, s_{n-1} \rangle$

$$(s_i \cdot v = v, \forall i=1, \dots, n-1)$$

key point

$$\bigwedge^d E = (\bigwedge^d U) \oplus \left[ v \wedge (\bigwedge^{d-1} U) \right] \text{ as a rep of } W'$$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow$   
non-isomorphic irreps of  $W'$  by induction hypothesis

It is then not hard to show that one of them does not stay invariant under the action of  $s_n$

$\Rightarrow \bigwedge^d E$  is an irrep of  $W$ . ( $0 \leq d \leq n$ )

A generalization:

Thm (Hu, 2023, Bull. Aust. Math. Soc.)

Let  $\rho: W \rightarrow GL(V)$  be an  $n$ -dim rep of a group  $W$  over a field of char. 0

Suppose  $s_1, \dots, s_k \in W$  s.t.

(1)  $\forall i, \rho(s_i)$  is a reflection

(2)  $W = \langle s_1, \dots, s_k \rangle$

(3)  $(V, \rho)$  is an irrep. of  $W$

(4)  $\forall i, j \quad s_i \alpha_j \neq \alpha_j \text{ iff } s_j \alpha_i \neq \alpha_i$

Then  $\{\wedge^d V \mid 0 \leq d \leq n\}$  are pairwise non-isomorphic

irreps of  $W$ .

- Rmk • The condition (4) is a technical condition.  
 It looks like an orthogonality relation between  $\alpha_i$  and  $\alpha_j$   
 But in general we don't have a  $W$ -inv. bilinear form on  $V$   
 This would bring some trouble if we want to use the  
 method of Steinberg.
- For example, suppose we have found a subspace  $U \subseteq V$   
 of codim 1 spanned by reflection vectors  $s_1, \dots, s_{k-1}$ ,  
 it may happen that the vector  $v$  which is fixed by  
 $s_1, \dots, s_{k-1}$  belongs to  $U$ .  
 and hence  $U$  is not an irrep of  $\langle s_1, \dots, s_{k-1} \rangle$ ,  
 and we don't have  $V = U \oplus \langle v \rangle$
  - The condition (4) is not that strict  
 If  $s_i \alpha_j = \alpha_j$  and  $s_j \alpha_i \neq \alpha_i$  then the order of  $s_i s_j$  in  $W$   
 must be  $\infty$   
 Moreover, there are uncountably many two-dim'l reps of  
 $\langle s_i, s_j \rangle \cong D_\infty$ , but only two of them invalidate  
 the condition (4).
  - So our result applies to "most" reflection reps of  
 Coxeter groups.

{ proof of our main thm.

- For a reflection  $s$  on  $V$ , we define

$$V_{d,s}^+ := \{ v \in \bigwedge^d V \mid s.v = v \}$$

$$V_{d,s}^- := \{ v \in \bigwedge^d V \mid s.v = -v \}$$

- If  $\bigwedge^d V \simeq \bigwedge^{d'} V$  as  $W$ -reps. then

$$\dim \bigwedge^d V = \dim \bigwedge^{d'} V \quad , \quad \dim V_{d,s}^+ = \dim V_{d',s}^+$$

i.e.  $\binom{n}{d} = \binom{n}{d'} \quad , \quad \binom{n-1}{d} = \binom{n-1}{d'}$

$$\Rightarrow d = d'$$

$\therefore \{ \bigwedge^d V \mid 0 \leq d \leq n \}$  are pairwise non-isomorphic

- For irreducibility of  $\bigwedge^d V$ , we need:

Thm (Chevalley)

Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be a field of char. 0. Let  $W$  be a group and  $V, U$  be fin-dim'l semisimple  $W$ -modules over  $\mathbb{F}$ .

Then  $V \otimes U$  is also a semisimple  $W$ -module.

Note that  $\wedge^d V \hookrightarrow \otimes^d V$  as a  $W$ -submod

Cor  $\wedge^d V$  is semisimple

To show that  $\wedge^d V$  is an irrep, it suffices to show

$$\text{End}_W(\wedge^d V) \cong \mathbb{F}$$

- We define a graph  $G = (S, E)$ :

vertex set:  $S = \{1, \dots, k\}$

edge set:  $E = \{i-j \mid s_i \alpha_j \neq \alpha_j\}$

$V$  irred  $\Rightarrow \begin{cases} G \text{ is connected} \\ V = \langle \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k \rangle \Rightarrow n = \dim V \leq k \end{cases}$

- Claim:  $\exists I \subseteq S$  s.t.

(1)  $\{\alpha_i \mid i \in I\}$  is a basis of  $V$

(2) the subgraph  $G(I)$  of  $G$  spanned by  $I$  is connected

It is proved inductively on the vertex set  $S$ .

