

# Bad primes and Cyclotomic Root Systems

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# Bad primes

Let  $V$  be an  $r$ -dimensional  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector space, let  $W$  be an irreducible finite subgroup of  $GL(V)$  generated by reflections – thus  $\mathbb{G} := (V, W)$  is a rational “reflection datum” (and  $W$  is a Weyl group !).

\* We denote by  $\mathfrak{R}$  a root system for  $W$  in  $V$ , by  $Q(\mathfrak{R})$  the corresponding *root lattice* and by  $P(\mathfrak{R})$  the corresponding *weight lattice*. The *connection index* is  $c_{\mathfrak{R}} := |P(\mathfrak{R})/Q(\mathfrak{R})|$ .

\* We recall that there exists a finite set  $\text{UnCh}(\mathbb{G})$  (“*unipotent characters for  $\mathbb{G}$* ”) and a family of polynomials  $(\text{Deg}_{\rho}(X))_{\rho \in \text{UnCh}(\mathbb{G})}$  (“*generic degrees for  $\mathbb{G}$* ”) such that

- $\text{Deg}_{\rho}(X) \in \mathbb{Q}[X]$ ,
- If we set  $S_{\rho}(X) := |\mathbb{G}|(X)/\text{Deg}_{\rho}(X)$  (the *Schur element of  $\rho$* ), then  $S_{\rho}(X) \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$ ,

which satisfy the following property (and a lot of other properties as well!)

## [GENERICITY OF UNIPOTENT CHARACTERS]

- Whenever  $q$  is a prime power,  $\mathbb{F}_q$  is a field with  $q$  elements,  $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_q$  is an algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ ,
- and  $\mathbf{G}$  is a connected algebraic group over  $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_q$  with Weyl group  $W$  endowed with a Frobenius endomorphism  $F$  inducing a split  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -rational structure on  $\mathbf{G}$ ,

the set  $\text{UnCh}(\mathbb{G})$  parametrizes the set of unipotent characters of the finite reductive group  $\mathbf{G}^F$ , via a bijection

$$\rho \mapsto \rho_q \text{ such that } \text{Deg}_\rho(q) = \rho_q(1).$$

Let  $\ell$  be a prime. The following are equivalent.

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- (i) If  $(v_1, \dots, v_r)$  is a set of simple roots for  $\mathfrak{R}$  and  $n_1 v_1 + \dots + n_r v_r$  is the corresponding highest root, then  $\ell$  divides  $n_1 \cdots n_r$ .
- (ii) The prime  $\ell$  divides  $|W|/(r!c_{\mathfrak{R}})$ .
- (iii) There is a reflection subgroup  $W_1$  of  $W$  of rank  $r$ , a root system  $\mathfrak{R}$  for  $W$ , and a root system  $\mathfrak{R}_1$  for  $W_1$  with  $Q(\mathfrak{R}_1) \subset Q(\mathfrak{R})$  such that  $\ell$  divides  $|Q(\mathfrak{R})/Q(\mathfrak{R}_1)|$ .

[BAD PRIMES FROM GENERIC DEGREES]

- (iv) There exists  $\rho \in \text{UnCh}(\mathbb{G})$  such that  $\ell$  divides  $S_\rho(X)$ .
- (v) There exists  $\rho \in \text{UnCh}(\mathbb{G})$  and an integer  $n$  such that  $\Phi_{n\ell}(X)$  divides  $S_\rho(x)$  while  $\Phi_n(X)$  does not divide  $S_\rho(X)$ .

1993 : Gunter Malle, Jean Michel, Michel B.,

from 2010 +  $\epsilon$  : Olivier Dudas, Cédric Bonnafé.

AIM: Do whatever was done for Weyl groups replacing them by a *spetsial* complex reflection group, *i.e.*, choose

- \* an abelian number field  $k$ , and a finite dimensional  $k$  vector space  $V$ ,
- \* a (pseudo-)reflection “spetsial” finite subgroup  $W$  of  $GL(V)$ ,
- \* and set  $\mathbb{G} := (V, W)$ .

It turned out it is possible to construct  $\text{UnCh}(\mathbb{G})$  and the family  $\text{Deg}_\rho(X) \in k[X]$ , such that  $S_\rho(X) := |\mathbb{G}|(X)/\text{Deg}_\rho(X) \in \mathbb{Z}_k[X]$ , and satisfying many (**many**) features of what was known in the case of Weyl groups.

