# Posets of twisted involutions in Coxeter groups

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# 1 Introduction

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# 2 Preliminaries

We start up with collecting some definitions and facts to ensure a uniform terminology and state of knowledge.

### 2.1 Posets

**Definition 2.1.** Let M be a set. A binary relation  $\leq$  is called a *partial order* over M, if for all  $a, b, c \in M$  it satisfies the conditions

- 1.  $a \leq a$  (reflexivity),
- 2.  $a \le b \land b \le a \Rightarrow a = b$  (antisymmetry) and
- 3.  $a \le b \land b \le c \Rightarrow a \le c$  (transitivity).

In this case  $(M, \leq)$  is called a **poset**. If two elements  $a \leq b \in M$  are immediate neighbors, i.e. there is no third element  $c \in M$  with  $a \leq c \leq b$  we say that b **covers** a.

**Definition 2.2.** A poset is called *graded poset* if there is a map  $\rho : M \to \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $a, b \in M$  with b covers a we have  $\rho(b) = \rho(a) + 1$ . In this case  $\rho$  is called the *rank function* of the graded poset.

**Definition 2.3.** A poset is called *directed poset*, if for any two elements  $a, b \in M$  there is an element  $c \in M$  with  $a \le c$  and  $b \le c$ . It is called *bounded poset*, if it has a unique minimal and maximal element, denoted by  $\hat{0}$  and  $\hat{1}$ .

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $(M, \leq)$  be a poset and  $a, b \in M$ . Then we call  $\{c \in M : a \leq c \leq b\}$  an *interval* and denote it by  $[a, b]_{\leq}$ . The set  $\{c \in M : a < c < b\}$  is called an *open interval* and is denoted by  $(a, b)_{\leq}$ . In both cases we can omit the  $\leq$ , if the relation is clear from context.

**Definition 2.5.** The *Hasse diagram* of the poset  $(M, \leq)$  is the graph obtained in the following way: Add a vertex for each element in M. Then add a directed edge from vertex a to b whenever b covers a.

**Example 2.6.** Suppose we have an arbitrary set M. Then the powerset  $\mathcal{P}(M)$  can be partially ordered by the subset relation, so  $(\mathcal{P}(M), \subseteq)$  is a poset. Indeed this poset is always graded with the cardinality function as rank function. In Figure 2.1 we see the Hasse diagram of this poset with  $M = \{x, y, z\}$ .

# 2.2 Coxeter groups

A Coxeter group, named after Harold Scott MacDonald Coxeter, is an abstract group generated by involutions with specific relations between these generators. A simple class of Coxeter groups are the symmetry groups of regular polyhedras in the Euclidean space.



Figure 2.1: Hasse diagram of the set of all subsets of  $\{x, y, z\}$  order by the subset relation

The symmetry group of the square for example can be generated by two reflections s,t, whose stabilized hyperplanes enclose an angle of  $\pi/4$ . In this case the map st is a rotation in the plane by  $\pi/2$ . So we have  $s^2 = t^2 = (st)^4 = \text{id}$ . In fact, this reflection group is determined up to isomorphy by s,t and these three relations [7, Theorem 1.9]. Furthermore it turns out, that the finite reflection groups in the Euclidean space are precisely the finite Coxeter groups [7, Theorem 6.4].

In this chapter we compile some basic well-known facts on Coxeter groups, based on [7].

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$  be a finite set of symbols and

$$R = \{m_{ij} \in \mathbb{N} \cup \infty : 1 \le i, j \le n\}$$

a set numbers (or  $\infty$ ) with  $m_{ii}=1$ ,  $m_{ij}>1$  for  $i\neq j$  and  $m_{ij}=m_{ji}$ . Then the free represented group

$$W = \langle S \mid (s_i s_j)^{m_{ij}} \rangle$$

is called a *Coxeter group* and (W, S) the corrosponding *Coxeter system*. The cardinality of S is called the *rank* of the Coxeter system (and the Coxeter group).

From the definition we see, that Coxeter groups only depend on the cardinality of *S* and the relations between the generators in *S*. A common way to visualize this information are Coxeter graphs.

**Definition 2.8.** Let (W, S) be a Coxeter system. Create a graph by adding a vertex for each generator in S. Let  $(s_is_j)^m = 1$ . In case m = 2 the two corrosponding vertices have no connecting edge. In case m = 3 they are connected by an unlabed edge. For m > 3 they have an connecting edge with label m. We call this graph the **Coxeter graph** of our Coxeter system (W, S).

**Definition 2.9.** Let (W, S) be a Coxeter system. For an arbitrary element  $w \in W$  we call a product  $s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_n} = w$  of generators  $s_{i_1} \ldots s_{i_n} \in S$  an **expression** of w. Any expression that can be obtained from  $s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_n}$  by omitting some (or all) factors, is called a **subexpression** of w.

The present relations between the generators of a Coxeter group allow us to rewrite expressions. Hence an element  $w \in W$  can have more than one expression. Obviously any element  $w \in W$  has infinitly many expressions, since any expression  $s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_n} = w$  can be extended by applying  $s_1^2 = 1$  from the right. But there must be a smallest number of generators needed to receive w. For example the neutral element e can be expressed by the empty expression. Or each generator  $s_i \in S$  can be expressed by itself, but any expression with less factors (i.e. the empty expression) is unequal to  $s_i$ .

**Definition 2.10.** Let (W, S) be a Coxeter system and  $w \in W$  an element. Then there are some (not necessarily distinct) generators  $s_i \in S$  with  $s_1 \cdots s_r = w$ . We call r the *expression length*. The smallest number  $r \in \mathbb{N}_0$  for that w has an expression of length r is called the *length* of w and each expression of w, that is of minimal length, is called *reduced expression*. The map

$$l: W \to \mathbb{N}_0$$

that maps each element in W to its length is called *length function*.

**Definition 2.11.** Let (W, S) be a Coxeter system. We define

$$D_R(w) := \{ s \in S : l(ws) < l(w) \}$$

as the *right descending set* of w. The analogue left version

$$D_L(w) := \{ s \in S : l(sw) < l(w) \}$$

is called *left descending set* of w. Since the left descending set is not need in this paper, we will often call the right descending just *descending set* of w.

The next lemma yields some useful identities and relations for the length function.

**Lemma 2.12.** [7, Section 5.2] Let (W, S) be a Coxeter system,  $s \in S$ ,  $u, w \in W$  and  $l : W \to \mathbb{N}$  the length function. Then

- 1.  $l(w) = l(w^{-1})$ ,
- 2. l(w) = 0 iff w = e,
- 3. l(w) = 1 iff  $w \in S$ ,
- 4.  $l(uw) \le l(u) + l(w)$ ,
- 5.  $l(uw) \ge l(u) l(w)$  and
- 6.  $l(ws) = l(w) \pm 1$ .

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### 2.2.1 Exchange and Deletion Condition

We now obtain a way to get a reduced expression of an arbitrary element  $s_1 \cdots s_r = w \in W$ .

**Definition 2.13.** Let (W, S) be a Coxeter system. Any element  $w \in W$  that is conjugated to an generator  $s \in S$  is called *reflection*. Hence the set of all reflections in W is

$$T = \bigcup_{w \in W} wSw^{-1}.$$

**Theorem 2.14** (Strong Exchange Condition). [7, Theorem 5.8] Let (W, S) be a Coxeter system,  $w \in W$  an arbitrary element and  $s_1 \cdots s_r = w$  with  $s_i \in S$  a not necessarily reduced expression for w. For each reflection  $t \in T$  with l(wt) < l(w) there exists an index i for which  $wt = s_1 \cdots \hat{s}_i \cdots s_r$ , where  $\hat{s}_i$  means omission. In case we start from a reduced expression, then i is unique.

The Strong Exchange Condition can be weaken, when insisting on  $t \in S$  to receive the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.15** (Exchange Condition). [7, Theorem 5.8] Let (W, S) be a Coxeter system,  $w \in W$  an arbitrary element and  $s_1 \cdots s_r = w$  with  $s_i \in S$  a not necessarily reduced expression for w. For each generator  $s \in S$  with l(ws) < l(w) there exists an index i for which  $ws = s_1 \cdots \hat{s_i} \cdots s_r$ , where  $\hat{s_i}$  means omission. In case we start from a reduced expression, then i is unique.

*Proof.* Directly from Strong Exchange Condition.

Remark 2.16. Note that both, Strong Exchange Condition and Exchange Condition have an analogues left-sided version

$$l(tw) < l(w) \Rightarrow tw = ts_1 \cdots s_k = s_1 \cdots \hat{s}_i \cdots s_k$$

for all reflections  $t \in T$ , hence for all generators  $s \in S$  in particular.

**Corollary 2.17** (Deletion Condition). [7, Corollary 5.8] Let (W, S) be a Coxeter system,  $w \in W$  and  $w = s_1 \cdots s_r$  with  $s_i \in S$  an unreduced expression of w. Then there exist two indices  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, r\}$  with i < j, such that  $w = s_1 \cdots \hat{s_i} \cdots \hat{s_j} \cdots s_r$ , where  $\hat{s_i}$  and  $\hat{s_j}$  mean omission.

*Proof.* Since the expression is unreduced there must be an index j for that the twisted length shrinks. That means for  $w' = s_1 \cdots s_{j-1}$  is  $l(w's_j) < l(w')$ . Using the Exchange Condition we get  $w's_j = s_1 \cdots \hat{s_i} \cdots s_{j-1}$  yielding  $w = s_1 \cdots \hat{s_i} \cdots \hat{s_j} \cdots s_r$ .

This corollary is called **Deletion Condition** and allows us to reduce expressions, i.e. to find a subexpression that is reduced. Due to the Deletion Condition any unreduced expression can be reduced by omitting an even number of generators (we just have to apply the Deletion Condition inductively).

The Strong Exchange Condition, the Exchange Condition and the Deletion Condition, are some of the most powerful tools when investigating properties of Coxeter groups. We can use the second to prove a very handy property of Coxeter groups. The intersection of two parabolic subgroups is again a parabolic subgroup.

**Definition 2.18.** Let (W, S) be a Coxeter system. For a subset of generators  $I \subset S$  we call the subgroup  $W_I \leq W$ , that is generated by the elements in I with the corrosponding relations, a **parabolic subgroup** of W.

**Lemma 2.19.** [7, Section 5.8] Let (W, S) be a Coxeter system and  $w \in W$ . Let  $w = s_1 \cdots s_k$  any reduced expression for w. Then  $\{s_1, \ldots, s_k\} \subset S$  is independent of the particular choosen reduced expression. It only depends on w itself.

This means, that two reduced expressions for an element  $w \in W$  use exactly the same generators. A related fact, is the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.20.** [7, Section 5.8] Let (W, S) be a Coxeter system and  $I, J \subset S$  two subsets of generators. Then  $W_I \cap W_J = W_{I \cap J}$ .

# 2.2.2 Finite Coxeter groups

Coxeter groups can be finite and infinite. A simple example for the former category is the following. Let  $S = \{s\}$ . Due to definition it must be  $s^2 = e$ . So W is isomorph to  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  and finite. An example for an infinite Coxeter group can be obtained from  $S = \{s, t\}$  with  $s^2 = t^2 = e$  and  $(st)^\infty = e$  (so we have no relation between s and t). Obviously the element st has infinite order forcing W to be infinite. But there are infinite Coxeter groups without an  $\infty$ -relation between two generators, as well. An example for this is W obtained from  $S = \{s_1, s_2, s_3\}$  with  $s_1^2 = s_2^2 = s_3^2 = (s_1s_2)^3 = (s_2s_3)^3 = (s_3s_1)^3 = e$ . But how can one decide weather W is finite or not?

To provide a general answer to this question we fallback to a certain class of Coxeter groups, the irreducible ones.

**Definition 2.21.** A Coxeter system is called *irreducible*, if the corresponding Coxeter graph is connected. Else, it is called *reducible*.

If a Coxeter system is reducible, then its graph has more than one component and each component corrosponds to a parabolic subgroup of *W*.

