

Symmetry and partial symmetry

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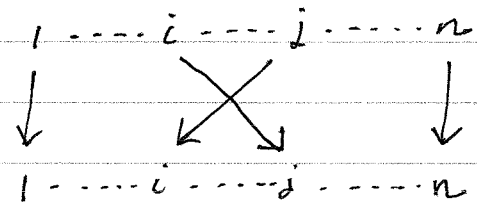
Lecture 1 : Motivation

- (i).
 • Symmetry : X set, G_X symmetric group on X
 \tilde{G} : group of all bijections $X \rightarrow X$
 (under composition)
 "measures symmetry" of X .

$X = \{1, \dots, n\}$, write G_n for G_X .

recall : any $\pi \in G_n$ is a product of transpositions,

\tilde{G} : permutations (i, j) .
 G_n generated by the transpositions



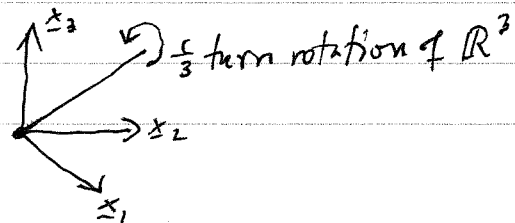
(ii). Another version: $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ with usual basis $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$.

$GL(V)$ = group of invertible linear maps $V \rightarrow V$.

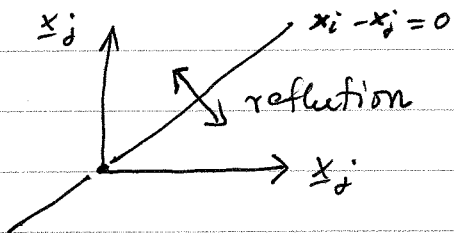
$\pi \in G_n \rightsquigarrow$ invertible linear map s.t. $x_i \mapsto x_{i\pi}$

embeds $G_n \subset GL(V)$ (permuting coordinates)

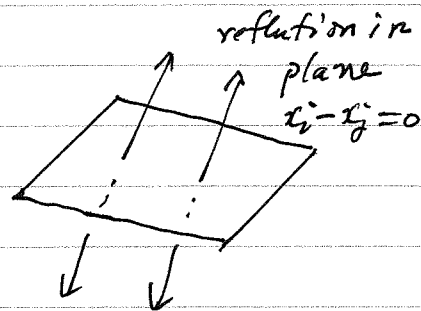
Eg : $\pi = (1, 2, 3) \in G_3 \rightsquigarrow$



Eg: $\pi = (i, j) \in \tilde{G}_n$



$\tilde{\alpha}_i: \pi \rightsquigarrow$



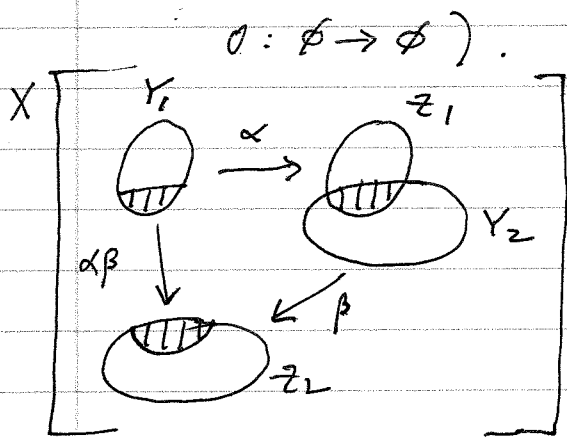
Conclusion: $\tilde{G}_n \subset GL(V)$ generated by reflections, $\tilde{\alpha}_i$ is a reflection group (see lecture 2).

(iii). Yet another version: \tilde{G}_n is the Weyl group of the linear algebraic group $GL_n \mathbb{R}$.

Partial symmetry: (i). X set and \mathcal{I}_X symmetric inverse monoid on X
 = inverse monoid partial bijections of X .

partial bijection a bijection $Y \rightarrow Z$ for $Y, Z \subset X$.

