

# Note of a proof of Matsumoto's theorem of (non-crystallographic) Coxeter groups

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## 1 Semigroup, Monoid, Group

Let  $K$  be a set. Assume  $K \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\lambda : K \times K \rightarrow K$  be a map. For  $x, y \in K$ , denote  $\lambda(x, y)$  by  $xy$ . We call  $(K, f)$  a *semigroup* if  $\forall x, \forall y, \forall z \in K$ ,  $(xy)z = x(yz)$  (this means  $\lambda(\lambda(x, y), z) = \lambda(x, \lambda(y, z))$ ). We also denote  $(K, f)$  by  $K$  for simplicity. If  $K$  and  $K'$  are semigroups.

## 2 Basic representation $\rho$ of the Coxeter group $W$

For  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $J_{a,b} := \{z \in \mathbb{Z} | a \leq z \leq b\}$ . For  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ , let  $J_{a,\infty} := \{z \in \mathbb{Z} | a \leq z\}$ .

Fix  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $I := J_{1,N}$ . Let  $M = [m_{ij}]_{i,j \in I}$  be an  $N \times N$  matrix with  $m_{ij} \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{+\infty\}$ . We call  $M$  a *Coxeter matrix* if  $m_{ii} = 1$  and  $m_{ij} = m_{ji} \geq 2$  ( $i \neq j$ ). Let  $W = W(M) := \langle s_i (i \in I) | (s_i s_j)^{m_{ij}} = e (i \neq j, m_{ij} < +\infty) \rangle$  be the *Coxeter group* of type  $M$ .

Define the map  $\ell : W \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  by

$$(2.1) \quad \ell(w) := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } w = e, \\ \min\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid \exists i_x \in I (x \in J_{1,n}), w = s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_n}\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Define the group homomorphism  $\text{sgn} : W \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$  by  $\text{sgn}(s_i) := 1$ . Then  $\text{sgn}(w) = (-1)^{\ell(w)}$ .

**Lemma 2.1.**  $\forall w \in W, \forall i \in I, |\ell(s_i w) - \ell(w)| = 1$ .

*Proof.* Clearly  $\ell(s_i w) \leq \ell(w) + 1$ , and  $\ell(w) \leq \ell(s_i w) + 1$ . Hence  $|\ell(s_i w) - \ell(w)| \leq 1$ . Since  $\text{sgn}(s_i w) \neq \text{sgn}(w)$ , we have  $|\ell(s_i w) - \ell(w)| \neq 0$ .  $\square$

Let  $V$  be an  $N$ -dimensional  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear space with a basis  $\{v_i | i \in I\}$ . Let  $(, ) : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a bi-linear map defined by

$$(2.2) \quad (v_i, v_j) := \begin{cases} -2 \cos(\pi/m_{ij}) & \text{if } m_{ij} < +\infty, \\ -2 & \text{if } m_{ij} = +\infty. \end{cases}$$

For a subspace  $V'$  of  $V$ , let  $(V')^\perp := \{x \in V | \forall y \in V', (x, y) = 0\}$ . Since  $(v_i, v_i) = 2 \neq 0$ , we have  $V = \mathbb{R}v_i \oplus (\mathbb{R}v_i)^\perp$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** We have a group homomorphism  $\rho : W \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}(V)$  defined by

$$(2.3) \quad \rho(s_i)(x) := x - (x, v_i)v_i.$$

*Proof.* We may assume  $i \neq j$  and  $m_{ij} < +\infty$ . Then  $0 < \cos(\pi/m_{ij}) < 1$ ,  $0 < \sin(\pi/m_{ij}) < 1$  and

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \cos(\pi/m_{ij}) \\ -2 \cos(\pi/m_{ij}) & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 4 \sin^2(\pi/m_{ij}) \neq 0.$$

Hence  $V = \mathbb{R}v_1 \oplus \mathbb{R}v_2 \oplus (\mathbb{R}v_1 \oplus \mathbb{R}v_2)^\perp$ . Let  $v'_j := (\cos(\pi/m_{ij}))^{-1}(\sin(\pi/m_{ij})v_i + v_j)$ . Let  $c_1 := \cos(\pi/m_{ij})$  and  $c_2 := \sqrt{1 - c_1^2}$ , so  $\sin(\pi/m_{ij}) = c_2$ . We have

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} [\rho_i \rho_j(v_i), \rho_i \rho_j(v'_j)] &= [\rho_i \rho_j(v_i), \rho_i \rho_j(v_j)] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & c_1/c_2 \\ 0 & 1/c_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= [\rho_i(v_i), \rho_i(v_j)] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2c_1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & c_1/c_2 \\ 0 & 1/c_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= [\rho_i(v_i), \rho_i(v'_j)] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -c_1 \\ 0 & c_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & c_1/c_2 \\ 2c_1 & (2c_1^2 - 1)/c_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= [\rho_i(v_i), \rho_i(v'_j)] \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2c_1^2 & 2c_1c_2 \\ 2c_1c_2 & 2c_1^2 - 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= [v_i, v'_j] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -c_1 \\ 0 & c_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2c_1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & c_1/c_2 \\ 0 & 1/c_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2c_1^2 & 2c_1c_2 \\ 2c_1c_2 & 2c_1^2 - 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= [v_i, v'_j] \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2c_1^2 & 2c_1c_2 \\ 2c_1c_2 & 2c_1^2 - 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= [v_i, v'_j] \begin{bmatrix} 2c_1^2 - 1 & -2c_1c_2 \\ 2c_1c_2 & 2c_1^2 - 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= [v_i, v'_j] \begin{bmatrix} \cos(2\pi/m_{ij}) & -\sin(2\pi/m_{ij}) \\ \sin(2\pi/m_{ij}) & \cos(2\pi/m_{ij}) \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $i, j \in I$  with  $i \neq j$ , let  $W_{i,j}$  be the subgroup of  $W$  generated by  $s_i$  and  $s_j$ , and define  $\ell_{ij} : W_{ij} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  by

$$(2.5) \quad \ell_{ij}(w_{ij}) := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } w_{ij} = e, \\ \min\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid \exists i_x \in \{i, j\} (x \in J_{1,n}), w = s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_n}\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Lemma 2.3.** For  $i, j \in I$  with  $i \neq j$ , we have

$$m_{ij} = \min\{m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{+\infty\} \mid \rho(s_i s_j)^m = \mathrm{id}_V\},$$

$$|W_{ij}| = 2m_{ij}, \text{ and } \ell_{|W_{ij}} = \ell_{ij}.$$

### 3 ordinal transformations

Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear space.

