

The plan is to show all finitely generated reflection groups are in fact Coxeter groups, which admit a nice geometric classification. This follows[? ]

This is a rough outline of the structure:

## 0.1 Reflection groups

work in  $n$ -dimensional euclidean space  $E$ . This may be spoken about in the previous section? The origin preserving reflections of  $E$  are all contained in  $O(E)$ , this is also the smallest group containing all of these reflections. [citation-needed] (easy induction i think?) We also want to consider reflections that don't preserve the origin, or *affine reflections* these will, similarly, all lie in the **affine orthogonal group**

$$AO(E) := E \rtimes O(E)$$

where  $E$  acts on itself by translation.

A reflection in  $E$  is an affine transformation  $r \in AO(E)$  that fixes some affine hyperplane  $H$  (some translation of codimension 1 subspace).

A group  $W \leq AO(E)$  is a **reflection group** if it is generated by affine reflections. If we have  $W \leq O(E) \leq AO(E)$  then we recover the definition used for reflection groups of regular polytopes discussed earlier.

From now on we will fix a reflection group  $W$  and start referring to affine reflections as just reflections.

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the set of affine hyperplanes fixed by some reflection in  $W$ .

**Lemma 0.1.1.** If  $H \in \mathcal{H}$  is an affine hyperplane and  $s \in W$  is a reflection,  $sH$  is also an affine hyperplane.

*Proof.* A hyperplane in any euclidean space is equivalently the locus

$$\{v \in E \mid (v, \alpha) = 0\}$$

where  $\alpha$  is the normal vector to the hyperplane. Thus an affine hyperplane with normal  $\alpha$  and minimal distance from the origin  $k$  will be

$$\{v \in E \mid (v, \alpha) = k\}$$

Now  $sH$  will consists of points  $sv$  such that  $(v, \alpha) = k$ , but as  $s$  is  $AO(E)$ , it preserves the inner product so  $(sv, s\alpha) = (v, \alpha) = k$  so

$$sH = \{v \in E \mid (sv, s\alpha) = k\} = \{v \in E \mid (v, s^*s\alpha) = k\}$$

where  $s^*$  is the adjoint map. □

Let  $\Phi$  be the set of unit normal vectors to hyperplanes  $H_i \in \mathcal{H}$ .

**Lemma 0.1.2.** For all affine hyperplanes  $H \in \mathcal{H}$  with corresponding reflection  $r \in W$ , and reflections  $s \in W$  the map  $srs^{-1}$  is a reflection over the affine hyperplane  $sH$ .

*Proof.* □

**Proposition 0.1.3.** The action of  $W$  on  $E$  stabilises  $\Phi$  and  $\mathcal{H}$ .

*Proof.* Start by considering some affine hyperplane  $H \in \mathcal{H}$  with corresponding reflection  $r \in W$ , then for all  $s \in W$  the map  $srs^{-1}$  fixes  $sH$  and has determinant  $-1$  so is a reflection, therefore  $sH \in \mathcal{H}$  □

We can derive the Coxeter relations from  $\Phi$ , a group satisfying such relations is called Coxeter.

**Definition 0.1.4.** We call a group  $W$  **Coxeter** if it admits a presentation of the form:

$$\langle r_1, \dots, r_n \mid (r_i r_j)^{m_{ij}} \text{ for all } i, j \rangle$$

where each  $m_{ij} \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ , and  $m_{ii} = 1$  for all  $i$ . For formal reasons, we will consider the pair  $(W, R)$ , where  $R$  is the set of generators in the presentation, and call this a **Coxeter system**. We call a Coxeter system finite if  $R$  is finite.

## 0.2 The fundamental domain

The action of  $W$  fixes  $\Phi$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  so acts on the connected components  $E \setminus \mathcal{H}$  called the set of **fundamental domains** for  $W$ .

The reflections fixing hyperplanes bounding any single fundamental domain will generate  $W$ , such reflections (hyperplanes, roots) are called **simple**.