(in particular "full" bijections $X \rightarrow X$ and "empty" bijection



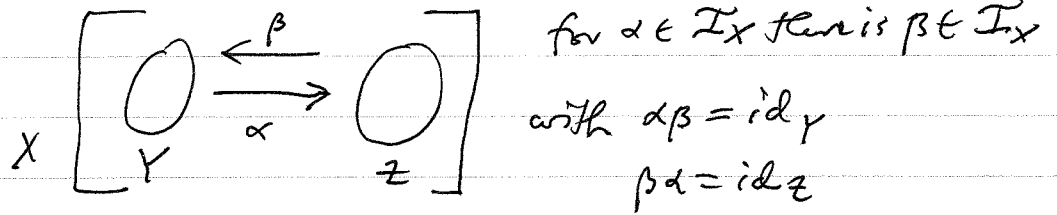
$$\alpha\beta: (Z_1 \cap Y_2)\alpha^{-1} \rightarrow (Z_1 \cap Y_2)\beta$$

$$\text{or, } (Z_1 = Y_1\alpha)$$

$$\alpha\beta: Y_1 \cap Y_2\alpha^{-1} \rightarrow Y_1(\alpha\beta) \cap Y_2\beta.$$

gives \mathcal{I}_X structure of a monoid: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{associative} \\ \text{identity id: } X \rightarrow X \\ \text{no inverses in general} \end{array} \right.$

inverse monoid : there are "local" inverses



(ii). On a reflection group ... In a reflection monoid?

(yes: see lecture 5)

(iii). On a Weyl group ... In the Reiner monoid of the

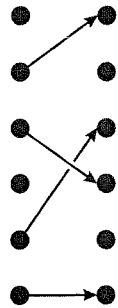
linear algebraic monoid

$M_n \mathbb{R} (= \underbrace{n \times n}_{\text{all}} \mathbb{R}\text{-matrices})$.

Partial permutations

bijections $X \supset Y \rightarrow Y' \subset X$

$X = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$



Reflection monoids

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Symmetric



inverse monoid

Renner monoids

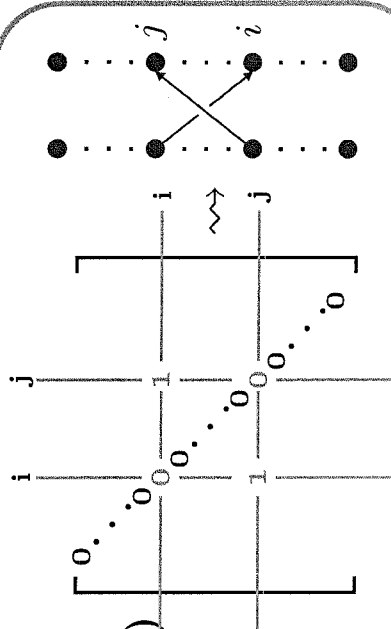
$$G = GL_n(\mathbb{F}) \subset M_n(\mathbb{F}) = M$$

$$T = D_n^*(\mathbb{F}) \subset D_n(\mathbb{F}) = \overline{T} \text{ (Zariski closure)}$$

$$W = N_G(T)/T \subset \overline{N_G(T)}/T$$

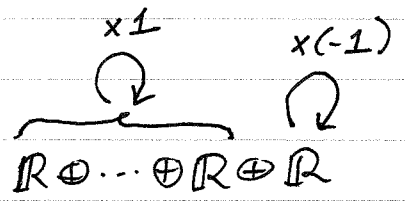
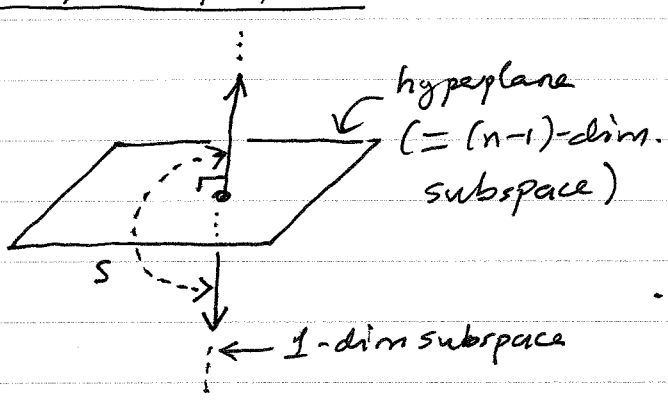
partial permutation matrices