Let  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $I := J_{1,N}$ . Let  $f_i \in V^* \setminus \{0\}$  for  $i \in I$ . Let  $H_i := \ker f_i$ . Let  $A_i := \{y \in V | f_i(y) > 0\}$ . Let  $A := \cap_{i \in I} A_i$ . Let  $\rho_i \in \mathrm{GL}(V)$  be such that  $\rho_i^2 = \mathrm{id}_V$ , and  $\ker(\mathrm{id}_V - \rho_i) = \ker f_i$ .

**Lemma 3.1.**  $\rho_i(A_i) = \{y \in V | f_i(y) < 0\}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $n := \dim V$ . There is a basis  $\{v_j | j \in J_{1,n}\}$  of  $V$  such that  $\{v_{j'} | j' \in J_{1,n-1}\}$  is a basis of  $\ker f_i$  and  $f_i(v_n) > 0$ . Then  $\rho_i(v_{j'}) = v_{j'} (j' \in J_{1,n-1})$  and  $\rho_i(v_n) = \sum_{k \in J_{1,n}} a_k v_k$  for some  $a_k \in \mathbb{R}$  ( $k \in J_{1,n}$ ). We have  $\rho_i(v_n) + v_n \in \ker f_i$ . Hence  $a_i = -1$ . Then we can see that this lemma holds.  $\square$

For  $i, j \in I$  with  $i \neq j$ , let  $A_{i,j} := A_i \cap A_j$ , let

$$(3.1) \quad m_{i,j} := \begin{cases} +\infty & \text{if } (\rho_i \rho_j)^m \neq \mathrm{id}_V \text{ for all } m \in \mathbb{N}, \\ \min\{m \in \mathbb{N} | (\rho_i \rho_j)^m = \mathrm{id}_V\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let  $M := [m_{i,j}]_{i,j \in I}$ . Let  $\gamma : W(M) \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}(V)$  be the group homomorphism defined by  $\gamma(s_i) := \rho_i$ . Note that  $|\rho(W_{i,j})| = 2m_{i,j}$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Assume that  $A \neq \emptyset$ . Assume that  $\forall i, \forall j \in I$  with  $i \neq j$ ,  $H_i \neq H_j$ ,  $\forall w_{ij} \in \gamma(W_{i,j}) \setminus \{e\}$ ,  $\gamma(w_{ij})(A_{ij}) \cap A_{ij} = \emptyset$ .

- (1)  $\forall w \in W \setminus \{e\}$ ,  $\gamma(w)(A) \cap A = \emptyset$ . In particular,  $\gamma$  is injective.
- (2) Let  $i \in I$ . Let  $w \in W$ . Then either  $\gamma(w)(A) \subset A_i$  or  $\gamma(w)(A) \subset \gamma(s_i)(A_i)$  holds. Moreover,  $\gamma(w)(A) \subset A_i \Leftrightarrow \ell(s_i w) = \ell(w) + 1$ .
- (3) Let  $i, j \in I$  be such that  $i \neq j$ . Let  $w \in W$ . Then  $\forall w \in W$ ,  $\exists w_{ij} \in W_{i,j}$ ,  $\gamma(w)(A) \subset \gamma(w_{ij})(A_{ij})$ ,  $\ell(w) = \ell(w_{ij}^{-1} w) + \ell(w_{ij})$ .

*Proof.* We shall show the following  $(P_q)$  and  $(Q_q)$  ( $q \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ ) by induction on  $q$ .

$(P_q)$ :  $\forall i \in I$ ,  $\forall w \in W$  with  $\ell(w) \leq q$ , either of the following  $(P_q)_+$  and  $(P_q)_-$  holds.  $(P_q)_+$ :  $\gamma(w)(A) \subset A_i$ ,  $(P_q)_-$ :  $\gamma(w)(A) \subset \gamma(s_i)(A_i)$  and  $\ell(s_i w) = \ell(w) - 1$ .

$(Q_q)$ :  $\forall i, \forall j \in I$  with  $i \neq j$ ,  $\forall w \in W$  with  $\ell(w) \leq q$ ,  $\exists w_{ij} \in W_{i,j}$  s.t.  $\gamma(w)(A) \subset \gamma(w_{ij})(A_{ij})$ ,  $\ell(w) = \ell(w_{ij}^{-1} w) + \ell(w_{ij})$ .

Note that  $(P_0)$  and  $(Q_0)$  hold (let  $w_{ij} := e$ ), since  $\ell(w) = 0 \Rightarrow w = e$ .

Since  $s_i(s_i w) = w$ , we see that

$$(3.2) \quad (P_q) \text{ holds, and } \ell(w) - 1 = \ell(s_i w) = q \Rightarrow \gamma(s_i w)(A) \subset A_i.$$

In this paragraph, we show that this theorem holds under the assumption that the  $(P_\infty)$  holds.

$(P_\infty)$ :  $\forall i \in I$ ,  $\forall w \in W$ , either of the following  $(P_\infty)_+$  and  $(P_\infty)_-$  holds.  $(P_\infty)_+$ :  $\gamma(w)(A) \subset A_i$ ,  $(P_\infty)_-$ :  $\gamma(w)(A) \subset \gamma(s_i)(A_i)$  and  $\ell(s_i w) = \ell(w) - 1$ .