$\mathfrak{R}$ ,  $c_{\mathfrak{R}}$ , etc. remained to be done...

# Root systems and Weyl groups: Bourbaki's definition

Let  $V$  and  $V^\vee$  be finite dimensional  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector spaces endowed with a duality  $V \times V^\vee \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}, (v, v^\vee) \mapsto \langle v, v^\vee \rangle$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{R} := \{(\alpha, \alpha^\vee)\} \subset V \times V^\vee$  be a family of nonzero vectors. We say that  $\mathfrak{R}$  is a *root system* if

- (RS1)  $\mathfrak{R}$  is finite and its projection on  $V$  generates  $V$ ,
- (RS2) if  $(\alpha, \alpha^\vee) \in \mathfrak{R}$ , then  $\langle \alpha, \alpha^\vee \rangle = 2$  and the reflection  $s_{\alpha, \alpha^\vee} : v \mapsto v - \langle v, \alpha^\vee \rangle \alpha$  stabilizes  $\mathfrak{R}$ ,
- (RS3) if  $(\alpha, \alpha^\vee)$  and  $(\beta, \beta^\vee) \in \mathfrak{R}$ , then  $\langle \alpha, \beta^\vee \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

The group generated by all reflections  $s_{\alpha, \alpha^\vee}$  is the *Weyl group*  $W(\mathfrak{R})$ .

One can classify first the root systems  $\mathfrak{R}$ , and then classify the Weyl groups  $W(\mathfrak{R})$  (the usual approach). **Or proceed the opposite way: it's what we did for cyclotomic root systems and their (cyclotomic) Weyl groups.**

# Complex (or, rather, cyclotomic) reflection groups

Let  $k$  be a subfield of  $\mathbb{C}$  which is stable under complex conjugation.

Let  $V$  and  $V^\vee$  be finite dimensional  $k$ -vector spaces endowed with a hermitian duality  $V \times V^\vee \rightarrow k$ .

A reflection  $s$  on  $V$  is defined by a triple  $(L_s, M_s, \zeta_s)$  where

- $\zeta_s \in \mu(k)$ ,
- $L_s$  is a line in  $V$  and  $M_s$  is a line in  $V^\vee$  such that  $\langle L_s, M_s \rangle \neq 0$

and  $s$  is the automorphism of  $V$  defined by

$$s(v) = v - \langle v, \alpha^\vee \rangle \alpha$$

whenever  $\alpha \in L_s$  and  $\alpha^\vee \in M_s$  are such that  $\langle \alpha, \alpha^\vee \rangle = 1 - \zeta_s$ .



# Shephard–Todd groups and their fields

IRREDUCIBLE CYCLOTOMIC REFLECTION GROUPS ARE CLASSIFIED.

- An infinite series  $G(de, e, r)$  for  $d, e, r \in \mathbb{N} - \{0\}$ ,  
 $G(de, e, r) \subset \text{GL}_r(\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{de}))$  is irreducible  
→ except for  $d = e = r = 1$  or  $2$ .

Its field of definition is  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{de})$ ,

→ except for  $d = 1$  and  $r = 2$  where it is the real field  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_e + \zeta_e^{-1})$ .

The ring of integers of  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$  is  $\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_n]$ .

In general (for example if  $n > 90$ , but also for other values of  $n$  between 22 and 90) it is *not* a principal ideal domain.

- 34 exceptional irreducible groups in dimension 2 to 8.  
Their field of definition (which are all subfields of “small” cyclotomic fields) have the remarkable property that all their rings of integers are principal ideal domains.

# Ordinary (Weyl) Root systems

*Let us repeat Bourbaki's definition of root systems.*

Let  $V$  and  $V^\vee$  be finite dimensional  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector spaces endowed with a duality  $V \times V^\vee \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{R} := \{(\alpha, \alpha^\vee)\} \subset V \times V^\vee$  be a family of nonzero vectors.