**Proposition 2.22.** [7, Proposition 6.1] Let (W, S) be a reducible Coxeter system. Then there exists a partition of S into I, J with  $(s_is_j)^2 = e$  whenever  $s_i \in I$ ,  $s_j \in J$  and W is isomorph to the direct product of the two parabolic subgroups  $W_I$  and  $W_I$ .

This proposition tells us, that an arbitray Coxeter system is finite iff its irreducible parabolic subgroups are finite. Therefore we can indeed fallback to irreducible Coxeter systems without loss of generality. If we could categorize all irreducible finite Coxeter systems, we could categorize all finite Coxeter systems. This is done by the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.23.** [7, Theorem 6.4] The irreducible finite Coxeter systems are exactly the ones in Figure 2.2.

This allows us to decide with ease, if a given Coxeter system is finite. Take its irreducible parabolic subgroups and check, if each is of type  $A_n$ ,  $B_n$ ,  $D_n$ ,  $E_6$ ,  $E_7$ ,  $E_8$ ,  $F_4$ ,  $H_3$ ,  $H_4$  or  $I_2(m)$ .



Figure 2.2: All types of irreducible finite Coxeter systems

## 2.2.3 Compact hyperbolic Coxeter groups

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# 2.3 Bruhat ordering on Coxeter groups

We now investigate ways to partially order the elements of a Coxeter group. Futhermore, this ordering should be compatible with the length function, i.e. for  $w,v\in W$  we have l(w)< l(v) whenever  $w\leq v$ .

**Definition 2.24.** Let (W, S) be a Coxeter system and  $T = \bigcup_{w \in W} wSw^{-1}$  the set of all reflections in W. We write  $w' \to w$  if there is a  $t \in T$  with w't = w and l(w') < l(w). If there is a sequence  $w' = w_0 \to w_1 \to \ldots \to w_m = w$  we say w' < w. The resulting relation  $w' \le w$  is called **Bruhat ordering**, denoted by Br(W).

**Lemma 2.25.** [7, Section 5.9] Let (W, S) be a Coxeter system. Then Br(W) is a poset.

*Proof.* The Bruhat ordering is reflexive by definition. Since the elements in sequences  $e \to w_1 \to w_2 \to \dots$  are strictly ascending in length, it must be antisymmetric. By concatenation of sequences we get the transitivity.

What we really want is the Bruhat ordering to be graded with the length function as rank function. By definition we already have v < w iff l(v) < l(w), but its not that obvious that two immediately adjacent elements differ in length by exactly 1. Beforehand let us just mention two other partial orderings, where this property is obvious by definition:

**Definition 2.26.** Let (W, S) be a Coxeter system. The ordering  $\leq_R$  defined by  $u \leq_R w$  iff uv = w for some  $u \in W$  with l(u) + l(v) = l(w) is called the **right weak ordering**. The left-sided version  $u \leq_L w$  iff vu = w is called the **left weak ordering**.

To ensure the Bruhat ordering is graded as well, we need another characterization of the Bruhat ordering in terms of subexpressions.

**Proposition 2.27.** [7, Proposition 5.9] Let (W, S) be a Coxeter system,  $u, w \in W$  with  $u \leq w$  and  $s \in S$ . Then us < w or us < ws or both.

*Proof.* We can reduce the proof (**TODO**why?) to the case  $u \to w$ , i.e. ut = w for a  $t \in T$  with l(v) < l(u). Let s = t. Then  $us \le w$  and we are done. In case  $s \ne t$  there are two alternatives for the lengths. We can have l(us) = l(u) - 1 which would mean  $us \to u \to w$ , so  $us \le w$ .

Assume l(us) = l(u) + 1. For the reflection t' = sts we get (us)t' = ussts = uts = ws. So we have  $us \le ws$  iff l(us) < l(ws). Suppose this is not the case. Since we have assumed l(us) = l(u) + 1 any reduced expression  $u = s_1 \cdots s_r$  for u yields a reduced expression  $us = s_1 \cdots s_rs$  for us. With the Strong Exchange Condition we can obtain ws = ust' from us by omitting one factor. This omitted factor cannot be s since  $s \ne t$ . This means  $ws = s_1 \cdots \hat{s_i} \cdots s_rs$  and so  $ws = s_1 \cdots \hat{s_i} \cdots s_r$ , contradicting to our assumption l(u) < l(w)

**Theorem 2.28** (Subword property). [7, Theorem 5.10] Let (W, S) be a Coxeter system and  $w \in W$  with any reduced expression  $w = s_1 \cdots s_r$  and  $s_i \in S$ . Then  $u \leq w$  (in the Bruhat ordering) iff u can be obtained as a subexpression of this reduced expression.

Proof. TODO

**Corollary 2.29.** Let  $u, w \in W$ . Then the interval [u, w] in the Bruhat order Br(W) is finite.

*Proof.* We have  $[u, w] \subseteq [e, w]$ . All elements  $v \in [e, w]$  can be obtained as subexpressions of one fixed reduced expression for w. Let  $s_1 \dots s_k = w$  be such an reduced expression. Then there are at most  $2^k$  many subexpressions, hence [u, w] is finite.

This characterization of the Bruhat ordering is very handy. With it and the following short lemma we will be in the position to show that Br(W) is graded with rank function l.

**Lemma 2.30.** [7, Lemma 5.11] Let (W, S) be a Coxeter system,  $u, w \in W$  with u < w and l(w) = l(u) + 1. In case there is a generator  $s \in S$  with u < us but  $us \neq w$ , then both w < ws and us < ws.

*Proof.* Due to Proposition 2.27 we have  $us \le w$  or  $us \le ws$ . Since l(us) = l(w) and  $us \ne w$  the first case is impossible. So  $us \le ws$  and because of  $u \ne w$  already us < ws. In turn, l(w) = l(us) < l(ws), forcing w < ws.

**Proposition 2.31.** [7, Proposition 5.11] Let (W, S) be a Coxeter system and u < w. Then there are elements  $w_0, \ldots, w_m \in W$  such that  $u = w_0 < w_1 < \ldots < w_m = w$  with  $l(w_i) = l(w_{i-1}) + 1$  for  $1 \le i \le m$ .

*Proof.* We induce on r = l(u) + l(w). In case r = 1 we have u = e and w = s for an  $s \in S$  and are done. Conversely suppose r > 1. Then there is a reduced expression  $w = s_1 \cdots s_r$  for w. Lets fix this expression. Then  $l(ws_r) < l(w)$ . Thanks to Subword property there

must be a subexpression of w with  $u = s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_q}$  for some  $i_1 < \ldots < i_q$ . We distinguish between two cases:

- u < us: If  $i_q = r$ , then  $us = s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_q} s = s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_{q-1}}$  which is also a subexpression of ws. This yields  $u < us \le ws < w$ . Since l(ws) < r there is, by induction, a sequence of the desired form. The last step from ws to w also differs in length by exactly 1, so we are done. If  $i_q < r$  then u is itself already a subexpression of ws and we can again find a sequence from u to ws strictly ascending length by 1 in each step and have one last step from ws to w also increasing length by 1.
- us < u: Then by induction we can find a sequence from us to w, say  $us = w_0 < \ldots < w_m = w$ , where the lengths of neighbored elements differ by exactly 1. Since  $w_0s = u > us = w_0$  and  $w_ms = ws < w = w_m$  there must be a smallest index  $i \ge 1$ , such that  $w_is < w_i$ , which we choose. Suppose  $w_i \ne w_{i-1}s$ . We have  $w_{i-1} < w_{i-1}s \ne w_i$  and due to Lemma 2.30 we get  $w_i < w_is$ . This contradicts to the minimality of i. So  $w_i = w_{i-1}s$ . For all  $1 \le j < i$  we have  $w_j \ne w_{j-1}s$ , because of  $w_j < w_js$ . Again we apply Lemma 2.30 to receive  $w_{j-1}s < w_js$ . Alltogether we can construct a sequence

$$u = w_0 s < w_1 s < \ldots < w_{i-1} s = w_i < w_{i+1} < \ldots w_m = w$$

which matches our assumption.

**Corollary 2.32.** Let (W, S) be a Coxeter system and Br(W) the Bruhat ordering poset of W. Then Br(W) is graded with  $l: W \to \mathbb{N}$  as rank function.

*Proof.* Let  $u, w \in W$  with w covering u. Then Proposition 2.31 says there is a sequence  $u = w_0 < \ldots < w_m = w$  with  $l(w_i) = l(w_{i-1}) + 1$  for  $1 \le i \le m$ . Since w covers u it must be m = 1 and so u < w with l(w) = l(u) + 1.

**Theorem 2.33** (Lifting Property). [3, Theorem 1.1] Let (W, S) be a Coxeter system and  $v, w \in W$  with  $v \leq w$ . Suppose  $s \in S$  with  $s \in D_R(w)$ . Then

- 1.  $vs \leq w$ ,
- 2.  $s \in D_R(v) \Rightarrow vs \leq ws$ .

*Proof.* We use the alternative subexpression characterization of the Bruhat ordering from Subword property.

- 1. Since  $s \in D_R(w)$  there exists a reduced expression  $w = s_1 \cdots s_r$  with  $s_r = s$ . Due to  $v \le w$  we can obtain v as a subexpression  $v = s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_q}$  from w. If  $i_q = r$  then  $vs = s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_q} s = s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_{q-1}}$  is also a subexpression of w. Else, if  $i_q \ne r$  then v is a subexpression of  $ws = s_1 \cdots s_{r-1}$  and so vs is again a subexpression of  $w = s_1 \cdots s_{r-1} s$ . In both cases we get  $vs \le w$ .
- 2. If we additionally assume  $s \in D_R(v)$  then we can always find a reduced expression  $w = s_1 \cdots s_r$  with  $s_r = s$  having  $u = s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_q}$  as subexpression with  $s_{i_q} = s$ . This yields  $vs = s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_{q-1}} \le s_1 \cdots s_{r-1} = ws$ .

The Lifting Property seems quite innocent, but when trying to investigate facts around the Bruhat ordering it proves to be one of the key tools in many cases.

**Proposition 2.34.** [2, Proposition 7] The poset Br(W) is directed.

*Proof.* Let  $u, v \in W$ . We need to find an element  $w \in W$  with  $u \le w$  and  $v \le w$ . For that, we induce on r = l(u) + l(w). For r = 0 we have u = v = e and can choose w = e. So let r > 0. Because of symmetry we can assume l(u) > 0, hence  $u \ne e$  and so there is a  $s \in S$  with us < u. By induction hypothesis there is a  $w \in W$  with us < w and v < w. Consider two cases:

ws < w: Then  $s \in D_R(w)$  and with Lifting Property we have  $u = uss \le w$ , so both  $u \le w$  and  $v \le w$ .

ws > w: TODO

# Corollary 2.35. [2, Proposition 8]

- 1. Let W be finite, then there exists an unique element  $w_0 \in W$  with  $w \leq w_0$  for all  $w \in W$ .
- 2. If W contains an element w, with  $D_R(w) = S$ , then W is finite and w is the unique element  $w_0$ .
- *Proof.* 1. Assume there are two elements  $u, v \in W$  of maximal rank. Since Br(W) is directed, there is an element  $w \in W$  with  $u \leq w$  and  $v \leq w$ . Because Br(W) is graded, we have l(w) > l(u) = l(v), contradicting to the maximality of u and v.
  - 2. We want to show, that v < w for all  $v \in W$ . For that, we induce on r = l(v). If r = 0, then  $v = e \le w$ . Let r > 0. Then there is a  $s \in S$  with us < u. By induction,  $us \le w$ . Since  $s \in D_R(w)$ , we have  $uss = u \le w$  by Lifting Property and are done with our induction. This yields W = [e, w] and since by Corollary 2.29 intervals in the Bruhat order are finite, W is finite, too.

**Theorem 2.36.** Let (W, S) be a finite Coxeter system. Then Br(W) is graded, directed and bounded.

*Proof.* Br(W) is graded due to Corollary 2.32, directed due to Proposition 2.34 and bounded due to Corollary 2.35.

**Corollary 2.37.** Let (W, S) be a Coxeter system and  $w, v \in W$  with w < v. Then the interval [w, v] is a finite poset, which is finite, graded, directed and bounded.