Let  $w \in W$  be such that  $\gamma(w)(A) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $i \in I$ . Then  $A_i \cap \gamma(w)(A) \neq \emptyset$ . By  $(P_\infty)$ ,  $\gamma(w)(A) \subset A_i$ . Hence  $\gamma(w)(A) \subset A$ . Since  $\gamma(w^{-1})(A) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ . We also have  $\gamma(w^{-1})(A) \subset A$ . Hence  $\gamma(w)(A) = A$ . For all  $j \in I$ , since  $\gamma(s_j w)(A) = \gamma(s_j)(A) \subset \gamma(s_j)(A_j)$ , by  $(P_\infty)$ , we have  $\ell(s_j w) = \ell(w) + 1$ . Hence  $w = e$ , and we also see that  $\ker \gamma = \{e\}$ , as desired.

*Step 1. If  $|I| = 2$ ,  $(P_\infty)$  holds.*

Assume  $|I| = 2$ . Then  $A = A_1 \cap A_2$ , and  $\gamma$  is injective. Let  $n = \dim V$ . Then  $\dim H_i = n - 1$  ( $i \in I$ ). Since  $H_1 \cap H_2 \neq H_1$ , we have  $H_1 + H_2 = V$ . Since  $n = 2(n - 1) - \dim(H_1 \cap H_2)$ ,  $\dim(H_1 \cap H_2) = n - 2$ . Hence there exists a basis  $\{v_k \mid k \in J_{1,n}\}$  such that  $v_{k'} \in H_1 \cap H_2$  ( $k' \in J_{3,n}$ ),  $v_1 \in H_1 \setminus H_2$ ,  $f_1(v_1) > 0$  and  $v_2 \in H_2 \setminus H_1$ ,  $f_1(v_2) > 0$ . Note that  $A_1 = \mathbb{R}_{>0} v_1 \oplus H_1$ ,  $A_2 = \mathbb{R}_{>0} v_2 \oplus H_2$ , and  $A = \mathbb{R}_{>0} v_1 \oplus \mathbb{R}_{>0} v_2 \oplus (H_1 \cap H_2)$ . Note that  $\forall w \in W, \forall v \in H_1 \cap H_2, \gamma(w)(v) = v$ . Note that

$$(3.3) \quad \forall i \in I, \forall w \in W, \gamma(w)(A) \cap \mathbb{R} v_i = \emptyset.$$

It follows from the proof of Lemma 3.1, that  $\gamma(s_i)(v_{k'}) = v_{k'} \ (i \in I, k' \in J_{3,n})$ ,

$$(3.4) \quad \exists b \in \mathbb{R}, [\gamma(s_1)(v_1), \gamma(s_1)(v_2)] = [v_1, v_2] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ b & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

and

$$(3.5) \quad \exists c \in \mathbb{R}, [\gamma(s_2)(v_1), \gamma(s_2)(v_2)] = [v_1, v_2] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & c \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since  $\gamma(s_1)(v_1 - bv_2) = -v_1$ , by (3.3), we have  $b \geq 0$ . Likewise,  $c \geq 0$ . Assume  $b = 0$ . Since  $\gamma(s_1 s_2)(cv_1 + v_2) = -v_2$ , we have  $c = 0$ , so we can easily see that  $(P_\infty)$  holds. Assume that  $b > 0$  and  $c > 0$ . Then we may assume  $b = c$ . Let  $V' := \mathbb{R} v_1 \oplus \mathbb{R} v_2$ . Let  $A' := A \cap V' = \mathbb{R}_{>0} v_1 \oplus \mathbb{R}_{>0} v_2$ . Identify  $V'$ ,  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$  with  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  respectively. Let  $w \in W$ . Note that  $\gamma(w)(A') = \mathbb{R}_{>0} \gamma(w)(v_1) \oplus \mathbb{R}_{>0} \gamma(w)(v_2)$ . Since  $\gamma(s_1)(v_2) = v_2$ ,  $\gamma(ws_1)(A')$  is left (resp. right) neighborhood of  $\gamma(w)(A')$  with the boundary  $\mathbb{R}_{>0} \gamma(w)(v_2)$  if  $\text{sgn}(w) = 1$  (resp.  $\text{sgn}(w) = -1$ ). Since  $\gamma(s_2)(v_1) = v_1$ ,  $\gamma(ws_2)(A')$  is right (resp. left) neighborhood of  $\gamma(w)(A')$  with the boundary  $\mathbb{R}_{>0} \gamma(w)(v_1)$  if  $\text{sgn}(w) = 1$  (resp.  $\text{sgn}(w) = -1$ ). Let  $A'^{0,0}_1 := A'^{0,0}_2 := A'$ , and  $A'^{m,0}_1 := \gamma(s_1)(A'^{m-1}_2)$ ,  $A'^{m,0}_2 := \gamma(s_2)(A'^{m-1}_1)$  for  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $A'_i := A_i \cap V' \ (i \in I)$ . Note  $V' = A'_i \cup \mathbb{R} v_i \cup \gamma(s_i)(A'_i)$  (disjoint union). We can see that

$$(3.6) \quad |W| = \infty \Leftrightarrow \bigcup_{m=0}^{\infty} A'^{m,0}_1 \subset A_1 \Leftrightarrow \bigcup_{m=0}^{\infty} A'^{m,0}_2 \subset A_2.$$

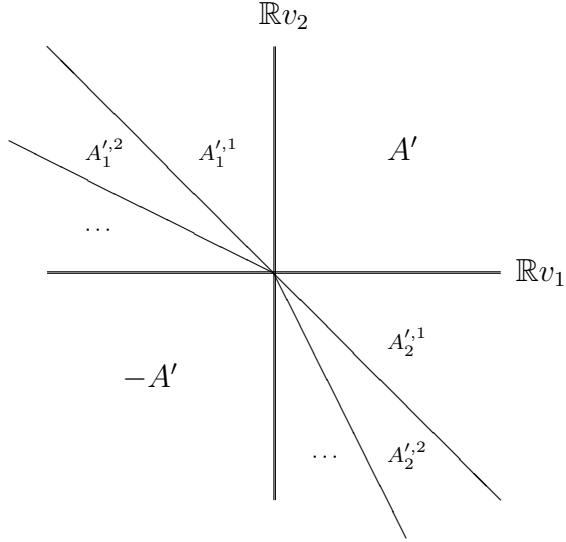


Figure 1: Basic domains of  $\gamma(W)$  with  $|I| = 2$

Hence, if  $|W| = \infty$ , we can see that  $(P_\infty)$  holds.

