

Note:  $\forall \sigma \in W, \sigma(\mathcal{C}(\gamma)) = \mathcal{C}(\sigma\gamma)$  for  $\gamma$  regul. [195]  
W also permutes bases,  $\sigma(\Delta(\gamma)) = \Delta(\sigma\gamma)$ .

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Let  $\Delta$  be a fixed base of  $\Phi$ .

Lemma A. If  $\alpha \in \Phi^+$  with  $\alpha \notin \Delta$  then  $\exists \beta \in \Delta$  s.t.

$$\alpha - \beta \in \Phi^+$$

Pf. If  $(\alpha, \beta) \leq 0, \forall \beta \in \Delta$ , then  $\Delta \cup \{\alpha\}$  would be indep. (see Pf of last Thm, step (3).), impossible since  $\Delta$  is a basis of  $E$ . So  $\exists \beta \in \Delta$  s.t.  $(\alpha, \beta) > 0$  so  $\alpha - \beta \in \Phi$  ( $\beta \neq \pm\alpha$ ). If  $\alpha = \sum_{\gamma \in \Delta} k_\gamma \gamma$  with all  $k_\gamma \geq 0$  and some  $k_\gamma > 0$  for  $\gamma \neq \beta$ . Then  $\alpha - \beta$  is an integral lin. comb. of simple roots with at least one coeff  $> 0$  so they are all  $\geq 0$ , so  $\alpha - \beta \in \Phi^+$ .  $\square$

Cor: Each  $\beta \in \Phi^+$  can be written as  $\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_k$  for  $\alpha_i \in \Delta$  (repetitions allowed) s.t.  $\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_i \in \Phi^+$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ .

Pf. By induction on  $ht(\alpha)$  using Lemma A. (196)

Lemma B. If  $\alpha \in \Delta$  then  $\sigma_\alpha$  permutes  $\Phi^\pm - \{\alpha\}$ .

Pf. Let  $\beta \in \Phi^+ - \{\alpha\}$ ,  $\beta = \sum_{\gamma \in \Delta} k_\gamma \gamma$ ,  $k_\gamma \geq 0$ .  $\beta \neq \pm\alpha$ , so  $k_\gamma > 0$  for some  $\gamma \neq \alpha$ . Then  $\sigma_\alpha(\beta) = \beta - \langle \beta, \alpha \rangle \alpha$  also has coeff.  $k_\gamma$  for  $\gamma$  in its sum. So all its coeffs must be  $\geq 0$  so  $\sigma_\alpha(\beta) \in \Phi^+$ . Also,  $\sigma_\alpha(\beta) \neq \alpha$  since otherwise  $\beta = -\alpha \in \Phi^-$ .  $\square$

Cor. For  $\delta = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\beta \in \Phi^+} \beta$  we have  $\sigma_\alpha(\delta) = \delta - \alpha$ ,  $\forall \alpha \in \Delta$ .

Pf.  $\sigma_\alpha(\delta) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\beta \in \Phi^+} \sigma_\alpha(\beta) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta \in \Phi^+} \sigma_\alpha(\beta) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_\alpha(\alpha)$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\beta \in \Phi^+ - \{\alpha\}} \beta - \frac{1}{2} \alpha = \delta - \alpha. \quad \square$$

Lemma C. Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_t \in \Delta$  (repeats allowed). 197

Write  $\sigma_i = \sigma_{\alpha_i} \in W$ . If  $\sigma_1 \dots \sigma_{t-1}(\alpha_t) \in \Phi^-$  then for some index  $1 \leq s < t$ ,  $\sigma_1 \dots \sigma_t = \sigma_1 \dots \sigma_{s-1} \sigma_{s+1} \dots \sigma_{t-1}$ .

Pf. Let  $\beta_i = \sigma_{i+1} \dots \sigma_{t-1}(\alpha_t)$  for  $0 \leq i \leq t-2$  and  $\beta_{t-1} = \alpha_t$ . Since  $\beta_0 < 0$  was given and  $\beta_{t-1} > 0$

there is a smallest index  $s$  such that  $\beta_s > 0$ , so  $\sigma_s(\beta_s) = \beta_{s-1} < 0$ . Lemma B tells us that  $\sigma_s$  permutes  $\Phi^+ \setminus \{\alpha_s\}$  so  $\beta_s = \alpha_s$ . We know that

$\forall \sigma \in W$ ,  $\sigma(\alpha) = \sigma \sigma_\alpha \sigma^{-1}$ , so using