We say that  $\mathfrak{R}$  is a root system if

- (RS1)  $\mathfrak{R}$  is finite and its projection on  $V$  generates  $V$ ,
- (RS2) for all  $(\alpha, \alpha^\vee) \in \mathfrak{R}$ ,  $\langle \alpha, \alpha^\vee \rangle = 2$  and the reflection  $s_{\alpha, \alpha^\vee} : v \mapsto v - \langle v, \alpha^\vee \rangle \alpha$  stabilizes  $\mathfrak{R}$ ,
- (RS3) for all  $(\alpha, \alpha^\vee), (\beta, \beta^\vee) \in \mathfrak{R}$ ,  $\langle \alpha, \beta^\vee \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

# $\mathbb{Z}_k$ -Root Systems

[A plain generalization of Bourbaki's definition]

It is a set of triples  $\mathfrak{R} = \{\tau = (I_\tau, J_\tau, \zeta_\tau)\}$  where

- $\zeta_\tau \in \mu(k)$ ,
- $I_\tau$  is a rank one  $\mathbb{Z}_k$ -submodule of  $V$ , and  $J_\tau$  is a rank one  $\mathbb{Z}_k$ -submodule of  $V^\vee$ ,

such that

(RS1) the family  $(I_\tau)$  generates  $V$ ,

(RS2)  $\langle I_\tau, J_\tau \rangle = (1 - \zeta_\tau)\mathbb{Z}_k$ , and if  $\sum_i \langle \alpha_i, \beta_i \rangle = 1 - \zeta_\tau$ , then the reflection

$$s_\tau : v \mapsto v - \sum_i \langle v, \beta_i \rangle \alpha_i$$

stabilizes  $\mathfrak{R}$ ,

(RS3) whenever  $\tau, \tau' \in \mathfrak{R}$ ,  $\langle I_\tau, J_{\tau'} \rangle \subset \mathbb{Z}_k$ .

## $\mathbb{Z}_k$ -Root Systems (continued)

$\mathrm{GL}(V)$  acts on root systems :  $g \cdot (I, J, \zeta) := (g(I), g^\vee(J), \zeta)$ .

If  $\mathfrak{a}$  is a fractional ideal in  $k$ , we set  $\mathfrak{a} \cdot (I, J, \zeta) := (\mathfrak{a}I, \mathfrak{a}^{-*}J, \zeta)$ .

### Theorem

- (1) Given a  $\mathbb{Z}_k$ -root system  $\mathfrak{R}$ , the group  $W(\mathfrak{R}) := \langle s_\tau \rangle_{\tau \in \mathfrak{R}}$  is finite and  $V^{W(\mathfrak{R})} = 0$ .
- (2) Conversely, whenever  $W$  is a finite subgroup of  $\mathrm{GL}(V)$  generated by reflections such that  $V^W = 0$ , there exists a  $\mathbb{Z}_k$ -root system  $\mathfrak{R}$  such that  $W = W(\mathfrak{R})$ .

### From now on

We only consider *restricted*  $\mathbb{Z}_k$ -root systems  $\mathfrak{R}$ , i.e., such that the map  $\tau \mapsto s_\tau$  is a bijection between  $\mathfrak{R}$  and the set of *distinguished* reflections of  $W(\mathfrak{R})$ .

# Cartan matrices

- For  $\tau, t \in \mathfrak{R}$ , we set  $n(\tau, t) := \langle I_\tau, J_t \rangle$ .
- For a subset  $\mathcal{S}$  of  $\mathfrak{R}$ , its *Cartan matrix* is the  $\mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S}$ -matrix whose entries are the ideals  $n(\tau, t)$ .

## Proposition

Assume that the family  $(s_\tau)_{\tau \in \mathcal{S}}$  generates  $W(\mathfrak{R})$ , and contains an element of each conjugacy class of reflections of  $W(\mathfrak{R})$ . Then the Cartan matrix of  $\mathcal{S}$  determines  $\mathfrak{R}$  up to genera.

## Classification

For each irreducible reflection group  $W$ , we provide a classification (up to genera),

*over its ring of definition  $\mathbb{Z}_k$ ,*

of restricted root systems for all irreducible complex reflection groups.