Assume  $|W| < \infty$ . Then  $|W| = 2m_{12}$ . Let  $X := \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ b & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and let  $Y := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Let  $E := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Let  $T := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Note that  $T^2 = E$ , and  $XTX = Y$ . Hence  $T(A'_k^1) = A'_k^2$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ .

Assume  $m_{12} \in 2\mathbb{N}$ . Since  $\det(XY) = 1$ ,  $(XY)^{m_{12}} = E$  and  $(XY)^{m_{12}/2} \neq E$ , we have  $(XY)^{m_{12}/2} = -E$ . Hence  $(XY)^{m_{12}/2}(A') = -A'$ . Since  $|W| = 2m_{12}$ , we have  $-A' = A'^{m_{12}}_1 = A'^{m_{12}}_2$ . Hence we can see that  $(P_\infty)$  holds.

Assume  $m_{12} \in 2\mathbb{N}+1$ . Let  $Z := (XY)^{(m_{12}-1)/2}X$ . Then  $Z := Y(XY)^{(m_{12}-1)/2}$ . Since  $Z(A') \cap A' \neq \emptyset$ , we have  $TZ \neq E$ . Since  $(TZ)^2 = (XY)^{m_{12}} = E$  and  $\det(TZ) = 1$ , we have  $TZ = -E$ . Then  $Z(A') = -A'$ . Hence, similarly as above, we can see that  $(P_\infty)$  holds.

*Step 2.  $(P_q)$  and  $(Q_q) \Rightarrow (P_{q+1})$ .*

Let  $w \in W$  be such that  $\ell(w) = q + 1$ . Let  $i \in I$ . Let  $j \in I$  be such that  $\ell(s_j w) < \ell(w)$ . Let  $w' := s_j w$ . Then  $\ell(w') = q$ . By (3.2),  $\gamma(w')(A) \subset A_j$ . Hence  $\gamma(w)(A) \subset \gamma(s_j)(A_j)$ . So if  $i \neq j$ ,  $(P_{q+1})$  for this  $w$  holds.

Assume  $j \neq i$ . Let  $w_{ij} \in W_{ij}$  be as in  $(Q_q)$  for  $w'$  in place of  $w$ . Then  $\gamma(w)(A) = \gamma(s_j w')(A) \subset \gamma(s_j w_{ij})(A_{ij})$ . By Step 1, either  $\gamma(w)(A) \subset A_i$  or  $\gamma(w)(A) \subset \gamma(s_i)(A_i)$  holds. Assume  $\gamma(w)(A) \subset \gamma(s_i)(A_i)$ . Then  $\gamma(s_j w_{ij})(A_{ij}) \subset \gamma(s_i)(A_i)$ . By Step 1,  $\ell_{ij}(s_i s_j w_{ij}) = \ell_{ij}(s_j w_{ij}) - 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ell(s_i w) &\leq \ell_{ij}(s_i s_j w_{ij}) + \ell(w_{ij}^{-1} w') \\
 (3.7) \quad &= \ell_{ij}(s_j w_{ij}) - 1 + \ell(w') - \ell_{ij}(w_{ij}) \\
 &\leq \ell(w') \\
 &= q.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\ell(s_i w) = q$ , as desired.

*Step 3.  $(P_q)$  and  $(Q_{q-1}) \Rightarrow (Q_q)$ .*

Let  $i, j \in I$  with  $i \neq j$ . Let  $w \in W$  with  $\ell(w) = q$ . By  $(P_q)$ , there exist  $x, y \in J_{0,1}$  such that  $\gamma(w)(A) \subset \gamma(s_i)^x(A_i) \cap \gamma(s_j)^y(A_j)$ . If  $\gamma(w)(A) \subset A_i \cap A_j$ , then  $(Q_q)$  for this  $w$  holds by letting  $w_{ij} := e$ .

Assume  $\gamma(w)(A) \subset \gamma(s_i)(A_i)$ . Let  $w' := s_i w$ . By  $(P_q)$ ,  $\ell(w') = q - 1$ . By  $(Q_{q-1})$ , there exists  $w'_{ij} \in W_{ij}$  such that  $\gamma(w')(A) \subset \gamma(w'_{ij})(A_{ij})$  and  $\ell(w') = \ell((w'_{ij})^{-1}w') + \ell_{ij}(w'_{ij})$ . By Step 1,  $\gamma(w)(A) \subset \gamma(s_i w'_{ij})(A_{ij}) \subset \gamma(s_i)(A_i)$ , and  $\ell_{ij}(w'_{ij}) = \ell_{ij}(s_i w'_{ij}) - 1$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \ell(w) &= \ell(w') + 1 \\ (3.8) \quad &= \ell((w'_{ij})^{-1}w') + \ell_{ij}(w'_{ij}) + 1 \\ &= \ell((w'_{ij})^{-1}w') + \ell_{ij}(s_i w'_{ij}) \\ &= \ell((s_i w'_{ij})^{-1}w) + \ell_{ij}(s_i w'_{ij}), \end{aligned}$$

as desired. This completes the proof.  $\square$

## 4 Dual of $\rho$

Let  $\rho : W \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}(V)$  be as in Lemma 2.2. Define the group homomorphism  $\rho^* : W \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}(V^*)$  by  $(\rho^*(w)(f))(v) := f(\rho(w)^{-1}(v))$ .