$\sigma = \sigma_{s+1} \dots \sigma_{t-1}$ ,  $\sigma^{-1} = \sigma_{t-1} \dots \sigma_{s+1}$  and  $\sigma_\alpha = \sigma_{\alpha_t} = \sigma_t$

we get  $(\sigma_{s+1} \dots \sigma_{t-1}) \sigma_t (\sigma_{t-1} \dots \sigma_{s+1}) = \sigma_{(\sigma_{s+1} \dots \sigma_{t-1}) \alpha_t} = \sigma_{\beta_s}$

$= \sigma_{\alpha_s} = \sigma_s$  which means  $\sigma_{s+1} \dots \sigma_{t-1} \sigma_t = \sigma_s \sigma_{s+1} \dots \sigma_{t-1}$  so

$\sigma_1 \dots \sigma_t = \sigma_1 \dots \sigma_s (\sigma_{s+1} \dots \sigma_{t-1} \sigma_t) = \sigma_1 \dots (\sigma_s \sigma_s) \sigma_{s+1} \dots \sigma_{t-1}$ .  $\square$

Cor. If  $\sigma_1 \cdots \sigma_t = \sigma \in W$  is an expression (198) for  $\sigma$  as a product of "simple" reflections  $\sigma_i = \sigma_{\alpha_i}$ ,  $\alpha_i \in \Delta$ , with  $t$  minimal, then  $\sigma(\alpha_t) < 0$ .

Pf. Otherwise,  $\sigma(\alpha_t) > 0$  says  $\sigma(\alpha_t) = \sigma_1 \cdots \sigma_{t-1} \sigma_t(\alpha_t) = \sigma_1 \cdots \sigma_{t-1}(-\alpha_t) > 0$  so  $\sigma_1 \cdots \sigma_{t-1}(\alpha_t) < 0$  and Lemma C gives a shorter expression for  $\sigma$  as a product of simple reflections.  $\square$

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- Th. Let  $\Delta$  be a base of root system  $\Phi$ .
- (a) If  $\gamma \in E$  is regular then  $\exists \sigma \in W$  s.t.  
 $(\sigma(\gamma), \alpha) > 0, \forall \alpha \in \Delta$ , so  $W$  act transitively  
on the set of all Weyl chambers.
- (b) If  $\Delta'$  is another base of  $\Phi$  then  $\exists \sigma \in W$  s.t.  
 $\sigma(\Delta') = \Delta$ , so  $W$  acts trans. on bases.
- (c)  $\forall \alpha \in \Phi, \exists \sigma \in W$  s.t.  $\sigma(\alpha) \in \Delta$ .
- (d)  $W = \langle \sigma_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Delta \rangle$ ,  $W$  is generated by simple refl's.
- (e) If  $\sigma(\Delta) = \Delta$  for  $\sigma \in W$  then  $\sigma = 1$ , so  $W$  acts  
simply transitively on bases.
- Pf. Let  $W' = \langle \sigma_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Delta \rangle$ . We will prove (a)-(c)  
for  $W'$  and then get  $W = W'$ .

Recall  $\delta = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha > 0} \alpha$  and choose  $\sigma \in W'$  s.t. 200

$(\sigma(\gamma), \delta)$  is maximal.  $\forall \alpha \in \Delta$ ,  $\sigma_\alpha \sigma \in W'$  so

$$(\sigma(\gamma), \delta) \geq (\sigma_\alpha \sigma(\gamma), \delta) = (\sigma(\gamma), \sigma_\alpha(\delta))$$

$$= (\sigma(\gamma), \delta - \alpha) = (\sigma(\gamma), \delta) - (\sigma(\gamma), \alpha), \text{ so } (\sigma(\gamma), \alpha) \geq 0.$$

$\gamma$  is regular so  $(\sigma(\gamma), \alpha) \neq 0$ ,  $\forall \alpha \in \Delta$ , since otherwise

$\gamma \in \mathbb{P}_{\sigma^{-1}(\alpha)}$ . Thus,  $\forall \alpha \in \Delta$ ,  $(\sigma(\gamma), \alpha) > 0$  which

means  $\sigma(\gamma) \in C(\Delta)$ , the fundamental chamber relative to  $\Delta$ , and  $\sigma C(\gamma) = C(\Delta)$ .

(b)  $W'$  permutes the Weyl chambers, which are in one-to-one correspondence with bases by

$$C(\gamma) = C(\Delta(\gamma))$$

so  $W'$  permutes the bases

transitively,  $\sigma C(\gamma) = C(\sigma\gamma)$  says

$$\sigma C(\Delta(\gamma)) = C(\Delta(\sigma\gamma)).$$