*Proof.* The poset structure and the graduation transfers directly from Br(W). By Corollary 2.29 intervals in Br(W) are finite. Since v is the unique maximal element and w the unique minimal element, it is bounded. By definition of intervals we have  $u \leq v$  for every element  $u \in [w, v]$ , hence it is directed.

# 3 Twisted involutions in Coxeter groups

In this section we focus on a certain subset of elements in Coxeter groups, the so called twisted involutions. From now on (and in the next sections) we fix some symbols to have always the same meaning (some definitions follow later):

- (W, S) A Coxeter system with generators S and elements W.
  - s A generator in S.
- u, v, w A element in the Coxeter group W.
  - $\theta$  A Coxeter system automorphism of (W, S) with  $\theta^2 = id$ .
  - $\mathcal{I}_{\theta}$  The set of  $\theta$ -twisted involutions of W.
  - $\underline{S}$  A set of symbols,  $\underline{S} = \{\underline{s} : s \in S\}$ .

# 3.1 Introduction to twisted involutions

**Definition 3.1.** An automorphism  $\theta: W \to W$  with  $\theta(S) = S$  is called a **Coxeter system automorphism** of (W, S). We always assume  $\theta^2 = \mathrm{id}$ .

**Definition 3.2.** Each  $w \in W$  with  $\theta(w) = w^{-1}$  is called a  $\theta$ -twisted involution or just twisted involution, if  $\theta$  is clear from the context. The set of all  $\theta$ -twisted involutions in W is denoted by  $\mathcal{I}_{\theta}(W)$ . Often we just omit the Coxeter group and write  $\mathcal{I}_{\theta}$ , when it is clear from the context which W is meant.

**Example 3.3.** Let  $\theta = id_W$ . Then  $\theta$  is an Coxeter system automorphism and the set of all id-twisted involutions coincides with the set of all ordinary involutions of W.

The next example is more helpfull, since it reveals a way to think of  $\mathcal{I}_{\theta}$  as a generalization of ordinary Coxeter groups.

**Example 3.4.** [6, Example 3.2] Let  $\theta$  be a automorphism of  $W \times W$  with  $\theta : (u, w) \mapsto (w, u)$ . Then  $\theta$  is an Coxeter system automorphism of the Coxeter system  $(W \times W, S \times S)$  and the set of twisted involutions is

$$\mathcal{I}_{\theta} = \{ (w, w^{-1}) \in W \times W : w \in W \}.$$

This yields a canonical bijection between  $\mathcal{I}_{\theta}$  and W.

The map we define right now is of great importance to this whole paper, since it is needed to define the poset, the main thesis is about.

**Definition 3.5.** Let  $\underline{S} := \{\underline{s} : s \in S\}$  be a set of symbols. Each element in  $\underline{S}$  acts from the right on W by the following definition:

$$w\underline{s} = \begin{cases} ws & \text{if } \theta(s)ws = w, \\ \theta(s)ws & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

This action can be extended on the whole free monoid over *S* by

$$w\underline{s}_1\underline{s}_2...\underline{s}_k = (...((w\underline{s}_1)\underline{s}_2)...)\underline{s}_k.$$

If  $w\underline{s} = \theta(s)ws$ , then we say  $\underline{s}$  acts by twisted conjugation on w. Else we say  $\underline{s}$  acts by multiplication on w.

Note that this is no group action. For example let W be a Coxeter group with two generators s, t satisfying ord(st) = 3 and let  $\theta$  = id. Then sts = tst, but

$$e\underline{sts} = s\underline{ts} = t\underline{sts} = s\underline{ts}\underline{s} = t \neq s = t\underline{st}\underline{t} = s\underline{ts}\underline{t} = t\underline{st} = e\underline{ts}\underline{t}.$$

**Definition 3.6.** Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s_i \in S$  for all  $1 \le i \le k$ . Then an expression  $e\underline{s_1} \dots \underline{s_k}$ , or just  $\underline{s_1} \dots \underline{s_k}$ , is called  $\theta$ - *twisted expression*. If  $\theta$  is clear from the context, we omit  $\theta$  and call it *twisted expression*. A twisted expression is called *reduced twisted expression*, if there is no k' < k with  $\underline{s'_1} \dots \underline{s'_{k'}} = \underline{s_1} \dots \underline{s_k}$ .

**Lemma 3.7.** [6, Lemma 3.4] Let  $w \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$  and  $s \in S$ . Then

$$w\underline{s} = \begin{cases} ws & \text{if } l(\theta(s)ws) = l(w), \\ \theta(s)ws & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Suppose  $\underline{s}$  acts by multiplication on w. Then  $\theta(s)ws=w$  and so  $l(\theta(s)ws)=l(w)$ . Conversely, suppose  $l(\theta(s)ws)=l(w)$ . TODO

**Lemma 3.8.** We have l(ws) < l(w) iff l(ws) < l(w).

*Proof.* Suppose  $\underline{s}$  acts by multiplication on w. Then  $w\underline{s} = ws$  and there is nothing to prove. So suppose  $\underline{s}$  acts by twisted conjugation on w. If l(ws) < l(w), then Lemma 2.12 yields l(ws) + 1 = l(w). Assuming  $l(w\underline{s}) = l(\theta(s)ws) = l(w)$  would imply, that  $\underline{s}$  acts by multiplication on w due to Lemma 3.7, which is a contradiction. So  $l(w\underline{s}) = l(\theta(s)ws) < l(w)$ . Conversely, suppose  $l(w\underline{s}) < l(w)$ . Then Lemma 2.12 says  $l(w\underline{s}) = l(\theta(s)ws) = l(w) - 2$  and so l(ws) = l(w) - 1.

**Lemma 3.9.** For all  $w \in W$  and  $s \in S$  we have wss = w.

*Proof.* For  $w\underline{s}$  there are two cases. Suppose  $\underline{s}$  acts by multiplication on w, i.e.  $\theta(s)ws = w$ . For  $w\underline{s}$  there are again two possible options:

$$ws\underline{s} = \begin{cases} wss = w & \text{if } \theta(s)wss = ws, \\ \theta(s)wss = ws & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

The second option contradicts itself.

Now suppose  $\underline{s}$  acts by twisted conjugation on w. This means  $\theta(s)ws \neq w$  and for  $(\theta(s)ws)\underline{s}$  there are again two possible options:

$$(\theta(s)ws)\underline{s} = \begin{cases} \theta(s)wss = \theta(s)w & \text{if } \theta(s)\theta(s)wss = \theta(s)ws, \\ \theta(s)\theta(s)wss = w & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

The first option is impossible since  $\theta(s)\theta(s)wss = w$  and we have assumed  $\theta(s)ws \neq w$ . Hence the only possible cases yield  $w\underline{ss} = w$ .

*Remark* 3.10. This lemma allows us to to rewrite equations of twisted expressions. For example

$$u = ws \iff us = wss = w.$$

This can be iterated to get

$$u = w\underline{s}_1 \dots \underline{s}_k \iff u\underline{s}_k \dots \underline{s}_1 = w.$$

**Lemma 3.11.** For all  $\theta$ ,  $w \in W$  and  $s \in S$  it holds that  $w \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$  iff  $w\underline{s} \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $w \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$ . For  $w\underline{s}$  there are two cases. Suppose  $\underline{s}$  acts by multiplication on w. Then we get

$$\theta(ws) = \theta(\theta(s)wss) = \theta^{2}(s)\theta(w) = sw^{-1} = (ws^{-1})^{-1} = (ws)^{-1}.$$

Suppose  $\underline{s}$  acts by twisted conjugation on w. Then we get

$$\theta(\theta(s)ws) = \theta^{2}(s)\theta(w)\theta(s) = sw^{-1}\theta(s) = (\theta^{-1}(s)ws^{-1})^{-1} = (\theta(s)ws)^{-1}.$$

In both cases  $w\underline{s} \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$ .

Now let  $w\underline{s} \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$ . Suppose  $\underline{s}$  acts by multiplication on w. Then

$$\theta(w) = \theta(\theta(s)ws) = \theta^2(s)\theta(ws) = s(ws)^{-1} = ss^{-1}w^{-1} = w^{-1}.$$

Suppose s acts by twisted conjugation on w. Then

$$\theta(w) = \theta(\theta(s)\theta(s)wss) = \theta^{2}(s)\theta(\theta(s)ws)\theta(s)$$
$$= s(\theta(s)ws)^{-1}\theta(s) = s(s^{-1}w^{-1}\theta(s^{-1})\theta(s)) = w^{-1}.$$

In both cases  $w \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$ .

A remarkable property of the action from Definition 3.5 is its *e*-orbit. As the following lemma shows, it coincides with  $\mathcal{I}_{\theta}$ .

**Lemma 3.12.** [6, Proposition 3.5] The set of  $\theta$ -twisted involutions coincides with the set of all  $\theta$ -twisted expressions.

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.11, each twisted expression is in  $\mathcal{I}_{\theta}$ , since  $e \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$ . So let  $w \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$ . If l(w) = 0, then  $w = e \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$ . So assume l(w) = r > 0 and that we have already proven, that every twisted involution  $w' \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$  with  $\rho(w') < r$  has a twisted expression. If w has a reduced twisted expression ending with  $\underline{s}$ , then w also has a reduced expression (in S) ending with s and so l(ws) < l(w). With Lemma 3.8 we get  $l(w\underline{s}) < l(w)$ . By induction  $w\underline{s}$  has a twisted expression and hence  $w = (w\underline{s})\underline{s}$  has one, too.

In the same way, we can use regular expressions to define the length of an element  $w \in W$ , we can use the twisted expressions to define the twisted length of an element  $w \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$ .

**Definition 3.13.** Let  $\mathcal{I}_{\theta}$  be the set of twisted involutions. Then we define  $\rho(w)$  as the smallest  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  for that a twisted expression  $w = \underline{s}_1 \dots \underline{s}_k$  exists. This is called the *twisted length* of w.

**Lemma 3.14.** [5, Theorem 4.8] The Bruhat ordering, restricted to the set of twisted involutions  $\mathcal{I}_{\theta}$ , is a graded poset with  $\rho$  as rank function. We denote this poset by  $Br(\mathcal{I}_{\theta})$ .

We now establish many properties from ordinary Coxeter groups for twisted expressions and  $Br(\mathcal{I}_{\theta})$ . As seen in Example 3.4 there is a Coxeter system (W', S') and an Coxeter system automorphism  $\theta$  with  $Br(W) \cong Br(\mathcal{I}_{\theta}(W'))$ . So the hope, that many properties can be transfered, is eligible.

**Lemma 3.15.** [6, Lemma 3.8] Let  $w \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$  and  $s \in S$ . Then  $\rho(w\underline{s}) = \rho(w) \pm 1$ . In fact it is  $\rho(w\underline{s}) = \rho(w) - 1$  iff  $s \in D_R(w)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $Br(\mathcal{I}_{\theta})$  is graded with rank function  $\rho$  and either  $w\underline{s}$  covers w or w covers  $w\underline{s}$  we have  $\rho(w\underline{s}) = \rho(w) \pm 1$ . Now suppose  $w\underline{s} < w$ . Then we have  $\rho(w\underline{s}) < \rho(w)$  iff  $w\underline{s} < w$  iff  $l(w\underline{s}) < l(w)$  iff l(ws) < l(w) iff  $s \in D_R(w)$ .

**Lemma 3.16** (Lifting property 2). [6, Lemma 3.9] Let  $v, w \in W$  with  $v \leq w$ . Suppose  $s \in S$  with  $s \in D_R(w)$ . Then

1. vs < w,

2. 
$$s \in D_R(v) \Rightarrow v\underline{s} \leq w\underline{s}$$
.

*Proof.* Whenever a relation comes from the ordinary Lifting Property, we denote it by  $<_{LP}$  in this proof.

 $v\underline{s} = vs \wedge w\underline{s} = ws$  Same situation as in Lifting Property.