=Rook monoid



Lecture 2: Reflection groups

• What is a reflection? $V = n$ -dim. \mathbb{R} -space



... a real reflection.

$-1 =$ the primitive n th root of 1 in \mathbb{R} .

k any field, then a k -reflection : $k \oplus \dots \oplus k \oplus k$
 $x 1$ $x \zeta$ primitive n th root of 1 in k

If V a k -space, $GL(V) =$ gp. invertible linear maps of V

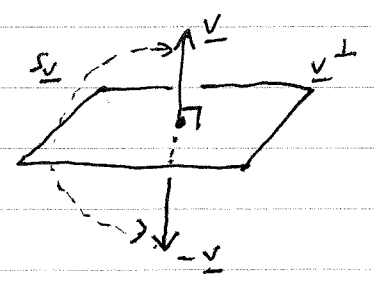
then a k -reflection gp := subgp. of $GL(V)$ generated by k -reflections.

In these lectures, we will restrict to finite, real reflection gps.

• throughout, V a real space with basis $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ and inner product $(x_i, x_j) = \delta_{ij}$ (\bar{u} : V Euclidean).

$v \in V$, $s_v :=$ linear map $V \rightarrow V$

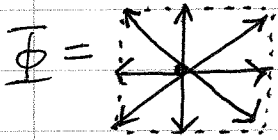
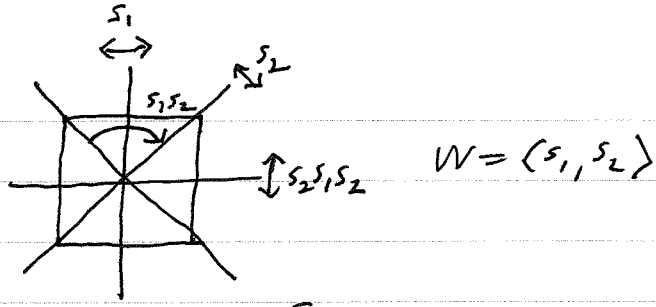
(v^\perp a hyperplane) fixing v^\perp pt.-wise and sending $v \mapsto -v$



(Ex: $s_v : u \mapsto u - 2 \frac{(u, v)}{(v, v)} v$)

$W \subset GL(V)$ finite is a reflection gp \iff $W = \langle s_{v_1}, \dots, s_{v_k} \rangle$.

• Eg: $V = \mathbb{R}^2$
 $W =$ symmetries of square



$\forall \alpha \pm \alpha$ with $s_\alpha \in W$

- (*) $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Phi \text{ finite set non-zero vectors} \\ \alpha \in \Phi \Rightarrow \mathbb{R}\alpha \cap \Phi = \pm \alpha \\ \alpha \in \Phi \Rightarrow \Phi s_\alpha = \Phi \end{array} \right.$

• A $\Phi \subset V$ satisfying (*) a root system ($\forall \alpha \in \Phi$ a root)

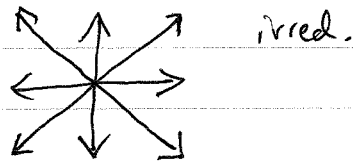
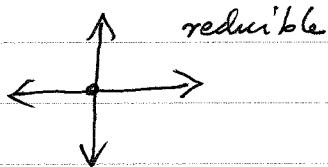
$W(\Phi) = \langle s_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Phi \rangle \subset GL(V)$ a finite ref. gp.

root systems \iff finite \mathbb{R} -ref. gps.