**Lemma 4.1.**  $\ker \rho^* = \ker \rho$ .

Let  $i \in I$ . Let  $H_i := \{f \in V^* | f(v_i) = 0\}$ . Then  $\dim H_i = N - 1$ . Let  $A_i := \{f \in V^* | f(v_i) > 0\}$ . Since  $\rho(s_i)(v_i) = -v_i$ , we have

**Lemma 4.2.** (1)  $\rho^*(s_i)(A_i) = \{f \in V^* | f(v_i) < 0\}$ .  
(2)  $\forall f \in H_i, \rho^*(s_i)(f) = f$ .  
(3)  $V^* = A_i \cup H_i \cup \rho^*(s_i)(A_i)$  (disjoint).

Let  $v_i^* \in V^*$  be such that  $v_i^*(v_j) = \delta_{ij}$ . Then  $\{v_i^* | i \in I\}$  is a basis of  $V^*$ . Let  $A := \bigcap_{i \in I} A_i$ . Then  $A \neq \emptyset$  since  $\sum_{i \in I} v_i^* \in A$ . For  $i, j \in I$  with  $i \neq j$ ,  $H_i \neq H_j$  since  $v_j^* \in H_i \setminus H_j$ .

For  $i, j \in I$  with  $i \neq j$ , let  $A_{ij} := A_i \cap A_j$ . Then  $A_{ij} \neq \emptyset$  since  $A \subset A_{ij}$ .

**Lemma 4.3.** Let  $i, j \in I$  be such that  $i \neq j$ .

- (1)  $(\rho^*)|_{W_{ij}}$  is injective.
- (2)  $\forall w \in W_{ij} \setminus \{e\}, \rho^*(w)(A_{ij}) \cap A_{ij} = \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* Let  $K_{ij} := \mathbb{R}v_i^* \oplus \mathbb{R}v_j^*$ . Let  $H_{ij} := H_i \cap H_j$ . Then  $\{v_k^* | k \in I \setminus \{i, j\}\}$  is a basis of  $H_{ij}$ . In particular,  $\dim H_{ij} = N - 2$ , and  $V^* = K_{ij} \oplus H_{ij}$ . Note that  $\forall w \in W_{ij}, \forall f \in H_{ij}, \rho^*(w)(f) = f$ . Let  $A'_{ij} := \mathbb{R}_{>0}v_i^* \oplus \mathbb{R}_{>0}v_j^*$ . Then  $A_{ij} = A'_{ij} \oplus H_{ij}$ .

Assume  $m_{ij} < \infty$ . Let  $c_1 := \cos(\pi/m_{ij})$ , and  $c_2 := \sin(\pi/m_{ij})$ . Since  $m_{ij} \geq 2$ , we have  $c_2 > 0$ . Define the linear isomorphism  $P : K_{ij} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by  $P(v_i^*) := \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $P(v_j^*) := \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$ . We have

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{aligned} P\rho^*(s_i)P^{-1} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & c_1 \\ 0 & c_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 2c_1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -c_1/c_2 \\ 0 & 1/c_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2c_1^2 - 1 & 2c_1c_2 \\ 2c_1c_2 & 1 - 2c_1^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & -c_2 \\ c_2 & c_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & c_2 \\ -c_2 & c_1 \end{bmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(4.2) \quad P\rho^*(s_j)P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & c_1 \\ 0 & c_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2c_1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -c_1/c_2 \\ 0 & 1/c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Note that  $P\rho^*(s_i s_j)P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(2\pi/m_{ij}) & -\sin(2\pi/m_{ij}) \\ \sin(2\pi/m_{ij}) & \cos(2\pi/m_{ij}) \end{bmatrix}$ . Since  $P(A'_{ij}) = \mathbb{R}_{>0} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \oplus \mathbb{R}_{>0} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$ , we can see that this lemma for  $m_{ij} < \infty$  holds.

Assume  $m_{ij} = \infty$ . Define the linear isomorphism  $Q : K_{ij} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by  $Q(v_i^*) := \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $Q(v_j^*) := \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . We have

$$(4.3) \quad Q\rho^*(s_i)Q^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

and

$$(4.4) \quad Q\rho^*(s_j)Q^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Note that  $Q\rho^*((s_j s_i)^k)Q^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2k \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Hence for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have  $Q(\rho^*((s_j s_i)^k)(A'_{ij})) = \mathbb{R}_{>0} \begin{bmatrix} 2k+1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \oplus \mathbb{R}_{>0} \begin{bmatrix} 2k \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $Q(\rho^*((s_j s_i)^k s_i)(A'_{ij})) = \mathbb{R}_{>0} \begin{bmatrix} 2k-1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \oplus \mathbb{R}_{>0} \begin{bmatrix} 2k \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then this lemma for  $m_{ij} = \infty$  holds. This completes the proof.  $\square$

By the above lemmas, and Theorem 3.2, we have

**Theorem 4.4.** (1)  $\forall w \in W \setminus \{e\}$ ,  $\rho^*(w)(A) \cap A = \emptyset$ . In particular,  $\rho^*$  and  $\rho$  are injective.

(2) Let  $i \in I$ . Let  $w \in W$ . Then either  $\rho^*(w)(A) \subset A_i$  or  $\rho^*(w)(A) \subset \rho^*(s_i)(A_i)$  holds. Moreover,  $\rho^*(w)(A) \subset A_i \Leftrightarrow \ell(s_i w) = \ell(w) + 1$ .

(3) Let  $i, j \in I$  be such that  $i \neq j$ . Let  $w \in W$ . Then  $\forall w \in W, \exists w_{ij} \in W_{ij}$ ,  $\rho^*(w)(A) \subset \rho^*(w_{ij})(A_{ij})$ ,  $\ell(w) = \ell(w_{ij}^{-1}w) + \ell(w_{ij})$ .