 $v\underline{s} = vs \wedge w\underline{s} = \theta(s)ws$  The first part  $v\underline{s} = vs \leq_{LP} w$  is immediate. Suppose  $s \in D_R(v)$ . Then  $vs \leq_{LP} ws \Rightarrow v = \theta(s)vs \leq ws \Rightarrow v\underline{s} = vs \leq \theta(s)ws = w\underline{s}$ .

 $v\underline{s} = \theta(s)vs \wedge w\underline{s} = ws$  **TODO** 

$$v\underline{s} = \theta(s)vs \wedge w\underline{s} = \theta(s)ws$$
 **TODO**

**Proposition 3.17** (Exchange property for twisted expressions). [6, Proposition 3.10] Suppose  $\underline{s}_1 \dots \underline{s}_k$  is a reduced twisted expression. If  $\rho(\underline{s}_1 \dots \underline{s}_k \underline{s}) < k$  for some  $s \in S$ , then  $\underline{s}_1 \dots \underline{s}_k \underline{s} = \underline{s}_1 \dots \underline{s}_i \dots \underline{s}_k$  for some  $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ .

Proof. Let  $w=s_1\dots\underline{s}_k$  and  $v=s_1\dots\underline{s}_k\underline{s}$ . Assume  $v\underline{s}_k\dots\underline{s}_{i+1}\underline{s}_i < v\underline{s}_k\dots\underline{s}_{i+1}$  for all i. Then we would get  $\rho(v\underline{s}_k\dots s_1) < k-k=0$ . Hence there is an index i with  $v\underline{s}_k\dots\underline{s}_{i+1}\underline{s}_i > v\underline{s}_k\dots\underline{s}_{i+1}$  and we choose i maximal with this property. Since w>v we conclude by repetition of Lifting property 2, that  $w\underline{s}_k\dots\underline{s}_{i+1}\geq v\underline{s}_k\dots\underline{s}_i$ . By Lemma 3.15 we have  $\rho(v)=k-1$  and so  $\rho(w\underline{s}_k\dots\underline{s}_{i+1})=\rho(v\underline{s}_k\dots\underline{s}_i)$ . Because  $\mathrm{Br}(\mathcal{I}_\theta)$  is graded with rank function  $\rho$ , both twisted expressions must represent the same element. Therefore we have  $w\underline{s}_k\dots\underline{s}_{i+1}=v\underline{s}_k\dots\underline{s}_i$  yielding  $v=w\underline{s}_k\dots\underline{s}_{i+1}\underline{s}_i\dots\underline{s}_k=\underline{s}_1\hat{\underline{s}}_i\dots\underline{s}_k$ .

**Proposition 3.18** (Deletion property for twisted expressions). [6, Proposition 3.11] Let  $w = s_1 \dots \underline{s}_k$  be a not reduced twisted expression. Then there are two indices  $1 \le i < j \le k$  such that  $w = \underline{s}_1 \dots \underline{\hat{s}}_i \dots \underline{\hat{s}}_j \dots \underline{s}_k$ .

*Proof.* Choose j minimal, so we have  $\underline{s}_1 \dots \underline{s}_j$  is not reduced. By Exchange property for twisted expressions there is an index i with  $\underline{s}_1 \dots \underline{s}_j = s_1 \dots \underline{\hat{s}}_i \dots \underline{s}_{j-1}$  yielding our hypothesis  $w = \underline{s}_1 \dots \underline{s}_j \dots \underline{s}_k = \underline{s}_1 \dots \underline{\hat{s}}_i \dots \underline{\hat{s}}_j \dots \underline{s}_k$ .

When applying the Exchange property for twisted expressions to a twisted expression, there is no hint which  $\underline{s}_i$  can be omitted. Consider the following situation: Let  $w \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$  and  $w\underline{s}_1 \dots \underline{s}_k = w\underline{t}_1 \dots \underline{t}_k$  two reduced twisted expressions. Then in the twisted expression  $w\underline{s}_1 \dots \underline{s}_k \underline{t}_k$  we can omit the  $\underline{t}_k$  and one other  $\underline{s}$  by Exchange property for twisted expressions and get still the same element. It would be nice, when the second omitted  $\underline{s}$  is one of the  $\underline{s}_i$  in general, but unfortunately this proves to be false:

**Example 3.19.** Let  $W = A_3$ ,  $\theta = \operatorname{id}$  and  $w = \underline{s}_3$ . Then  $w\underline{s}_2\underline{s}_1\underline{s}_2 = w\underline{s}_1\underline{s}_2\underline{s}_3$ , but  $w\underline{s}_1\underline{s}_2\underline{s}_3\underline{s}_2 \notin \{w\underline{s}_1\underline{s}_2, w\underline{s}_1\underline{s}_3, w\underline{s}_2\underline{s}_3\}$ . Hence the omission cannot be choosen after the prefix w, but at least  $w\underline{s}_1\underline{s}_2\underline{s}_3\underline{s}_2 = \underline{s}_1\underline{s}_2\underline{s}_3$  works, as guaranteed by Exchange property for twisted expressions.

# 3.2 Twisted weak ordering

In this section we introduce the twisted weak ordering  $Wk(\theta)$  on the set  $\mathcal{I}_{\theta}$  of  $\theta$ -twisted involutions.

**Definition 3.20.** We define the set of  $\theta$ -twisted involutions as  $\{w \in W : \theta(w) = w^{-1}\}$ , denoted by  $\mathcal{I}_{\theta}$ . If  $\theta$  is clear from the context we just say twisted involutions. Every element  $w \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$  is called a  $\theta$ -twisted involution, resp. twisted involution.

**Definition 3.21.** For  $v, w \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$  we define  $v \leq w$  iff there are  $\underline{s}_1, \ldots, \underline{s}_k \in \underline{S}$  with  $w = v\underline{s}_1 \ldots \underline{s}_k$  and  $\rho(v) = \rho(w) - k$ . We call the poset  $(\mathcal{I}_{\theta}, \preceq)$  *twisted weak ordering*, denoted by  $Wk(W, \theta)$ . When the Coxeter group W is clear from the context, we just write  $Wk(\theta)$ .

**Lemma 3.22.** The poset  $Wk(\theta)$  is a graded poset with rank function  $\rho$ .

*Proof.* Follows immediately from the definition of  $\leq$ .

By a diagram of a poset  $Wk(\theta)$ , we do not just mean the ordinary Hasse diagram. Suppose  $w, v \in Wk(\theta)$  with  $w\underline{s} = v$ . We encode the information, if s acts as twisted involution or as multiplication on w, by drawing either a solid or a dashed edge from w to v. For simplification of terminology we still just speak of the Hasse diagram of  $Wk(\theta)$ . The next example shows such a (extended) Hasse diagram.

**Example 3.23.** In Figure 3.1 we see the Hasse diagram of  $Wk(A_4, id)$ . Solid edges represent twisted congulations and dashed edges represent multiplications.

**Lemma 3.24.** The poset  $Wk(\theta)$  is a subposet of  $Br(\mathcal{I}_{\theta})$ .

*Proof.* Both posets are defined on  $\mathcal{I}_{\theta}$ . Let  $w, v \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$  be two twisted involutions. Assume  $w \leq v$  with  $w\underline{s} = v$  for some  $s \in S$ . If  $\underline{s}$  acts by multiplication on w, then ws = v and since  $s \in T$  (T the set of all reflections in W) and  $l(w\underline{s}) = l(w) + 1$  we have  $w \leq v$ . If conversely  $\underline{s}$  acts by twisted conjugation on w, then  $v = \theta(s)ws = w(w^{-1}\theta(s)w)(e^{-1}se)$  and since  $w^{-1}\theta(s)w, s \in T$  and  $l(w\underline{s}) = l(\theta(s)w) + 1 = l(w) + 2$  we have again  $w \leq v$ .

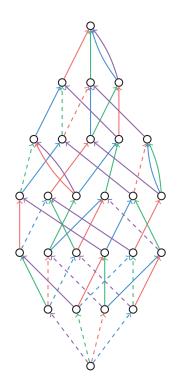


Figure 3.1: Hasse diagram of  $Wk(A_4, id)$ 

**Proposition 3.25.** For all  $w \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$  and  $s \in S$  we have  $w\underline{s} \prec w$  iff  $s \in D_R(w)$  and  $w\underline{s} \succ w$  iff  $s \notin D_R(w)$  as well as  $w\underline{s} < w$  iff  $s \in D_R(w)$  and  $w\underline{s} > w$  iff  $s \notin D_R(w)$ .

*Proof.* We have  $w\underline{ss} = w$  and  $\rho(w\underline{s}) = \rho(w) - 1$  iff  $s \in D_R(w)$  and  $\rho(w\underline{s}) = \rho(w) + 1$  iff  $s \notin D_R(w)$  by Lemma 3.15. By Lemma 3.24 both statements are true for  $Br(\mathcal{I}_\theta)$ , too.  $\square$ 

**Definition 3.26.** Let  $v, w \in W$  with  $\rho(w) - \rho(v) = n$ . A sequence  $v = w_0 \prec w_1 \prec \ldots \prec w_n = w$  is called a *geodesic* from v to w.

**Proposition 3.27.** Let  $v, w \in W$  with  $v \prec w$ . Then all geodesics from v to w have the same count of twisted conjugated and multiplicative steps.

*Proof.* Suppose we have two geodesics from v to w, where the first has n and the second m multiplicative steps. Then l(w) + n + 2(k - n) = l(v) = l(w) + m + 2(k - m), hence n = m.

**Proposition 3.28.** Let  $w \in W$  and  $w\underline{s} \succ w$ . Then  $|\{t \in S \setminus D_R(w) : w\underline{t} = w\underline{s}\}| \in \{1,2\}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $t \in S \setminus D_R(w)$  with  $w\underline{t} = w\underline{s}$ . Because of the ordinary length either both  $\underline{s}$  and  $\underline{t}$  act by multiplication on w, or both act by twisted conjugation on w. Suppose they act by multiplication, then  $ws = w\underline{s} = w\underline{t} = wt$ , hence s = t. Conversely, assume they act by twisted conjugation. Then  $\theta(s)ws = w\underline{s} = w\underline{t} = \theta(t)wt$ . Because of  $\theta(t)wtt = w\underline{t} = w\underline$ 

 $\theta(t)w = \theta(s)wst$  we have  $l(\theta(s)wst) < l(\theta(s)ws)$  and so by Exchange Condition there are three possible cases

$$\theta(t)w = \theta(s)wst = \begin{cases} \theta(s)w & \Rightarrow s = t, \\ ws & \Rightarrow \theta(t) = wsw^{-1} \text{ or } \\ \theta(s)\overline{w}s & \Rightarrow w = \theta(t)\theta(s)\overline{w}s, \end{cases}$$

where  $\overline{w}$  denotes a well choosen subexpression of w. The first case is trivial, the second determines t unambiguously. The third case is impossible, since by Exchange Condition and Remark 2.16 we would have a reduced expression for w beginning with  $\theta(s)$  or ending with s (or both), yielding  $l(\theta(s)ws) \leq l(w)$ , which contradicts to  $\rho(w\underline{s}) = \rho(\theta(s)ws) > \rho(w)$ . Therefore, there cannot be more than two distinct  $s,t \in S \setminus D_R(w)$  with  $w\underline{s} = wt$ .

### **TODO**

### 3.3 Residuums

**Definition 3.29.** Let  $w \in W$  and  $I \subseteq S$  be a subset of generators. Then we define

$$wC_I := \{w\underline{s}_1 \dots \underline{s}_k : k \in \mathbb{N}_0, s_i \in S\}$$

as the *I*-residuum of w or just residuum. To emphasize the size of I, say |I| = n, we also speak of a rank-n-residuum.

**Example 3.30.** Let  $w \in W$ . Then  $wC_{\emptyset} = \{w\}$  and  $wC_S = \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$ .

**Lemma 3.31.** Let  $w \in W$  and  $I \subset S$ . If  $v \in wC_I$ , then  $vC_I = wC_I$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $v \in wC_I$ . Then  $v = w\underline{s}_1 \dots \underline{s}_n$  for some  $s_i \in I$ . Suppose  $u = w\underline{t}_1 \dots \underline{t}_m \in wC_I$  is any other element in  $wC_I$  with  $t_i \in I$ . Then

$$u = w\underline{t}_1 \dots \underline{t}_m = (v\underline{s}_n \dots \underline{s}_1)\underline{t}_1 \dots \underline{t}_m$$

and so  $u \in vC_I$ . This yields  $wC_I \subset vC_I$ . Since  $w \in vC_I$  we can swap v and w to get the other inclusion.