(combinatorics) (gp. theory)

Φ reducible iff $V = V_1 \perp V_2$ with $\Phi_i \subset V_i$; irreducible otherwise.

$\Phi = \Phi_1 \cup \Phi_2$




(Ex: Φ reducible $\implies W(\Phi) \cong W(\Phi_1) \times W(\Phi_2)$)

• The irred. root systems have been "classified":

$A_{n-1} (n \geq 2), B_n (n \geq 2),$

$D_n (n \geq 4), I_2(m) (m \geq 3)$

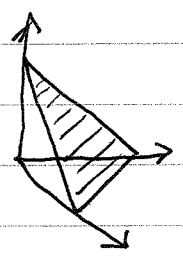
$H_3, H_4, F_4, E_6, E_7, E_8.$

• Eg: $B_n = \{\pm x_i \pm x_j\} \cup \{\pm x_i\}$ ($B_2 =$ )

$W(B_n) \cong$ symmetries of n -cube / n -octahedron.

• Eg: $A_{n-1} = \{x_i - x_j\}$ $s_{x_i - x_j} : x_i - x_j \mapsto x_j - x_i$

$\rightsquigarrow (i, j) \in G_n$
 $W(A_{n-1}) \cong G_n \subset GL(V)$ under permutation action
 $x_i \mapsto x_{i\pi}$

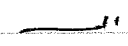



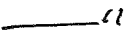

= symmetries of $(n-1)$ -simplex $\subset \mathbb{R}^n$.

$$= \{ \sum \lambda_i x_i \mid \sum \lambda_i = 1 \text{ and } \lambda_i \geq 0 \}$$

• Eg: $W(O_n) \cong$ symmetries of n -dim. cross polytope.

• Eg: $W(H_3) \cong$  "  icosahedron / dodecahedron

$W(H_4) \cong$  "  120/cell } 4-dim.

$W(F_4) \cong$  "  24-cell

Platonic solids

Lecture 3: Hyperplane arrangements

throughout: V Euclidean with orthonormal basis $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$.

- A real arrangement A is a ^{finite} set of linear hyperplanes in V .

describing hyperplanes: (i). $\underline{v} \in V$ and hyperplane

$$H := \underline{v}^\perp = \{u \in V \mid (u, \underline{v}) = 0\}, \text{ or (ii). coordinate maps}$$

$$x_i: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ with } x_i(\sum t_i x_i) = t_i. \text{ If } \underline{v} = \sum a_i x_i \text{ then}$$

\underline{v}^\perp the kernel of map $a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. (i.e. Cartesian equation)

- Eg: the Boolean arrangement $A = \{x_1^\perp, \dots, x_n^\perp\}$ or

$\{\text{hyperplanes with equations } x_1=0, x_2=0, \dots, x_n=0\}$.

- Eg: braid arrangement $A = \{\text{hyperplanes } x_i - x_j = 0 \text{ for all } i \neq j\}$.

recall (Lecture 2) the root system $A_{n-1} = \{x_i - x_j \mid i \neq j\} \subset V$

with reflection gp. $W(A_{n-1}) \cong S_n$

Thus, braid arrangement = the reflecting hyperplanes of this ref. gp.

In general, a reflection arrangement = $\{\text{reflecting hyperplanes of some reflection gp}\}$.

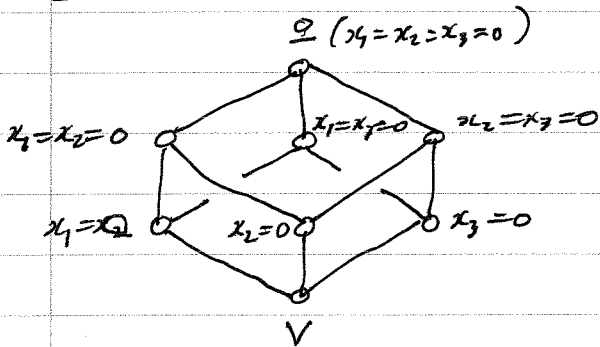
- Combinatorics (of hyperplane arrangements).