# Genera, Root and Weight Lattices

ROOT LATTICES, WEIGHT LATTICES:

$$Q(\mathfrak{R}) := \sum_{\tau \in \mathfrak{R}} I_{\tau} \quad \text{and} \quad Q(\mathfrak{R}^{\vee}) := \sum_{\tau \in \mathfrak{R}} J_{\tau}$$

$$P(\mathfrak{R}) := \{x \in V \mid \forall y \in Q(\mathfrak{R}^{\vee}), \langle x, y \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}_k\} \quad \text{and} \quad P(\mathfrak{R}^{\vee}) := \dots$$

There is a  $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{R})/W(\mathfrak{R})$ -invariant natural pairing

$$(P(\mathfrak{R})/Q(\mathfrak{R})) \times (P(\mathfrak{R}^{\vee})/Q(\mathfrak{R}^{\vee})) \rightarrow k/\mathbb{Z}_k.$$

## Theorem

Assume that  $\Pi \in \mathfrak{R}$  is such that  $|\Pi| = r$  and  $\{s_{\tau} \mid \tau \in \Pi\}$  generates  $W(\mathfrak{R})$ . Then

$$Q(\mathfrak{R}) = \bigoplus_{\tau \in \Pi} I_{\tau} \quad \text{and} \quad Q(\mathfrak{R}^{\vee}) = \bigoplus_{\tau \in \Pi} J_{\tau}.$$

# Connection index

For  $W$  a Weyl group and  $\mathfrak{R}$  an associated root system, the connection index is the integer  $c_{\mathfrak{R}}$  defined as

$$c_{\mathfrak{R}} := |P(\mathfrak{R})/Q(\mathfrak{R})|.$$

For  $W$  any reflection group, the connection index of an associated root system  $\mathfrak{R}$  is defined to be the ideal  $c_{\mathfrak{R}}$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_k$  defined by the equality

$$\Lambda^r Q(\mathfrak{R}) = c_{\mathfrak{R}} \Lambda^r P(\mathfrak{R}).$$

## Theorem

Let  $(V, W)$  be an irreducible reflection group of rank  $r$ .

- 1 The ideal  $c_{\mathfrak{R}}$  does not depend on the choice of the root system  $\mathfrak{R}$ .
- 2 The ideal  $(r!)c_{\mathfrak{R}}$  divides  $|W|$  (in  $\mathbb{Z}_k$ ).

# Spetsial groups

Spetsial groups in red.

$G(e, 1, r)$ ,  $G(e, e, r)$ , and

Group $G_n$	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Rank	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

Group $G_n$	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Rank	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3
Remark	$H_3$										

Group $G_n$	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37
Rank	4	4	4	4	4	5	6	6	7	8
Remark	$F_4$		$H_4$					$E_6$	$E_7$	$E_8$



# Bad primes for spetsial groups

Theorem (or should it be called “fact” ?)

Let  $\mathbb{G} := (V, W)$  where  $W$  is a spetsial group of rank  $r$ .

Let  $\ell$  be a prime ideal in  $\mathbb{Z}_k$ .

The following assertions are equivalent.

- (i) The ideal  $\ell$  divides  $|W|/((r!)_{\mathbb{C}_k})$  (in  $\mathbb{Z}_k$ ).
- (ii) There exists  $\rho \in \text{UnCh}(\mathbb{G})$  such that the ideal  $\ell$  divides  $S_\rho(X)$  (in  $\mathbb{Z}_k[X]$ ).

Name	Diagram	Cartan matrix	Orbits	$\mathbb{Z}_k$	connection index
$G_{31}$		$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & i+1 & 1-i & -i & 0 \\ 1-i & 2 & 1-i & -1 & -1 \\ i+1 & i+1 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ i & -1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$	s	$\mathbb{Z}[i]$	1
$G_{32}$		$\begin{pmatrix} 1-\zeta_3 & \zeta_3^2 & 0 & 0 \\ -\zeta_3^2 & 1-\zeta_3 & \zeta_3^2 & 0 \\ 0 & -\zeta_3^2 & 1-\zeta_3 & \zeta_3^2 \\ 0 & 0 & -\zeta_3^2 & 1-\zeta_3 \end{pmatrix}$	s	$\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$	1
$G_{33}$		$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & -\zeta_3^2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\zeta_3 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$	s	$\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$	2
$G_{34}$		$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & -\zeta_3^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\zeta_3 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$	s	$\mathbb{Z}[\zeta_3]$	1