## 5 Root system

Let

$$(5.1) \quad \Phi := \{ \rho(w)(v_i) \in V \mid w \in W, i \in I \}.$$

Let

$$(5.2) \quad \Phi^+ := \Phi \cap (\bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} v_i), \quad \Phi^- := \Phi \cap (\bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} (-v_i)).$$

**Theorem 5.1.** (1)  $0 \notin \Phi$ ,  $\Phi^+ \cap \Phi^- = \emptyset$ ,  $\Phi^- = -\Phi^+$ , Moreover,  $\forall v \in \Phi$ ,  $\mathbb{R}v \cap \Phi = \{v, -v\}$ .

(2)  $\Phi = \Phi^+ \cup \Phi^-$ .

(3) Let  $i \in I$ , and let  $w \in W$ . Then

$$(5.3) \quad \rho(w)(v_i) \in \Phi^+ \Leftrightarrow \ell(ws_i) = \ell(w) + 1.$$

*Proof.* (1) Let  $v \in \Phi^+$ . Then  $\exists w \in W, \exists i \in I, v = \rho(w)(v_i)$ . Then  $-v = \rho(ws_i)(v_i) \in \Phi$ . Hence  $-\Phi^+ \subset \Phi$ . Clearly we have  $-\Phi^+ \subset \Phi^-$ . Similarly  $-\Phi^- \subset \Phi^+$ . Hence  $\Phi^- = -\Phi^+$ . The rest claims follow from the fact that  $\forall v \in \Phi$ ,  $(v, v) = 1$ .

(2) Let  $A_i$  and  $A$  be as in Section 4. Note that  $A = \bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathbb{R}_{>0} v_i^*$ . Then we see

$$(5.4) \quad (\bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} v_i) \setminus \{0\} = \{ v \in V \mid \forall f \in A, f(v) > 0 \}.$$

Hence by (1), we have

$$(5.5) \quad \Phi^+ = \{ v \in \Phi \mid \forall f \in A, f(v) > 0 \}.$$

Similarly we have  $\Phi^- = \{ v \in \Phi \mid \forall f \in A, f(v) < 0 \}$ .

Let  $v \in \Phi$ . Then  $\exists w \in W, \exists i \in I, v = \rho(w)(v_i)$ . By Theorem 4.4 (2),  $\rho^*(w^{-1})(A) \subset A_i$  or  $\rho^*(w^{-1})(A) \subset \rho^*(s_i)(A_i)$ . Assume  $\rho^*(w^{-1})(A) \subset A_i$ . Then  $\forall f \in A, f(v) = \rho^*(w^{-1})(f)(v_i) > 0$ . Hence  $v \in \Phi^+$ . Similarly we see that if  $\rho^*(w^{-1})(A) \subset \rho^*(s_i)(A_i)$ , then  $v \in \Phi^-$ . Hence  $\Phi = \Phi^+ \cup \Phi^-$ , as desired.

(3) Assume  $\rho(w)(v_i) \in \Phi^+$ . By (5.5),  $\forall f \in A, \rho^*(w^{-1})(f)(v_i) = f(\rho(w)(v_i)) > 0$ . Hence  $\rho^*(w^{-1})(A) \subset A_i$ . By Theorem 4.4 (2), we have  $\ell(ws_i) = \ell(w) + 1$ . Similarly,  $\rho(w)(v_i) \in \Phi^- \Rightarrow \ell(ws_i) = \ell(w) - 1$ .  $\square$

By Theorem 5.1 (1),

$$(5.6) \quad \forall i \in I, \{ v \in \Phi^+ \mid \rho(s_i)(v) \in \Phi^- \} = \{v_i\}.$$

**Lemma 5.2.** Let  $w \in W$  and  $i \in I$  be such that  $\ell(s_i w) = \ell(w) + 1$ . Let  $j \in I$  and  $k \in I \setminus \{i\}$  be such that  $\rho(w)(v_j) \in \mathbb{R}_{>0} v_i \oplus \mathbb{R}_{>0} v_k$ . Then  $\ell(s_k w) = \ell(w) - 1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $u_1 := \rho(w^{-1})(v_i)$ . By (5.3),  $u_1 \in \Phi^+$ . Let  $u_2 := \rho(w^{-1})(v_k) \in \Phi$ . Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$  be such that  $\rho(w)(v_j) = xv_i + yv_k$ . Then  $xu_1 + yu_2 = v_j$ . Hence  $u_2 \in \Phi^-$ . By (5.3),  $\ell(s_k w) = \ell(w) - 1$ , as desired.  $\square$

Let  $i, j \in I$  with  $i \neq j$ . Let  $C_{i,j;0} := e$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $C_{i,j;n} := s_i C_{j,i;n-1}$ . If  $n \in J_{0,m_{ij}}$ ,  $\ell(C_{i,j;n}) = n$ .

Assume  $m_{ij} < \infty$ . Then  $C_{i,j;m_{ij}} = C_{j,i;m_{ij}}$ . Let  $C_{ij} := C_{i,j;m_{ij}-1}$ . Let

$$(5.7) \quad o_{ij} := \begin{cases} j & \text{if } m_{ij} \in 2\mathbb{N}, \\ i & \text{if } m_{ij} \in 2\mathbb{N} + 1. \end{cases}$$

Then

$$(5.8) \quad s_j C_{ij} = C_{ij} s_{o_{ij}}.$$

By (5.3),  $\rho(C_{ij})(v_{o_{ij}}) \in \Phi^+$ . By (5.8),  $\rho(s_j C_{ij})(v_{o_{ij}}) = -\rho(C_{ij})(v_{o_{ij}})$ . By (5.6), we have

$$(5.9) \quad \rho(C_{ij})(v_{o_{ij}}) = v_j.$$

**Lemma 5.3.** Let  $w \in W \setminus \{e\}$ . Let  $i \in I$  be such that  $\ell(s_i w) = \ell(w) - 1$ . Assume that  $\exists k, \exists j \in I$ ,  $\rho(w)(v_k) = v_j$ . Then  $i \neq j$ ,  $m_{ij} - 1 \leq \ell(w)$ ,  $\ell(C_{ij}^{-1} w) = \ell(w) - m_{ij} + 1$ . (In particular,  $m_{ij} < \infty$ .) Moreover,  $\rho(C_{ij}^{-1} w)(v_k) = v_{o_{ij}}$ .