**Corollary 3.32.** Let  $v, w \in W$  and  $I \subset S$ . Then either  $vC_I \cap wC_I = \emptyset$  or  $vC_I = wC_I$ .

*Proof.* Immediately follows from Lemma 3.31.

**Proposition 3.33.** [6, Lemma 5.6] Let  $w \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$ ,  $I \subseteq S$  be a set of generators. Then there exists a unique element  $w_0 \in wC_I$  with  $w_0 \prec w_0s$  for all  $s \in I$ .

*Proof.* Suppose there is no such element. Then for each  $w \in wC_I$  we can find a  $s \in I$  with  $w' = w\underline{s} \leq w$  and  $e' \in wC_I$ . By repetition of Deletion property for twisted expressions we get, that  $e \in wC_I$ , but e has the property, which we assumed, that no element in  $wC_I$  has. Hence there must be at least one such element. Now suppose there are two distinct

elements u, v with the desired property. Note that this means, that u and w have no reduced twisted expression ending with some  $\underline{s} \in I$ . Let v have a reduced twisted expression  $v = \underline{s}_1 \dots \underline{s}_k$ . Since u and v are both in  $wC_I$  there must be a twisted v-expression for u

$$u = v\underline{s}_{k+1} \dots \underline{s}_{k+l} = \underline{s}_1 \dots \underline{s}_{k+l}$$

with  $s_n \in I$  for  $k+1 \le n \le k+l$ . This twisted expression cannot be reduced, since it ends with  $\underline{s}_{k+l} \in I$ . Then Deletion property for twisted expressions yields that this twisted expression contains a reduced twisted subexpression for u. It cannot end with  $\underline{s}_n$  for  $k+1 \le n \le k+l$ . Hence, it is a twisted subexpression of  $\underline{s}_1 \dots \underline{s}_k = v$ , too. So  $u \le v$  by Subword property. Because of symmetry we have  $v \le u$  and so u = v, contradicting to our assumption  $u \ne v$ .

**Corollary 3.34.** Let  $w \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$ ,  $I \subseteq S$  be a set of generators and let  $\rho_{min} := \min\{\rho(v) : v \in wC_I\}$  be the minimal twisted length within the residuum  $wC_I$ . Then there is a unique element  $w_{min} \in wC_I$  with  $\rho(w_{min}) = \rho_{min}$ . We denote this element by  $\min(w, I)$ .

*Proof.* The minimal rank  $\rho_{min}$  exists, since the image of  $\rho$  is in  $\mathbb{N}_0$ , which is well-ordered, and  $wC_I \neq \emptyset$ . Suppose we have an element  $w_{min}$  with  $\rho(w_{min}) = \rho_{min}$ . This means, that in particular all  $w_{min}\underline{s}$  with  $s \in I$  must be of larger twisted length, i.e.  $w_{min} < w_{min}\underline{s}$  for all  $s \in I$ . With Proposition 3.33 this element must be unique.

We proceed with some properties of rank-2-residuums. Our interest in these residuums stems from the fact, that their properties are needed later in Section 3.4 to construct an effective algorithm for calculating the twisted weak ordering, i.e. calculating the Hasse diagram of  $Wk(\theta)$  for arbitrary Coxeter systems (W,S) and Coxeter system automorphisms  $\theta$ .

**Definition 3.35.** Let  $s, t \in S$  be two distinct generators. We define:

$$[\underline{st}]^n := egin{cases} (\underline{st})^{rac{n}{2}} & n ext{ even,} \\ (\underline{st})^{rac{n-1}{2}} \underline{s} & n ext{ odd.} \end{cases}$$

This definition allows us to express rank-2-residuums differently. Suppose we have an element  $w \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$  and two distinct generators  $s, t \in S$ . Thanks to Lemma 3.31 and Corollary 3.34 we can assume, that  $w = min(w, \{s, t\})$ . Then

$$wC_{\{s,t\}} = \{w\} \cup \{w[\underline{st}]^n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{w[\underline{ts}]^n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

This encourages the following definition.

**Definition 3.36.** Let  $w \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$  and let  $s, t \in S$  be two distinct generators. Suppose  $w = min(w, \{s, t\})$ . Then we call  $\{w[\underline{st}]^n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  the s-branch and  $\{w[\underline{ts}]^n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  the t-branch of  $wC_{\{s,t\}}$ .

One question arises immediately: Are the *s*- and the *t*-branch disjoint? With the following propositions, corollaries and lemmas we will get a much better idea of the structure of rank-2-residuums and answer this question.

**Proposition 3.37.** Let  $w \in W$  and let  $s, t \in S$  be two distinct generators. Without loss of generality suppose  $w = \min(w, \{s, t\})$ . If there is a  $v \in wC_{\{s, t\}}$  with  $v\underline{s} \prec v$  and  $v\underline{t} \prec v$ , then it is unique with this property in  $wC_{\{s, t\}}$ . Hence  $wC_{\{s, t\}}$  consists of two geodesics from w to v intersecting only in these two elements. Else, the s- and t-branch are disjoint, strictly ascending in twisted length and of infinite size.

*Proof.* Suppose there is a v in the s-branch with  $v\underline{s} \prec v$  and  $v\underline{t} \prec v$ , say  $v = w[\underline{s}\underline{t}]^n$  and n is minimal with this property. Because of the uniqueness of a minimal element from Proposition 3.33 we have  $w[\underline{s}\underline{t}]^{m+1} \prec w[\underline{s}\underline{t}]^m$  for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $n \leq m \leq 2n-1$ . With the same argument we have  $w[\underline{s}\underline{t}]^{2n} = w$ . If no such v exists, then the s- and t-branch must be disjoint, strictly ascending in twisted length and so of infinite size.

The assertion that Proposition 3.37 makes can be thought of some kind of convexity of rank-2-residuums. A rank-2-residuum cannot have a concave structure like in Figure 3.2.

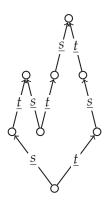


Figure 3.2: Impossible concave structure of a rank-2-residuums

**Proposition 3.38.** Let  $w \in S$  and  $s, t \in S$  be two distinct generators with  $w\underline{s} \prec w$ . If  $\underline{s}$  acts by multiplication on w, then  $w\underline{s}\underline{t} \succ w\underline{s}$  or  $w\underline{t} \prec w$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $w\underline{s}\underline{t} \prec w\underline{s} \prec t$ , hence  $l(w\underline{s}\underline{t}) < l(w\underline{s}) < l(w)$  in particular. If  $\underline{t}$  acts by multiplication on  $w\underline{s}$ , then we have  $l(w\underline{s}\underline{t}) = l(\theta(s)(wt)) = l(w) - 2$ . If it acts by twisted conjugation, then we have  $l(w\underline{s}\underline{t}) = l(\theta(t)\theta(s)(wt)) = l(w) - 3$ . In both cases we have l(wt) < l(w), hence  $t \in D_R(w)$  and so  $w\underline{t} \prec w$ .

Note that this proposition could be strengthen by insisting on an exclusive or, since we cannot have both cases at the same time. By the prove of Proposition 3.28 we see, that we cannot have  $w\underline{st} = w$ , since double edges are always twisted conjugations. Hence having  $w\underline{st} \succ w\underline{s} \prec w \succ w\underline{t}$  would contradict to the convexity from Proposition 3.37. The next corollary ensures, that multiplicative actions in  $Wk(\theta)$  can only occur at the top or bottom end of rank-2-residuums.

**Corollary 3.39.** Let  $w \in S$  and let  $s, t \in S$  be two distinct generators and suppose  $\underline{s}$  acts by multiplication on w. Then w or  $w\underline{s}$  is the unique minimal or maximal element in  $wC_{\{s,t\}}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose w is not maximal, i.e.  $w\underline{t} \succ w$ . Then by Proposition 3.38 we have  $w\underline{s}\underline{t} \succ w\underline{s}$ , hence  $w\underline{s}$  is minimal. Suppose w is not minimal, i.e.  $w\underline{s}\underline{t} \prec w\underline{s}$ . Then with the same argument we have  $w\underline{t} \prec w$ , hence w is maximal. Supposing  $w\underline{s}$  not to be maximal or not to be minimal yields analogue results.

Again, this corollary can be strengthen by insisting on an exclusive or with the same arguments as before.

**Lemma 3.40.** Let  $s,t \in S$  be two distinct generators and  $w \in S$  with  $w = min(w, \{s,t\})$ . Suppose  $v \in wC_{\{s,t\}}$  with  $v\underline{s} \prec v$  and  $v\underline{t} \prec v$ . Then the twisted conjugations and mulitplications are distributed axisymmetrically or pointsymmetrically like in Figure 3.3.

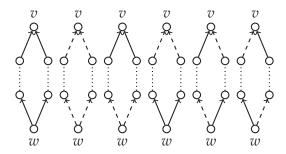


Figure 3.3: Possible distributions of twisted conjugations and multiplications in finite rank-2-residuums

*Proof.* If u covers w, then there are only two edges and the assumption holds. So suppose  $wC_{\{s,t\}}$  contains at least four edges. Due to Corollary 3.39 the actions by multiplication can only occure next to w and v. Hence there are  $2^4 = 16$  configurations possible. Proposition 3.27 wipes out ten out of the 16 configurations. The remaining are those from Figure 3.3.

**Example 3.41.** In Figure 3.4 we see two Hasse diagrams of  $Wk(A_4, id)$ . The left one only contains edges with labels  $s_1, s_2$ , the middle one only edges with labels  $s_1, s_3$  and the right one only edges with labels  $s_1, s_4$ .

**Lemma 3.42.** Let  $w \in S$ ,  $s, t \in S$  be two distinct generators and  $m = \operatorname{ord}(st) < \infty$ . Then  $|wC_{\{s,t\}}| \leq 2m$ .

*Proof.* Let w be the Wk-minimal element and v be the Wk-maximal element in our residuum. Due to Lemma 3.40 there are six different cases we have to consider. We handle the cases in Figure 3.3 from left to right:

**First:** We have  $w(\underline{st})^m = (ts)^m w(st)^m = w$ .

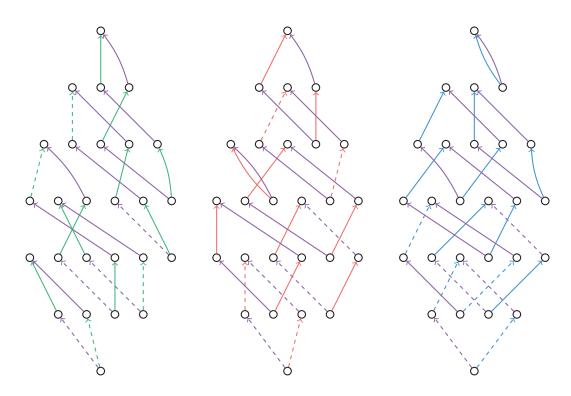


Figure 3.4: Hasse diagrams of  $Wk(A_4, id)$  after removing  $s_3, s_4$  edges in the left,  $s_2, s_4$  edges in the middle and  $s_2, s_3$  edges in the right diagram

**Second:** Due to  $\theta(s)w = ws$  and  $\theta(t)w = wt$  we have

$$w(\underline{st})^{m/2+1} = \theta(\hat{t}(st)^{m/2-1}\hat{s})w(st)^{m/2+1} = w(st)^m = w.$$

(**TODO** Show that this situation only occurs for even *m*)

**Third:** Again we are in a case, where  $\theta(s)w = ws$  and  $\theta(t)w = wt$  hold. Hence we have

$$w(\underline{st})^{(m+1)/2} = \theta(\hat{t}(st)^{(m-1)/2}\hat{s})w(st)^{(m+1)/2} = w(st)^m = w.$$

(**TODO** Show that this situation only occurs for odd *m*)

**Fourth:** Analogue to the previous case, if we start from *u* instead of *w*.

**Fifth:** Suppose *m* is even. Then we have

$$w(\underline{st})^m = \theta(\underbrace{ts \cdots st}_{m-1} \hat{s} \underbrace{ts \cdots st}_{m-1} \hat{s}) w(st)^m = \theta(\underbrace{ts \cdots s}_{m-2} \underbrace{s \cdots st}_{m-2}) w = \dots = w.$$

If *m* is odd, then we have the completely analogue situation

$$w(\underline{st})^m = \theta(\underbrace{ts \cdots ts}_{m-1} \hat{t} \underbrace{st \cdots st}_{m-1} \hat{s}) w(st)^m = \theta(\underbrace{ts \cdots t}_{m-2} \underbrace{t \cdots st}_{m-2}) w = \dots = w.$$

Sixth: Analogue to the previous case due to symmetry.