In each step, we remove a vertex in  $S$  leaving the remaining subgraph connected, and the corresponding refl. vectors span the space  $V$  (This uses some techniques on graphs)

(But now  $V$  may not be an irrep of the subgp  $\langle s_i \mid i \in I \rangle$ )

- Now suppose  $I = \{1, \dots, n\} \subseteq S$  is the subset obtained from the Claim

Then  $\bigwedge^d V$  has a basis

$$\left\{ \alpha_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_{i_d} \mid 1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_d \leq n \right\}$$

Claim. For any indices  $1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_d \leq n$ , the subspace

$\bigcap_{1 \leq j \leq d} V_{d, s_{ij}}$  of  $\bigwedge^d V$  is one-dim'l with a

basis vector  $\alpha_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_{i_d}$

[for any  $j=1, \dots, d$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} s_{ij} \cdot (\alpha_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_{i_d}) &= (\alpha_{i_1} + c_1 \alpha_{i_j}) \wedge \dots \wedge (-\alpha_{i_j}) \wedge \dots \wedge (\alpha_{i_d} + c_d \alpha_{i_j}) \\ &= \alpha_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge (-\alpha_{i_j}) \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_{i_d}. \end{aligned}$$

- Therefore, for any  $\varphi: \bigwedge^d V \rightarrow \bigwedge^d V \in \text{End}_W(\bigwedge^d V)$

$$\varphi(\alpha_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_{i_d}) = \gamma_{i_1, \dots, i_d} \alpha_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_{i_d} \text{ for some } \gamma_{i_1, \dots, i_d} \in F$$

So it suffices to show that

$\gamma_{i_1, \dots, i_d}$  is independent of the indices  $1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_d \leq n$

i.e. for any two subsets  $I_1 = \{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_d \leq n\}$

$I_2 = \{1 \leq j_1 < \dots < j_d \leq n\}$  of  $I = \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,

$$\gamma_{i_1, \dots, i_d} = \gamma_{j_1, \dots, j_d}$$

• Recall that  $I = \{1, \dots, n\} \subseteq S = \{1, \dots, k\}$

and the subgraph  $G(I)$  is connected

Def We say  $I_2$  is obtained from  $I_1$  by a move in  $G(I)$

if  $\exists i \in I_1, j \in I_2$  s.t.  $I_1 \setminus \{i\} = I_2 \setminus \{j\}$

and  $i-j$  is an edge in  $G(I)$

Claim 1) If  $I_2$  is obtained from  $I_1$  by a move in  $G(I)$

then  $\gamma_{i_1, \dots, i_d} = \gamma_{j_1, \dots, j_d}$

2) Let  $I_1, I_2 \subseteq I$  be any two subsets

s.t.  $|I_1| = |I_2| = d$

Then  $I_2$  can be obtained from  $I_1$  by finite steps of moves in  $G(I)$

1) is proved by computing

$$S_j \cdot \varphi(\alpha_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_{i_d}) = \varphi(S_j(\alpha_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_{i_d}))$$

and comparing the coefficients in the two sides

2) is proved combinatorically on the graph  $G(I)$

$\swarrow$   
Connected.

□

## § other results

- $s_1, \dots, s_k : V \rightarrow V$  reflections

then  $\bigcap_{1 \leq i \leq k} V_{d, s_i}^+ = \bigwedge^d \left( \bigcap_{1 \leq i \leq k} H_i \right) \quad \forall 0 \leq d \leq n$

where  $H_i \subseteq V$  the refl. hyperplane of  $s_i$

- a Poincaré-like duality:

$\rho: W \rightarrow GL(V)$  an  $n$ -dim'l rep.

then  $\bigwedge^{n-d} V \simeq (\bigwedge^d V)^* \otimes (\det \circ \rho)$  as  $W$ -reps  
 $\forall 0 \leq d \leq n$ .

## § Further questions

1) Can we remove the technical condition (4) in the main thm?

$$(4): \forall i, j. \quad s_i \alpha_j \neq \alpha_j \Leftrightarrow s_j \alpha_i \neq \alpha_i$$

2) Is it possible to find two non-isom refl. reps  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  of  $W$  satisfying the conditions of the main thm. and two integers  $d_1, d_2$  with  $0 < d_i < \dim V_i$

such that  $\bigwedge^{d_1} V_1 \simeq \bigwedge^{d_2} V_2$  as  $W$ -reps?

If NOT., then we can obtain so many irreps of a Coxeter groups.

If YES, what can we say on this isom?

3) What kinds of group reps  $V$  have the property that  $\bigwedge^d V, \quad 0 \leq d \leq \dim V$ , are pairwise non-isom irreps?

Any necessary conditions?