*Proof.* If  $\ell(w) = 1$ , this lemma is clear since  $i \neq j = k$  and  $m_{ij} = 2$ .

Assume  $\ell(w) \geq 2$ . By (5.3), we have  $\ell(ws_k) = \ell(w) + 1$ , so  $\ell(s_i ws_k) = \ell(w)$ . Assume  $i = j$ . Then  $\rho(s_i w)(v_k) = -v_i \in \Phi^-$ , which is contradiction by (5.3). Hence  $i \neq j$ . If  $m_{ij} = 2$ , this lemma for  $m_{ij}$  holds since  $C_{ij} = s_i$ . Assume  $m_{ij} \geq 3$ . Assume that  $\exists n \in J_{1,\ell(w)}$  and  $\ell(C_{i,j;n}^{-1} w) = \ell(w) - n$ . Assume that if  $m_{ij} < \infty$ ,  $n \leq m_{ij} - 2$ . Then  $\rho(C_{i,j;n}^{-1} w)(v_k) = \rho(C_{i,j;n}^{-1})(v_j)$ . Since  $\ell(C_{i,j;n}^{-1} s_j) = n + 1$ , by (5.3),  $\rho(C_{i,j;n}^{-1})(v_j) \in (\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} v_i \oplus \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} v_j) \cap \Phi^+$ . Let  $x \in \{i, j\}$ . We easily see  $\ell(s_x C_{i,j;n}^{-1} s_j) = \ell(s_x C_{i,j;n}^{-1}) + 1$ . By (5.3),  $\rho(s_x C_{i,j;n}^{-1})(v_j) \in (\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} v_i \oplus \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} v_j) \cap \Phi^+$ . By (5.6),  $\rho(C_{i,j;n}^{-1})(v_j) \neq v_x$ . Hence  $n \leq \ell(w) - 1$ . By Theorem 5.1 (1),  $\rho(C_{i,j;n}^{-1})(v_j) \in (\mathbb{R}_{>0} v_i \oplus \mathbb{R}_{>0} v_j) \cap \Phi^+$ . By Lemma 5.2, we see that  $\ell(C_{i,j;n+1}^{-1} w) = \ell(w) - n - 1$ . By this argument, we see that this theorem holds.  $\square$

Using Theorem 4.4, for  $w \in W$ , we also see

$$(5.10) \quad \rho(w)(v_i) = v_j \Rightarrow ws_i = s_j w$$

since  $\rho(ws_i w^{-1}) = \rho(s_j)$ .

## 6 Matsumoto's theorem

Let  $\widetilde{W}$  be the monoid defined by the generators  $\tilde{s}_i$  ( $i \in I$ ) and the relations

$$(6.1) \quad \underbrace{\tilde{s}_i \tilde{s}_j \tilde{s}_i \cdots}_{m_{ij}} = \underbrace{\tilde{s}_j \tilde{s}_i \tilde{s}_j \cdots}_{m_{ij}} \quad (i \neq j, m_{ij} < \infty).$$

Let  $\tilde{e}$  denote the unit of  $\widetilde{W}$ .

Define the map  $\tilde{\ell} : \widetilde{W} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  by

$$(6.2) \quad \tilde{\ell}(\tilde{w}) := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \tilde{w} = \tilde{e}, \\ \min\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid \exists i_x \in I (x \in J_{1,n}), \tilde{w} = \tilde{s}_{i_1} \cdots \tilde{s}_{i_n}\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $\forall i \in I, \tilde{\ell}(\tilde{s}_i) = 1$ . Moreover,  $\forall \tilde{w}_1, \forall \tilde{w}_2 \in \widetilde{W}, \tilde{\ell}(\tilde{w}_1 \tilde{w}_2) = \tilde{\ell}(\tilde{w}_1) + \tilde{\ell}(\tilde{w}_2)$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , let  $\widetilde{W}^{(n)} := \{\tilde{w} \in \widetilde{W} \mid \tilde{\ell}(\tilde{w}) = n\}$ .

Define the monoid homomorphism  $\tilde{\iota} : \widetilde{W} \rightarrow W$  by  $\tilde{\iota}(\tilde{s}_i) := s_i$  ( $i \in I$ ).

Let  $i, j \in I$  with  $i \neq j$ . Let  $\tilde{C}_{i,j;0} := \tilde{e}$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $\tilde{C}_{i,j;n} := \tilde{s}_i \tilde{C}_{j,i;n-1}$ .

Assume  $m_{ij} < \infty$ . Let  $\tilde{C}_{ij} := \tilde{C}_{i,j;m_{ij}-1}$ . Then

$$(6.3) \quad \tilde{s}_j \tilde{C}_{ij} = \tilde{C}_{ij} \tilde{s}_{o_{ij}}.$$

**Theorem 6.1.** *Let  $w \in W$ . Then*

$$(6.4) \quad |\tilde{\iota}^{-1}(\{w\}) \cap \widetilde{W}^{(\ell(w))}| = 1.$$

*Proof.* Let  $q := \ell(W)$ . If  $q = 0$ , (6.4) is clear. If  $q = 1$ , (6.4) is clear from (5.6).