Intersection lattice $L(A) :=$ all possible intersections of elements of A
partially ordered by reverse inclusion.

- a poset.

(together with V itself).

Eg: Boolean arrangement ($n=3$): $A = \{x_1=0, x_2=0, x_3=0\}$



\cong (as a poset) poset of subsets of $\{1,2,3\}$, \hat{a} : a Boolean algebra.

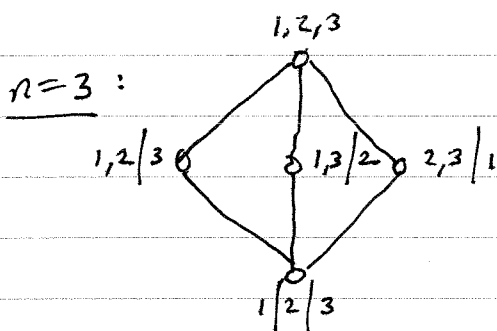
Eg: braid arrangement: let $I = \{1, \dots, n\}$. A partition of I

is a $\Lambda = \{\Lambda_1, \dots, \Lambda_p\}$ with $\Lambda_i \subset I$, $\Lambda_i \cap \Lambda_j = \emptyset$ and $I = \cup \Lambda_i$.
 blocks

If $\Lambda' = \{\Lambda'_1, \dots, \Lambda'_q\}$ then define $\Lambda \leq \Lambda'$ $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$ for each Λ_i there is

a Λ'_j with $\Lambda_i \subset \Lambda'_j$. Write $\Pi(n)$ for set of partitions of I ; the set

$\Pi(n)$ with partial order \leq is a poset called the partition lattice.



Ex: there is a bijjective map $\Lambda \mapsto X(\Lambda)$
 from $\Pi(n) \rightarrow L(A)$ such that
 $\Lambda \leq \Lambda' \iff X(\Lambda) \supseteq X(\Lambda')$.

\hat{a} : an isomorphism of posets.

defⁿ: for any $L(A)$ the Möbius fun $\mu: L(A) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is

$$\mu(X) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } X=V \\ -\sum_{Y \supset X} \mu(Y), & \text{if } X \neq V \end{cases}$$

and the Poincaré polynomial is

$$\pi(A, t) := \sum_{X \in L(A)} \mu(X) (-t)^{\text{codim } X}$$

beautiful result 1 (Zaslavsky): $\pi(A, 1) = N^u$ regions, \bar{a} :

N^c of connected components in $V - \bigcup_{X \in A} X$.

• Topology (of hyperplane arrangements)

$A \subset V$ hyperplane arrangement \rightsquigarrow $V_{\mathbb{C}} = V \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$
 $A_{\mathbb{C}} = \{X \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \mid X \in A\}$

Ex (amusing): $V \setminus X$ disconnected
 $V_{\mathbb{C}} \setminus (X \otimes \mathbb{C})$ connected!

Form space $M_A := V_{\mathbb{C}} - \bigcup_{A \in A_{\mathbb{C}}} (X \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C})$, the complement of the hyperplanes in $V_{\mathbb{C}}$.

The Poincaré polynomial

of M_A defined to be $\text{Poin}(M_A, t) := \sum_{k \geq 0} r_k H^k(M_A, \mathbb{Z}) t^k$.

beautiful result 2 (Arnold): $A =$ braid arrangement

$$\Rightarrow \text{Poin}(M_A, t) = (1+t)(1+2t) \dots (1+(n-1)t).$$

beautiful result 3 (Orlik-Solomon): for any A ,

$$\text{Poin}(M_A, t) = \pi(A, t).$$

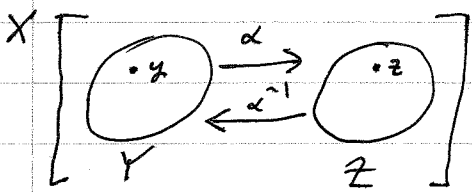
Lecture 4 : Inverse monoids

- $X = \{1, \dots, n\}$. Recall symmetric inverse monoid \mathcal{I}_n has elements partial bijections $Y \xrightarrow{\alpha} Z$ ($Y, Z \subseteq X$) under composition of partial maps.