So in all six cases we have  $w(\underline{st})^k = w$  for a  $k \leq \operatorname{ord}(st)$  and hence the residuum can have at most  $2 \cdot \operatorname{ord}(st)$  many distinct elements.

**Proposition 3.43.** Let  $w \in S$  and  $s, t \in S$  be two distinct generators with  $\operatorname{ord}(st) < \infty$ . Suppose  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  to be the smallest number with  $w = w(\underline{st})^k$ . Then for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $w = w(\underline{st})^n$  we have  $k \mid n$ .

*Proof.* Let n = qk + r for  $q \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $r \in \{0, ..., k - 1\}$ . Then

$$w(\underline{st})^n = w(\underline{st})^{qk+r} = w((\underline{st})^k)^q (\underline{st})^r = w(\underline{st})^r.$$

For r > 0 we would have a contradiction to the minimality of k, hence r = 0, q > 0 and therefore  $k \mid n$ .

**Corollary 3.44.** Let  $w \in S$  and  $s, t \in S$  be two distinct generators with  $w\underline{s} \neq w\underline{t}$ . Suppose  $w = w(\underline{st})^m = w(\underline{st})^n$ . Then  $\gcd(m, n) > 1$ .

*Proof.* Let k be the same as in Proposition 3.43. Since  $w\underline{s} \neq w\underline{t}$  we have k > 1. Both,  $k \mid n$  and  $k \mid m$ , hence  $gcd(m, n) \geq k > 1$ .

This constraints the possible size of rank-2-residuums.

# 3.4 Twisted weak ordering algorithms

Now we address the problem of calculating  $Wk(\theta)$  for an arbitrary Coxeter group W, given in form of a set of generating symbols  $S = \{s_1, \dots s_n\}$  and the relations in form of  $m_{ij} =$ ord $(s_i s_i)$ . From this input we want to calculate the Hasse diagram, i.e. the vertex set  $\mathcal{I}_{\theta}$ and the edges labeled with s. Thanks to Lemma 3.12 the vertex set can be obtained by walking the *e*-orbit of the action from Definition 3.5. The only element of twisted length 0 is *e*. Suppose we have already calculated the Hasse diagram until the twisted length *k*, i.e. we know all vertices  $w \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$  with  $\rho(w) \leq k$  and all edges connecting two vertices u, v with  $\rho(u) + 1 = \rho(v) \le k$ . Let  $\rho_k := \{w \in \mathcal{I}_\theta : \rho(w) = k\}$ . Then all vertices in  $\rho_{k+1}$  are of the form  $w\underline{s}$  for some  $w \in \rho_k$ ,  $s \in S$ . For each  $(w,s) \in \rho_k \times S$ , we calculate  $w\underline{s}$ . If  $\rho(w\underline{s}) = k+1$ then  $w \prec ws$ . To avoid having to check the twisted length we use Lemma 3.15. We already know the set  $S_w \subseteq S$  of all generators yielding an edge into w. Due to the lemma we have  $\rho(w\underline{s}) = k-1$  for all  $s \in S_w$  and  $\rho(w\underline{s}) = k+1$  for all  $s \in S \setminus S_w$ . Hence we only calculate  $w\underline{s}$  for  $s \in S \setminus S_w$  and know  $w \prec w\underline{s}$  without checking the twisted length explicitly. The last problem to solve is the possibility of two different  $(w, s), (v, t) \in \rho_k \times S$ with  $w\underline{s} = v\underline{t}$ . To deal with this, we have to compare a potential new twisted involution  $w\underline{s}$  with each element of twisted length k+1, already calculated. The concrete problem of comparing two elements in a free presented group, called **wordproblem for groups**, will not be addressed here. We suppose, that whatever computer system is used to implement our algorithm, supplies a suitable way to do that. The only thing to note is, that solving the wordproblem is not a cheap operation. Reducing the count of element comparisions is a major demand to any algorithm, calculating  $Wk(\theta)$ .

The steps discussed have been compiled in to an algorithm by [1, Algorithm 2.4] and [4, Algorithm 3.1.1]. We take this as our starting point. Since the runtime is far from being optimal, we use the structural properties of rank-2-residuums from Section 3.3 to improve the algorithm. As we will show, these optimizations yield an algorithm with an asymptotical perfect runtime behavior. TWOA1 shows this algorithm.

# Algorithm 3.45 (TWOA1).

```
1: procedure TwistedWeakOrderingAlgorithm1((W, S), k_{max})
 2:
         V \leftarrow \{(e,0)\}
         E \leftarrow \{\}
 3:
         for k \leftarrow 0 to k_{max} do
 4:
             for all (w, k_w) \in V with k_w = k do
 5:
                  for all s \in S with \nexists(\cdot, w, s) \in E do
                                                                                         \triangleright Only for s \notin D_R(w)
 6:
 7:
                       y \leftarrow ws
                       z \leftarrow \theta(s)y
 8:
                       if z = w then
 9:
10:
                            x \leftarrow y
                            t \leftarrow s
11:
                       else
12:
                            x \leftarrow z
13:
                            t \leftarrow s
14:
                       end if
15:
                       isNew \leftarrow true
16:
                       for all (w', k_{w'}) \in V with k_{w'} = k + 1 do
                                                                                 \triangleright Check if x already known
17:
                            if x = w' then
18:
                                isNew \leftarrow \mathbf{false}
19:
                            end if
20:
21:
                       end for
                       if isNew = true then
22:
                            V \leftarrow V \cup \{(x, k+1)\}
23:
                       end if
24:
                       E \leftarrow E \cup \{(w, x, t)\}
25:
                  end for
26:
              end for
27:
             k \leftarrow k + 1
28:
         end for
29:
         return (V, E)
                                                                                             30:
31: end procedure
```

Note, that if W is finite,  $k_{max}$  does not have to be evaluated explicitly. When k reaches the maximal twisted length in  $Wk(\theta)$ , then the only vertex of twisted length k is the unique element  $w_0 \in W$  of maximal ordinary length. Since  $s \in D_R(w_0)$  for all  $s \in S$ , there is no  $s' \in S$  remaining to calculate  $w_0\underline{s}'$  for. This condition can be checked to terminate the

algorithm without knowing  $k_{max}$  before. When W is infinite, there is no maximal element and  $\mathcal{I}_{\theta}$  is infinite, too. In this case  $k_{max}$  is used to terminate after having calculated a finite part of  $Wk(\theta)$ .

### **Lemma 3.46.** TWOA1 is a deterministic algorithm.

*Proof.* The outer loop (line 4) is strictly ascending in  $k \in \{0, ..., k_{max}\}$  and so finite. The innermost loop (line 6) is finite since S is finite. The inner loop (line 5) is finite, since V starts as finite set and in each step there are added at most  $|V| \cdot |S|$  many new vertices. Therefore the algorithm terminates. The soundness is due to the arguments at the beginning of Section 3.4.

**Lemma 3.47.** Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n = |\{w \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta} : \rho(w) \le k\}|$  and for  $0 \le i \le k$  let  $\rho_i = |\{w \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta} : \rho(w) = i\}|$ . Then  $TWOA1 \in \mathcal{O}(n^2/k)$ .

*Proof.* Our algorithm has to do at least  $\rho_i(\rho_i-1)/2$  many element comparisons (line 17) for each  $0 \le i \le k$ . Set  $m = \lfloor \frac{n}{k} \rfloor$ . In the most optimistic case we have  $\rho_i \ge m$  for all i. In practice the situation will be worse, since some  $\rho_i$  will be smaller than m (for example  $\rho_0 = 1$ ) and so some  $\rho_i$  will be much larger than m. This optimistic case yields at least  $m(m-1)/2 \cdot k$  many element comparisons. Hence regarding the most delimiting operation, the element comparison, our algorithm is in  $\Omega(m^2k) = \Omega(n^2/k)$ . The element comparison at line 9 done at most  $n \cdot |S|$ . Other operations, like for example insertion into or searching in sets can be considered super linear, if for example sets are ordered immediately at insertion and then searching is done with binary search. So the algorithm is in  $\mathcal{O}(n^2/k)$ .

**Corollary 3.48.** Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n = |\{w \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta} : \rho(w) \leq k\}|$ . Then any algorithm calculating  $Wk(\theta)$  is in  $\Omega(n)$ .

*Proof.* Any algorithm must at least return  $\{w \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta} : \rho(w) \leq k\}$  and this set is of size n.

Our goal is to improve TWOA1 so that we get an algorithm in  $\mathcal{O}(n)$ , i.e. an asymptotical perfect algorithm for calculating  $Wk(\theta)$ . As already seen the element comparison of a potential new element with all already known elements of same twisted length (line 17) is the bottleneck. Here the rank-2-residuums become key. Suppose we have a  $w \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$  with  $\rho(w) = k$  and  $s \in S$ . In TWOA1 we would now check, if  $w\underline{s}$  is a new vertex, or if we already calculated it by comparing it with all already known vertices of twisted length k+1. Assume we have already calculated it. This means there is another twisted involution v with  $\rho(v) = k$  and another generator  $t \in S$  with  $v\underline{t} = w\underline{s}$ . With Proposition 3.37  $w\underline{s}$  is the unique element of maximal twisted length in the rank-2-residuum  $wC_{\{s,t\}}$ . This yields a necessary condition for  $w\underline{s}$  to be equal to a already known vertex, allowing us to replace the ineffective search all method in TWOA1, line 17.

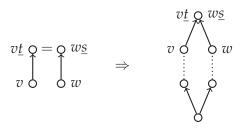


Figure 3.5: Optimization of TWOA1

**Lemma 3.49.** Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and suppose we are in the sitation described at the beginning of Section 3.4. Let  $\rho_i := \{w \in \mathcal{I}_\theta : \rho(w) = i\}$  and  $\rho'_{k+1}$  the set of the already calculated vertices with twisted length k+1. If  $w\underline{s} \in \rho'_{k+1}$  for some  $w \in \rho_k$ ,  $s \in S$ , say  $w\underline{s} = v\underline{t}$  with  $v \in \rho_k$  and  $t \in S \setminus \{s\}$ , then  $w\underline{s} = w[\underline{ts}]^n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $w[\underline{ts}]^j \in \rho_0 \cup \ldots \cup \rho_k \cup \rho'_{k+1}$  for  $1 \leq j \leq n$ .

*Proof.* The equality  $w\underline{s} = w[\underline{t}\underline{s}]^n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  is due to Proposition 3.37. All vertices in this rank-2-residuum except  $v\underline{t}$  have a twisted length of k or lower. For  $v\underline{t}$  we supposed it is already known, hence  $v\underline{t} \in \rho'_{k+1}$ . Therefore all vertices  $w[\underline{t}\underline{s}]^j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$  are in  $\rho_0 \cup \ldots \cup \rho_k \cup \rho'_{k+1}$ .