Show the action of  $W$  on the fundamental domains is transitive

## 0.3 Words

The length of a word in terms of simple reflections corresponds to the number of plane between a fundamental domain and its image. This implies the action on fundamental domains is in fact **simply** transitive.

**Proposition 0.3.1** (Deletion condition). Given an unreduced expression  $w = r_1 \cdots r_k$  there exists  $1 \leq i < j \leq k$  such that  $w = r_1 \cdots \hat{r}_i \cdots \hat{r}_j \cdots r_k$ , where the hat means omittance.

**Proposition 0.3.2** (Exchange condition). For  $w = r_1 \cdots r_k$  a not necessarily reduced expression and some simple  $r \in W$  with  $l(wr) < l(w)$ , then there exists an  $1 \leq i \leq k$  s.t.  $wr = r_1 \cdots \hat{r}_i \cdots r_k$ .

**Theorem 0.3.3.** Any non-trivial relation in a reflection group is a consequence of the Coxeter relations.

## 0.4 Classification

To any finite Coxeter system  $(W, R)$  we can associate an undirected graph called its **Coxeter diagram** by the following rules:

- Draw a node  $i$  for each  $r_i \in R$ ;
- For each relation  $(r_i r_j)^{m_{ij}}$  with  $m_{ij} > 2$  draw an edge between  $i$  and  $j$  and label it with  $m_{ij}$ .

This process can be reversed to obtain a Coxeter system from any Coxeter diagram. This correspondence will associate the graph:



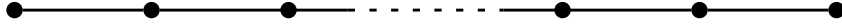
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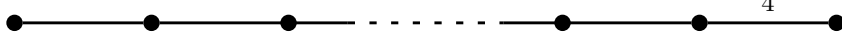
$$\langle r_1, r_2, r_3 \mid r_1^2 = r_2^2 = r_3^2 = e, (r_1 r_2)^4 = (r_2 r_3)^3 = (r_1 r_3)^2 = e \rangle$$

For brevity the 3 labels will often be excluded.

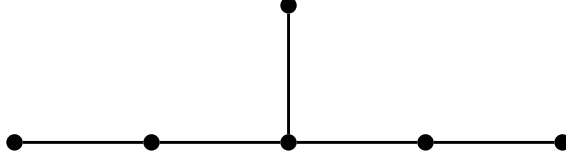
- show the graph is well defined up isometryish

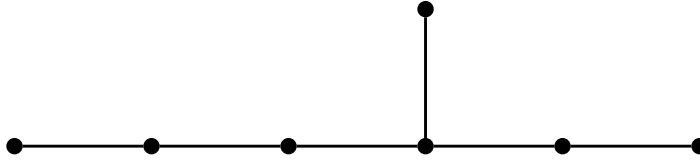
- disjoint unions of graphs correspond to products of groups
- bilinear form of a coxeter group
- if positive definite, the coxeter group is finite
- classify positive-definite forms
- all of which can be seen as reflection groups of regular polyhedra. some of which will be described in the previous section?

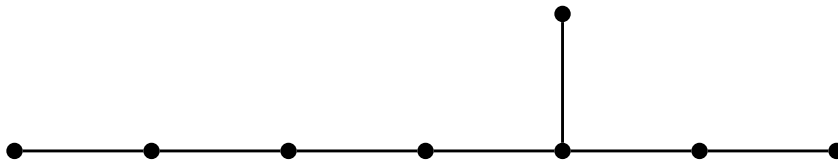
$A_n$    $(n \geq 1)$

$BC_n$    $(n \geq 2)$


$D_n$    $(n \geq 4)$

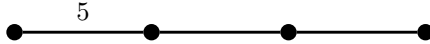
$E_6$  

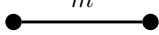
$E_7$  

$E_8$  

$F_4$  

$H_3$  

$H_4$  

$I_2(m)$    $(m \geq 4)$