Write $\text{dom } \alpha = Y, \text{im } \alpha = Z$.

\mathcal{I}_n monoid : $\begin{cases} \text{composition of partial maps is associative} \\ \text{id} : X \rightarrow X \text{ with } \text{id} \cdot \alpha = \alpha = \alpha \cdot \text{id} \text{ for all } \alpha \end{cases}$

- $Y \subseteq X, \text{id}_Y : Y \rightarrow Y$ partial identity; if $\alpha \in \mathcal{I}_n$ and $Y = \text{dom } \alpha$ then $\text{id}_Y \cdot \alpha = \alpha$ (but, $\text{id}_Y \cdot \beta \neq \beta$ in general).



For $\alpha \in \mathcal{I}_n$ there is $\alpha^{-1} \in \mathcal{I}_n$ defined by

$$\alpha^{-1}(z) = y \iff z \in Z \text{ and } \alpha(y) = z$$

$\bar{\alpha}$: partial bij. with $\text{dom } \bar{\alpha} = \text{im } \alpha$
 $\text{im } \bar{\alpha} = \text{dom } \alpha$

have $\alpha \bar{\alpha} = \text{id}_Y, \bar{\alpha} \alpha = \text{id}_Z$ (note $\alpha \bar{\alpha} \neq \bar{\alpha} \alpha$)

$$\Rightarrow \alpha \bar{\alpha} \alpha = \alpha \text{ and } \bar{\alpha} \alpha \bar{\alpha} = \bar{\alpha}$$

\mathcal{I}_n inverse monoid : $\begin{cases} \text{a monoid } M \text{ s.t. for all } a \in M \text{ there is a} \\ \text{unique } \bar{a} \in M \text{ with } a \bar{a} a = a \text{ and} \\ \bar{a} a \bar{a} = \bar{a}. \end{cases}$

!! Caution: in an inverse monoid we have $(\bar{a}^{-1})^{-1} = a$ and $(ab)^{-1} =$

$b^{-1} a^{-1}$; we do not have $a \bar{a} = \bar{a} a$ or $ab = ac \Rightarrow b = c$ (as we do in a group).

- In \mathcal{I}_n we have the bijections $\alpha : X \rightarrow X, \bar{\alpha} : \mathcal{G}_n$ is a subgroup of \mathcal{I}_n

consisting of precisely those $\alpha \in \mathcal{I}_n$ with $\alpha \alpha^{-1} = id = \alpha^{-1} \alpha$.

For M inverse monoid, the units $G = G(M)$ are those $a \in M$ with $aa^{-1} = id = a^{-1}a$.

- $Y \subset X \Rightarrow id_Y \cdot id_Y (= id_Y^2) = id_Y$. For M (inverse) monoid

the idempotents $E = E(M)$ are those $e \in M$ s.t. $e^2 = e$.

(in \mathcal{I}_n this includes the empty map $\emptyset_X: \emptyset \rightarrow \emptyset$)

The units act on the idempotents: in \mathcal{I}_n , if $\alpha \in G_n$ then $\alpha^{-1} \cdot id_Y \cdot \alpha$

$= id_{Y\alpha}$, and in general, for $g \in G$, $e \in E$ have $g^{-1}eg \in E$.

- $\alpha \in \mathcal{I}_n$ with $Y = \text{dom } \alpha \Rightarrow$ there is $\hat{\alpha} \in G_n$ with $\hat{\alpha}|_Y = \alpha$.