This can be checked effectively. Both, w and s are fixed. Start with  $M=\emptyset$ . For all already known edges from or to w being labeled with  $\underline{t} \in \underline{S} \setminus \{\underline{s}\}$  we do the following: Walk  $w[\underline{ts}]^i$  for  $i=0,1,\ldots$  until  $\rho(w[\underline{ts}]^i)=k+1$ . Note that walking in this case really means walking the graph. All involved vertices and edges have already been calculated. So there is no need for more calculations in W to find  $w[\underline{ts}]^i$ . By Proposition 3.37 such a path must exist (in a completely calculated graph). But we could be in the case, where the last step from  $w[\underline{ts}]^{i-1}$  to  $w[\underline{ts}]^i$  has not been calculated yet. If it is already calculated, then add this element to M by setting  $M=M\cup\{w[\underline{ts}]^i\}$ . If not, do not add it to M.

Now M contains all already known elements of twisted length k+1, satisfying the necessary condition from Lemma 3.49. Furthermore |M|<|S|. So for each pair (w,s) we have to do at most |S|-1 many element comparisons the determine, if  $w\underline{s}$  is new or already known, no matter how many elements of twisted length k+1 are already known. We can get even more information from the rank-2-residuums:

**Lemma 3.50.** Let  $w \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$  with  $\rho(w) = k, s, t$  be two distinct generators and  $s \notin D_R(w)$ . Suppose  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  to be the smallest number for that  $\rho(w[\underline{ts}]^{2n-1}) = k+1$  holds. Then:

- 1. If  $n = \operatorname{ord}(st)$ , then  $w[\underline{ts}]^{2n-1} = w\underline{s}$ .
- 2. If  $n \ge 2$  and  $l(w[\underline{ts}]^{2n-1}) l(w[\underline{ts}]^{2n-2}) = 1$ , then  $w[\underline{ts}]^{2n-1} = w\underline{s}$ .

*Proof.* 1. Follows immediately from Lemma 3.42.

2. Because of the length difference the step from  $w[\underline{ts}]^{2n-2}$  to  $w[\underline{ts}]^{2n-1}$  is a multiplication, not a twisted conjugation, and because of  $n \ge 1$  this step cannot be next to the smallest element in  $wC_{\{s,t\}}$ . Hence  $w[\underline{ts}]^{2n-1} = w\underline{s}$  by Corollary 3.39.

**Lemma 3.51.** Let  $w \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$  with  $\rho(w) = k, s, t$  be two distinct generators and  $s \notin D_R(w)$ . Suppose  $w[\underline{ts}]^{2n-1} = w\underline{s}$  and suppose n to be the smallest number with this property. Then  $w[\underline{ts}]^{n-1}$  is the minimal element  $\min(w, \{s, t\})$  and  $w[\underline{ts}]^{2n-1}$  is the maximal element. Define

$$a = l(w\underline{s}) - l(w),$$

$$b = l(w[\underline{ts}]^{n-1}) - l(w[\underline{ts}]^{n-2}),$$

$$c = l(w[\underline{ts}]^n) - l(w[\underline{ts}]^{n-1}) \text{ and }$$

$$d = l(w[ts]^{2n-1}) - l(w[ts]^{2n-2}).$$

Note that  $a, b, c, d \in \{1, 2\}$  contain the information, if edges next to the minimal and the maximal element of  $wC_{\{s,t\}}$  are twisted conjugations or multiplications. Then each can be deduced from the three remaining ones with the equation a + b = c + d.

*Proof.* The minimality of  $w[\underline{ts}]^{n-1}$  and the maximality of  $w[\underline{ts}]^{2n-1}$  is due to Proposition 3.37. The soundness of the equation follows from the symmetric distribution of twisted conjugations and mutipliations from Lemma 3.40.

**Lemma 3.52.** Let  $w \in S$  and  $s, t \in S$  be two distinct generators with  $w\underline{s} \neq w\underline{t}$ . Then the following table shows all possible  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $w(\underline{st})^n = w$  regarding a certain  $\operatorname{ord}(st)$ .

ord(st)	2	3	4	5	6	J	8	ТОДО
n	2	3	2,4	5	2,3,4,6	J	2,4,6,8	First, Fifth, Sixst
n	2	_	3	_	2,4	_	5	Second
n	_	2	_	3	_	2,4	_	Third, Fourth

*Proof.* In each case we get a m with  $w = (\underline{st})^m$  from the proof of Lemma 3.42. By Corollary 3.44 any n with this property has a non trivial divisor in common with m.

### Algorithm 3.53 (TWOA2).

```
1: procedure TwistedWeakOrderingAlgorithm1((W, S), k_{max})
        V \leftarrow \{(e,0)\}
 2:
        E \leftarrow \{\}
3:
        for k \leftarrow 0 to k_{max} do
 4:
            for all (w, k_w) \in V with k_w = k do
 5:
                for all s \in S with \nexists(\cdot, w, s) \in E do
                                                          \triangleright Only for s \notin D_R(w)
                                                                                             ⊳ TODO
 6:
                end for
 7:
            end for
8:
            k \leftarrow k + 1
9:
        end for
10:
        return (V, E)
                                                                                   11:
12: end procedure
```

			Tim	ings	Element comparisons	
W	Wk(W,id)	$\rho(w_0)$	TWOA1	TWOA2	TWOA1	TWOA2
$A_9$	9496	25	00:02.180	00:01.372	13,531,414	42,156
$A_{10}$	35696	30	00:31.442	00:06.276	185,791,174	173,356
$A_{11}$	140152	36	11:04.241	00:29.830	2,778,111,763	737,313
E <sub>6</sub>	892	20	00:03.044	00:00.268	85,857	2,347
E <sub>7</sub>	10208	35	06:11.728	00:02.840	7,785,186	29,687
E <sub>8</sub>	199952	64	_	11:03.278	_	682,227

Table 3.1: Benchmark

# 4 Main Thesis

**Question 4.1.** Let (W, S) be a Coxeter system,  $\theta : W \to W$  an automorphism of W with  $\theta^2 = \operatorname{id}$  and  $\theta(S) = S$ , and  $K \subset S$  a subset of S generating a finite subgroup of W with  $\theta(K) = K$ . Denote the largest element in  $\langle K \rangle \leq W$  by  $w_K$ . Futhermore let  $S_1, S_2, S_3 \subset S$  be three sets of generators. Define  $S_{ij} = S_i \cap S_j$  and  $T = S_1 \cap S_2 \cap S_3$ . For which Coxeter groups W does the implication

$$\forall 1 \le i < j \le 3 : w \in w_K C_{S_{ij}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad w \in w_K C_T \tag{4.1.1}$$

hold for any possible K,  $\theta$ ,  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$ ,  $S_3$  and w?

The reader might wonder, why we handle with intersections of sets of generators and not just with arbitrary sets of generators. The reason for that is also the main reason, why  $Wk(\theta)$  is less accessible than Br(W): In  $Wk(\theta)$  there is the possibilty for  $w\underline{s} = w\underline{t}$  for two distinct generators  $s,t\in S$ . Within the Hasse diagram this situation appears in form of double edges between two vertices. For example, let  $W=A_3$  and  $\theta$  be the Coxeter system automorphism swapping  $s_1$  with  $s_3$ . Then we have  $e\underline{s}_1=s_3s_1=s_1s_3=e\underline{s}_3$ . Double edges can also occur for  $\theta=\mathrm{id}$ , but in this situation they cannot appear next to the neutral element e, since  $\theta(s)es=e$  for all  $s\in S$ , hence  $e\underline{s}=s\neq t=e\underline{t}$  for all  $s,t\in S$  with  $s\neq t$ . Therefore, if we had written 4.1.1 with arbitrary sets  $S_{12},S_{23},S_{31}$ , then it would be false immediately for any Coxeter system automorphism, that swaps two commutating generators, as seen in Example 4.3.

The following corollary shows us, what distinguish our special configuration of sets of generators from the arbitrary configuration.

**Corollary 4.2.** Let M be a set and  $S_{12}, S_{23}, S_{31} \subseteq M$  three subsets. Then there are three sets  $S_1, S_2, S_3 \subseteq M$  with  $S_{ij} = S_i \cap S_j$  iff no element  $x \in M$  is precisely in two of the sets  $S_{ij}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $S_{12}$ ,  $S_{23}$ ,  $S_{31}$  be the pairwise intersection of three sets  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$ ,  $S_3$ . If an element  $x \in M$  is in none or in one of the sets  $S_i$ , then it is in none of the sets  $S_{ij}$ . If it is in two of the sets  $S_i$ , say  $x \in S_1$ ,  $S_2$ , then  $x \in S_{12}$ , but x is not in one of the other two  $S_{ij}$ . If x is in all three  $S_i$ , then it is in all three  $S_{ij}$ , too. Hence there is no  $x \in M$ , that is in precisely two of the sets  $S_{ij}$ . Conversely, suppose  $S_{12}$ ,  $S_{23}$ ,  $S_{31}$  to be arbitrary with the constraint, that

there is no element  $x \in M$  in precisely two of them. Then we can construct three sets  $S_1, S_2, S_3$ , whose pairwise intersections coincides with the sets  $S_{ij}$  by  $x \in S_i \land x \in S_j$  iff  $x \in S_{ij}$ . With this construction and the previous considerations, it is clear that these  $S_i$  have the  $S_{ij}$  as pairwise intersection. Note that this construction is not unique in general, since when there is a  $x \in M$ , that is in none of the sets  $S_{ij}$ , then we could add it to  $S_1, S_2$  or  $S_3$  or just omit it without changing there pairwise intersection.

# 4.1 Results in less and more specific cases

In this section we investigate some results and examples, in situations that are less or more specific than the situation from Question 4.1.

**Example 4.3.** Let  $W = A_3$  and  $\theta$  be the Coxeter system autmorphism swapping  $s_1$  and  $s_3$ . Then  $e\underline{s}_1 = e\underline{s}_3$  but  $e\underline{s}_1 \notin eC_{\{s_1\} \cap \{s_1\} \cap \{s_2\}} = eC_{\emptyset} = \{e\}$ .

Such a trivial counterexample like in Example 4.3 can not occur in the situation from Question 4.1.

**Proposition 4.4.** Consider the situation from Question 4.1. Let  $w, v \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$  with  $\rho(v) - \rho(w) = 1$  and let  $v \in wC_{S_{ii}}$  for  $1 \le i < j \le 3$ . Then we have  $v \in wC_T$ .

*Proof.* There are at most two (not necessarily distinct)  $s, t \in S$  with  $w\underline{s} = v$  and  $w\underline{t} = v$ . Each set  $S_{12}, S_{23}, S_{31}$  must at least contain s or t, hence s or t is in at least two sets, say  $s \in S_{12}, S_{23}$ . Hence  $s \in S_1, S_2, S_3$  and therefore  $v \in wC_T$ .

A hypothesis, that is much stronger than Question 4.1, reads  $wC_I \cap wC_J = wC_{I\cap J}$ . If this would be true, Question 4.1 could be concluded immediately. Unfortunately it proves to be false. Again, double-edges yield a simple counterexample.

**Example 4.5.** Let  $w \in \mathcal{I}_{\theta}$  and s,t two distinct generators with  $w\underline{s} = w\underline{t} = v$ . Then  $wC_{\{s\}} \cap wC_{\{t\}} = \{w,v\} \neq \{w\} = wC_{\emptyset} = wC_{\{s\} \cap \{t\}}$ .

**Proposition 4.6.** Consider the situation from Question 4.1. Suppose one set of  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$ ,  $S_3$  is contained in another. Then

$$\forall 1 \leq i < j \leq 3 : v \in wC_{S_{ii}} \Rightarrow v \in wC_T.$$

*Proof.* Without loss of generality let  $S_1 \subset S_2$ . Then we have  $S_{12} = S_1$ . By this we get the identity

$$T = S_1 \cap S_2 \cap S_3 = S_{12} \cap S_3 = S_1 \cap S_3$$
.

Hence  $v \in wC_T = wC_{S_{31}}$ .