Assume that  $q \geq 2$ . Let  $\tilde{w}, \tilde{z} \in \widetilde{W}^{(q)}$  be such that  $\tilde{\iota}(\tilde{w}) = \tilde{\iota}(\tilde{z}) = w$ . Let us show

$$(6.5) \quad \tilde{w} = \tilde{z}.$$

Let  $j \in I$  and  $\tilde{z}' \in \widetilde{W}^{(q-1)}$  be such that  $\tilde{z} = \tilde{z}' \tilde{s}_j$ . Note  $\ell(\tilde{\iota}(\tilde{z}')) = q - 1$ . Since  $\ell(\tilde{w}s_j) = q - 1$ , by (5.3), we have  $\rho(w)(v_j) \in \Phi^-$ . Since  $v_j \in \Phi^+$ , it follows that  $\exists \tilde{w}_1, \exists \tilde{w}_2 \in \widetilde{W}, \exists k \in I, \tilde{w} = \tilde{w}_1 \tilde{s}_k \tilde{w}_2, \rho(\tilde{\iota}(\tilde{w}_2))(v_j) \in \Phi^+, \rho(\tilde{\iota}(\tilde{s}_k \tilde{w}_2))(v_j) \in \Phi^-$ , where note  $\ell(\tilde{\iota}(\tilde{w}_x)) = \tilde{\ell}(\tilde{w}_x)$  ( $x \in J_{1,2}$ ). By (5.6), we have

$$(6.6) \quad \rho(\tilde{\iota}(\tilde{w}_2))(v_j) = v_k.$$

By (5.10),

$$(6.7) \quad \tilde{\iota}(\tilde{w}_2 \tilde{s}_j) = \tilde{\iota}(\tilde{s}_k \tilde{w}_2), \ell(\tilde{\iota}(\tilde{s}_k \tilde{w}_2)) = \tilde{\ell}(\tilde{w}_2) + 1.$$

Assume  $\tilde{\ell}(\tilde{w}_2) \in J_{0,q-2}$ . By (6.7) and induction, we have  $\tilde{w}_2 \tilde{s}_j = \tilde{s}_k \tilde{w}_2$ . Note that  $\tilde{\iota}(\tilde{z}') = \tilde{\iota}(\tilde{z} \tilde{s}_j) = \tilde{\iota}(\tilde{w} \tilde{s}_j) = \tilde{\iota}(\tilde{w}_1 \tilde{s}_k \tilde{w}_2 \tilde{s}_j) = \tilde{\iota}(\tilde{w}_1 \tilde{s}_k^2 \tilde{w}_2) = \tilde{\iota}(\tilde{w}_1 \tilde{w}_2)$ . Since

$\ell(\tilde{\iota}(\tilde{z}')) = q - 1$ , by induction, we have  $\tilde{z}' = \tilde{w}_1 \tilde{w}_2$ . Then we have (6.5) since  $\tilde{w} = \tilde{w}_1 \tilde{s}_k \tilde{w}_2 = \tilde{w}_1 \tilde{w}_2 \tilde{s}_j = \tilde{z}' \tilde{s}_j = \tilde{z}$ .

Assume  $\tilde{\ell}(\tilde{w}_2) = q - 1$ . Then  $\tilde{w}_1 = \tilde{e}$ . Let  $i \in I$  and  $\tilde{w}'_2 \in \widetilde{W}$  be such that  $\tilde{w}_2 = \tilde{s}_i \tilde{w}'_2$ . By (6.6), Lemma 5.3 and induction, it follows that  $m_{ik} \leq q$ , and  $\exists \tilde{w}''_2 \in \widetilde{W}$ ,  $\tilde{w}_2 = \tilde{C}_{ik} \tilde{w}''_2$ . Moreover,  $\rho(\iota(\tilde{w}''_2))(v_j) = v_{o_{ik}}$ . Since  $m_{ik} \geq 2$ , by (6.6) and induction, we have  $\tilde{w}''_2 \tilde{s}_j = \tilde{s}_{o_{ik}} \tilde{w}''_2$ . By (6.3), we have  $\tilde{C}_{ik} \tilde{s}_{o_{ik}} = \tilde{s}_k \tilde{C}_{ik}$ . Hence  $\tilde{w}_2 \tilde{s}_j = \tilde{s}_k \tilde{w}_2 = \tilde{w}$ . By induction,  $\tilde{w}_2 = \tilde{z}'$ . Hence we have (6.5), as desired. This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 6.2.** *Let  $\tilde{w} \in \widetilde{W}$ . Assume  $\ell(\tilde{\iota}(\tilde{w})) < \tilde{\ell}(\tilde{w})$ . Then*

$$(6.8) \quad \exists k \in I, \exists \tilde{w}_1, \exists \tilde{w}_2 \in \widetilde{W}, \tilde{w} = \tilde{w}_1 \tilde{s}_k^2 \tilde{w}_2.$$

*Proof.* Let  $q := \tilde{\ell}(\tilde{w})$ . Since  $\tilde{\ell}(\tilde{w}) - \ell(\tilde{\iota}(\tilde{w})) \in 2\mathbb{N}$ ,  $q \geq 2$ .

Assume  $q = 2$ . Let  $i, j \in I$  be such that  $i \neq j$ . Then  $\ell(s_i s_j) = 2$  since  $\rho(s_i s_j)(v_j) = -v_j + (v_i, v_j)v_i \neq v_j$ . Hence the claim holds.

Assume  $q \geq 3$ . Let  $i \in I$  and  $\tilde{w}' \in \widetilde{W}$  be such that  $\tilde{w} = \tilde{w}' \tilde{s}_i$ . If  $\ell(\iota(\tilde{w}')) \leq q - 3$ , by induction we see that the claim holds. Assume  $\ell(\iota(\tilde{w}')) = q - 1$ . Then  $\ell(\iota(\tilde{w})) = q - 2$ . Let  $\tilde{z} \in \widetilde{W}^{(q-2)}$  be such that  $\iota(\tilde{w}) = \iota(\tilde{z})$ . Then  $\iota(\tilde{z} \tilde{s}_i) = \iota(\tilde{w}')$ . By Theorem 6.1,  $\tilde{z} \tilde{s}_i = \tilde{w}'$ . Hence  $\tilde{w} = \tilde{z} \tilde{s}_i^2$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$ .

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