$X \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \xrightarrow{\alpha} \text{O} \\ Y \quad Z \end{array} \right]$ ($\hat{\alpha} = \alpha$ on Y and is any bijection $X \setminus Y \rightarrow X \setminus Z$)
 Thus, every $\alpha \in \mathcal{I}_n$ a restriction of a unit

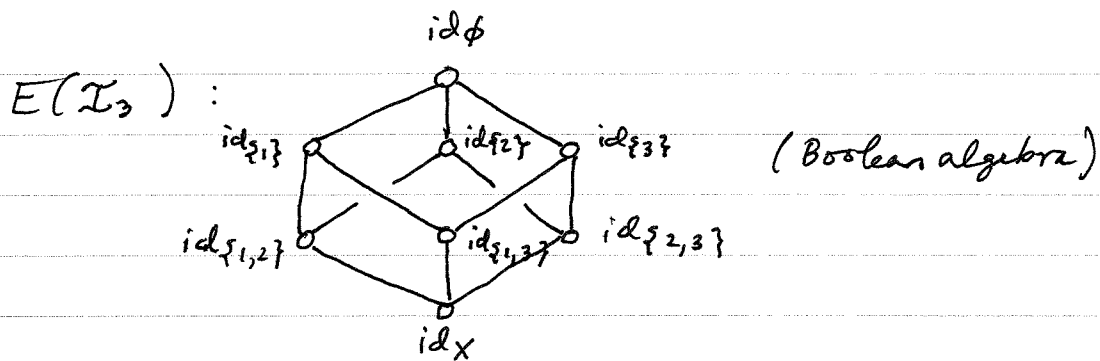
(warning: $\hat{\alpha}$ not unique).

Put another way: $\alpha = id_Y \cdot \hat{\alpha} \in E(\mathcal{I}_n)G(\mathcal{I}_n)$.

In general, a monoid is factorizable $\stackrel{\text{def.}}{\iff} M = EG$.

- Partially order $E(\mathcal{I}_n)$ by $id_Y \leq id_Z \iff Y \supseteq Z \iff id_Y id_Z = id_Z$

(for general M , partially order $E(M)$ by $e \leq f \iff ef = f$)



general principle: much of the structure of M determined by

the group $G(M)$, the point $E(M)$ and the action of G on E .

- All of the above holds for: k field, V vector space over k

$ML(V) =$ vector space isoms. $Y \rightarrow Z$ (Y, Z subspaces of V)

under composition of partial maps.

Lecture 5: Reflection monoids

• recall (Lecture 4): V vector space, $Y, Z \subset V$ subspaces, then an isomorphism $Y \rightarrow Z$ a partial (linear) isomorphism; $ML(V)$ (inverse) monoid of partial isoms. under composition of partial maps.

• notation: $g \in GL(V)$ ($\bar{g}: V \xrightarrow{\cong} V$ full isom.) and $Y \subset V$ subspace,

write g_Y for partial isom. $Y \xrightarrow{\cong} Yg$. In particular, $s \in GL(V)$ a

reflection $\mapsto s_Y$ a partial reflection. Recall $g_Y, h_Z \in ML(V)$

$$g_Y h_Z = (gh)_{Y \cap Z g^{-1}}.$$

• $W \subset GL(V)$ a group. A set \mathcal{S} of subspaces of V is a system in V

for W $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$ (1). $\forall \mathcal{S}, (2). \mathcal{S}W = \mathcal{S}$ ($\bar{w}: X \in \mathcal{S}, g \in W \Rightarrow Xg \in \mathcal{S}$)

(3). $X, Y \in \mathcal{S} \Rightarrow X \cap Y \in \mathcal{S}$.

• Eg: V Euclidean, orthonormal basis $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$, recall root

system $A_{n-1} = \{x_i - x_j \mid i \neq j\}$ and reflection group $W(A_{n-1})$

$\cong G_n \subset GL(V)$ under permutation action ($x_i \mapsto x_{i\pi}$).

(write $g(\pi) \mapsto \pi$ under this isom.)

Let $I = \{1, \dots, n\}$ and for $J \subseteq I$, let $X(J) = \bigoplus_J \mathbb{R}x_j \subset V$ and

$\mathcal{S}_1 = \{X(J) \mid J \subseteq I\}$, ($X(\emptyset) = \underline{0}$).

Then (1). $V = X(\mathcal{I})$, (2). $X(\mathcal{J})g(\pi) = X(\mathcal{J}\pi)$ and (3). $X(\mathcal{J}_1) \cap X(\mathcal{J}_2) = X(\mathcal{J}_1 \cap \mathcal{J}_2)$. $\Rightarrow \mathcal{S}_2$ system in V for $W(A_{n-1})$.

• Eg: same W as above; \mathcal{A} = braid arrangement (lecture 3)

= {hyperplanes $x_i - x_j = 0$ } = reflecting hyperplanes of $W(A_{n-1})$. Let

$\mathcal{S}_2 = L(\mathcal{A})$ intersection lattice. Recall that there is an isomorphism

of posets $\Pi(n) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_2$, written $\Lambda = \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_p\} \mapsto X(\Lambda) \in \mathcal{S}_2$. If
(partitions)

turns out that $X(\Lambda)g(\pi) = X(\Lambda\pi)$ with $\Lambda\pi = \{\lambda_1\pi, \dots, \lambda_p\pi\}$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{S}_2$ a system for $W(A_{n-1})$.

• Eg: in general, if $W \subset GL(V)$ a reflection gp., \mathcal{A} = reflecting hyperplanes

of W and $\mathcal{S} = L(\mathcal{A})$, then let $X \in \mathcal{A}$, $g \in W$ and $s =$ reflection in X

$\Rightarrow \bar{g}'sg = s' =$ reflection in $Xg \Rightarrow Xg \in \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow \mathcal{A}W = \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow \mathcal{S}W = \mathcal{S}$.

Thus, \mathcal{S} a system in V for W .

• $W \subset GL(V)$, \mathcal{S} system in V for W . Let

$$M(W, \mathcal{S}) := \{g_Y \mid g \in W, Y \in \mathcal{S}\} \subset M_L(V).$$

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Theorem: TFAE: (1). $M \subset M_L(V)$ factorizable inverse monoid

generated by partial reflections, (2). There is a reflection group

$W \subset GL(V)$ and a system S for W in V with $M = M(W, S)$.

A reflection monoid is an M satisfying (1) or (2).

• Eg: $W = W(A_{n-1}) \cong G_n$ (act. \perp); writing $M(A_{n-1}, S_\perp)$ for

$M(W, S_\perp)$, we have $M(A_{n-1}, S_\perp) \cong \mathcal{I}_n$.

• Theorem: $W \subset GL(V)$ finite and system S finite. Then

$$|M(W, S)| = \sum_{X \in S} [W : W_X]$$

($W_X :=$ isotropy gr. of $X = \{g \in W \mid \forall v \in X, gv = v\}$).

• Eg: $W = W(A_{n-1}) \cong G_n$; S_2 system above. If $X = X(\Lambda)$ for

$\Lambda = \{\Lambda_1, \dots, \Lambda_p\}$ then $W_X \cong G_{\Lambda_1} \times \dots \times G_{\Lambda_p}$ and

$$|M(A_{n-1}, S_2)| = \sum_{\Lambda} [G_n : G_{\Lambda_1} \times \dots \times G_{\Lambda_p}].$$

• In general: if $W = W(\Phi)$ then a $\Psi \subset \Phi$ satisfying the axioms

for a root system (see lecture 2) is a sub-root system. A reflection

subgroup is a $W(\Psi)$ for Ψ a sub-root system. Then,

Theorem: $W \subset GL(V)$ finite and $S_2 = L(\mathcal{A})$ the intersection lattice of

the reflecting hyperplanes. Then $M(W, S_2)$ has order the sum of the indices

of the reflection subgroups.