# A Source codes

```
Read("twistedinvolutionweakordering.gap");
    CalculateTwistedWeakOrderings := function()
        local tasks, task, theta, W, matrix;
4
5
        tasks := [
7
            rec(system := CoxeterGroup_An(1), thetas := [ "id" ]),
            rec(system := CoxeterGroup\_An(2), thetas := [ "id", "-id" ]),
8
            rec(system := CoxeterGroup_An(3), thetas := [ "id", "-id"
9
            rec(system := CoxeterGroup_An(4), thetas := [ "id", "-id"
10
            rec(system := CoxeterGroup_An(5), thetas := [ "id", "-id" ]),
11
            rec(system := CoxeterGroup_An(6), thetas := [ "id", "-id" ]),
            rec(system := CoxeterGroup\_An(7), thetas := [ "id", "-id" ]),
13
            rec(system := CoxeterGroup_An(8), thetas := [ "id", "-id" ]),
14
            rec(system := CoxeterGroup\_An(9), thetas := [ "id", "-id"]
15
            rec(system := CoxeterGroup\_An(10), thetas := [ "id", "-id"]
16
             rec(system := CoxeterGroup\_An(11), thetas := [ "id", "-id"]
17 #
             rec(system := CoxeterGroup_An(10), thetas := [ "id" ]),
18 #
19 #
             rec(system := CoxeterGroup_An(12), thetas := [ "id", "-id" ]),
             rec(system := CoxeterGroup_An(13), thetas := [ "id", "-id" ]),
20 #
            rec(system := CoxeterGroup\_BCn(2), thetas := [ "id", "-id" ]),
21
22
            rec(system := CoxeterGroup_BCn(3), thetas := [ "id" ]),
             \verb"rec(system := CoxeterGroup_BCn(4)", thetas := [ "id""]
23 #
             rec(system := CoxeterGroup_BCn(5), thetas := [ "id" ]),
24 #
             rec(system := CoxeterGroup_BCn(6), thetas := [ "id" ]),
25 #
26 #
             rec(system := CoxeterGroup_BCn(7), thetas := [ "id" ]),
2.7
            rec(system := CoxeterGroup_Dn(4), thetas := [ "id" ]),
            rec(system := CoxeterGroup_Dn(5), thetas := [ "id"
            rec(system := CoxeterGroup_Dn(6), thetas := [ "id" ]),
29
            rec(system := CoxeterGroup_E6(), thetas := [ "id", [6,5,3,4,2,1] ]),
30
            rec(system := CoxeterGroup_E7(), thetas := [ "id" ]),
31
32
             rec(system := CoxeterGroup_E8(), thetas := [ "id" ]),
            rec(system := CoxeterGroup_F4(), thetas := [ "id" ]),
33
34
            rec(system := CoxeterGroup_H3(), thetas := [ "id" ]),
35
            rec(system := CoxeterGroup_H4(), thetas := [ "id" ]),
             rec(system := CoxeterGroup_I2m(3), thetas := [ "id", "-id" ]),
36
             \label{eq:condition} \texttt{rec(system} \; := \; \texttt{CoxeterGroup\_I2m(4)} \,, \; \; \texttt{thetas} \; := \; [ \; "id" \,, \; "-id" \; ]) \,,
37
             rec(system := CoxeterGroup_I2m(5), thetas := [ "id", "-id" ]),
38
39
   #
             rec(system := CoxeterGroup_I2m(6), thetas := [ "id", "-id" ]),
40
        1:
41
42
        for task in tasks do
43
            W := task.system.group;
            matrix := task.system.matrix;
44
45
             \textbf{for} \ \ \textbf{theta in List(task.thetas, t -> GroupAutomorphismByPermutation(W, t))} \ \ \textbf{do} \\
46
                 Print(Name(W), " ", Name(theta), "\n");
47
                 TwistedInvolutionWeakOrdering(StringToFilename(Concatenation(Name(W), "-",
48
                     Name(theta))), W, matrix, theta);
49
            od:
50
        od:
51
   end;
52
53
    Benchmark := function ()
54
        local tasks, task, theta, W, matrix, benchmarks, b, result, startTime, endTime;
55
56
        tasks := [
            rec(system := CoxeterGroup_An(9), thetas := [ "id" ]),
```

```
#rec(system := CoxeterGroup_An(10), thetas := [ "id" ]),
58
            #rec(system := CoxeterGroup_An(11), thetas := [ "id" ]),
59
 60
            rec(system := CoxeterGroup_E6(), thetas := [ "id" ]),
            #rec(system := CoxeterGroup_E7(), thetas := [ "id" ]),
 61
62
        ];
63
64
        benchmarks := [];
65
        Print("Benchmark algo 1\n");
 66
 67
68
        for task in tasks do
 69
            W := task.system.group;
70
            matrix := task.system.matrix;
 71
72
            73
               Print(Name(W), " ", Name(theta), "\n");
74
75
               startTime := Runtime();
 76
               result := TwistedInvolutionWeakOrdering1(fail, W, matrix, theta);
 77
               endTime := Runtime();
78
               Add(benchmarks, rec(name := Name(W), algo := "TWOA1", time := StringTime(
 79
                    endTime - startTime), result := result));
80
            od:
81
        od;
82
        Print("Benchmark algo 2\n");
83
84
85
        for task in tasks do
86
            W := task.system.group;
87
           matrix := task.system.matrix;
88
            89
               Print(Name(W), " ", Name(theta), "\n");
90
 91
92
               startTime := Runtime();
93
               result := TwistedInvolutionWeakOrdering(fail, W, matrix, theta);
94
               endTime := Runtime();
95
               Add(benchmarks, rec(name := Name(W), algo := "TWOA2", time := StringTime(
96
                   endTime - startTime), result := result));
97
            od;
98
        od:
99
100
        for b in benchmarks do
101
            Display(b);
        od:
102
    end;
103
104
    TestCondition := function ()
105
        local tasks, task, S, K, _T, T, K12, K23, K31, wK, parts, part, graph,
106
107
            resS12, resS23, resS31, resT, resDiff, i, j;
108
109
        tasks := [
110 #
            "H_3-id",
             "H\_4-id",
111
112
             "F_4-id",
    #
113
             "D__4_-id",
             "D\__5_-id",
114
    #
             "D__6_-id",
115
            "E_6-id",
116 #
```

```
"E_7-id",
117
118
                              "E_8-id",
119
                                "A__4_-id",
                                "A__5_-id",
120
121
                                "A\__6_-id",
122
                                "A__7_-id",
                                "BC__4_-id",
123
                                "BC__5_-id",
124
                                "BC__6_-id",
125
                                "A\__8_-id",
126
127
                                 "A__9_-id",
             #
128
                                 "A__10_-id",
                                "BC__7_-id",
129
             #
130
                    ];
131
132
                    for task in tasks do
                              graph := TwistedInvolutionWeakOrderingPersistReadResults(task);
133
134
                              S := [1..graph.data.rank];
135
                              Print(graph.data.name, " ", graph.data.automorphism, "\n");
136
                              i := 0;
137
                              for K in IteratorOfCombinations(S) do
138
139
                                       j := 0;
140
                                       i := i + 1;
141
142
                                       if Length(K) <= 2 or Length(K) = Length(S) then continue; fi;</pre>
                                       parts := PartitionsSet(K, 3);
143
144
                                       wK := TwistedInvolutionWeakOrderungLongestWord(graph.vertices[1], K);
145
146
                                       for _T in IteratorOfCombinations(K) do
                                                 j := j + 1;
147
                                                 Print(i, " ", j, "
148
                                                                                                                                                      \r");
149
                                                 T := Union(_T, Difference(S, K));
150
151
152
                                                 for part in parts do
                                                          K12 := part[1];
153
154
                                                          K23 := part[2];
155
                                                          K31 := part[3];
                                                          {\tt \#Print}("K=", K, "T=", T, "K12=", K12, "K23=", K23, "K31=", K31, "K31, "K3
156
                                                                       "\n");
157
158
                                                          resS12 := TwistedInvolutionWeakOrderungResiduum(wK, Union(K12, T));
                                                          resS23 := TwistedInvolutionWeakOrderungResiduum(wK, Union(K23, T));
159
160
                                                          resS31 := TwistedInvolutionWeakOrderungResiduum(wK, Union(K31, T));
161
                                                          resT := TwistedInvolutionWeakOrderungResiduum(wK, T);
162
                                                          resDiff := Difference(Intersection(resS12, resS23, resS31), resT);
163
164
165
                                                          if Length(resDiff) > 0 then
                                                                    Print("*** FOUND COUNTEREXAMPLE ***\n",
166
                                                                             "W = ", graph.name, "\n",
167
                                                                             "theta = ", graph.automorphis, "\n",
168
169
                                                                             "S = ", S, "\n",
                                                                             "K = ", K, "\n",
170
                                                                             "wK = ", wK, "\n",
171
                                                                             "T = ", T, "\n",
"K12 = ", K12, "\n",
"K23 = ", K23, "\n",
172
173
174
                                                                             "K31 = ", K31, "\n",
175
                                                                             "w = ", resDiff, "\n\");
176
```

```
177
                         fi:
                     od;
178
179
                od;
            od;
180
181
        od;
182
    end;
 1
    LoadPackage("io");
 3 Read("misc.gap");
 4 Read("coxeter.gap");
 5 Read("twistedinvolutionweakordering-persist.gap");
 6
    TwistedInvolutionDeduceNodeAndEdgeFromGraph := function(matrix, startNode, startLabel,
         labels)
 8
        local rank, comb, trace, possibleEqualNodes, e, k, n;
10
        rank := -1/2 + Sqrt(1/4 + 2*Length(matrix)) + 1;
11
        possibleEqualNodes := [];
12
13
         for comb in List(Filtered(labels, label -> label <> startLabel), label -> rec(
             startNode := startNode, s := [startLabel, label], m := CoxeterMatrixEntry(
             matrix, rank, startLabel, label))) do
14
            trace := [];
15
            k := 1;
            n := comb.startNode;
16
17
18
             Add(trace, rec(node := n, edge := rec(label := comb.s[1], type := -1)));
19
2.0
             while k < comb.m do</pre>
2.1
                 e := FindElement(n.inEdges, e -> e.label = comb.s[k mod 2 + 1]);
22
                 if e = fail then break; fi;
23
                n := e.source;
24
25
                 Add(trace, rec(node := n, edge := e));
26
                 k := k + 1:
27
             od;
28
29
             while k > 0 do
30
                 e := FindElement(n.outEdges, e -> e.label = comb.s[k mod 2 + 1]);
31
                 if e = fail then break; fi;
32.
                n := e.target;
33
34
                 Add(trace, rec(node := n, edge := e));
35
                 k := k - 1;
             od;
36
37
38
             if k \ll 0 then continue; fi;
39
40
             if Length(trace) = 2*comb.m then
41
                 return rec(result := 0, node := trace[Length(trace)].node, type := trace[
                     comb.m + 1].edge.type, trace := trace);
             fi;
42
43
             if Length(trace) >= 4 then
44
45
                 if trace[Length(trace) / 2 + 1].edge.type <> trace[Length(trace) / 2].edge.
                     type then
46
                     # cannot be equal
47
                 else
48
                     if trace[Length(trace)].edge.type = 0 then
49
                         return rec(result := 0, node := trace[Length(trace)].node, type :=
```

```
0, trace := trace);
50
                      else
51
                          Add(possibleEqualNodes, trace[Length(trace)].node);
52
                      fi:
53
                  fi;
54
             else
55
                  Add(possibleEqualNodes, trace[Length(trace)].node);
56
             fi:
 57
         od;
58
59
         return rec(result := -1, possibleEqualNodes := possibleEqualNodes);
60
    end;
61
    # Calculates the poset Wk(theta).
62
63
    TwistedInvolutionWeakOrdering := function (filename, W, matrix, theta)
         local persistInfo, maxOrder, nodes, edges, absNodeIndex, absEdgeIndex, prevNode,
64
             currNode, newEdge,
65
             label, type, deduction, startTime, endTime, S, k, i, s, x, y, n;
66
 67
         persistInfo := TwistedInvolutionWeakOrderingPersistResultsInit(filename);
68
 69
         S := GeneratorsOfGroup(W);
70
         maxOrder := Minimum([Maximum(Concatenation(matrix, [1])), 5]);
 71
         nodes := [ [], [ rec(element := One(W), twistedLength := 0, inEdges := [], outEdges
              := [], absIndex := 1) ];
 72
         edges := [ [], [] ];
73
         absNodeIndex := 2;
 74
         absEdgeIndex := 1;
75
         k := 0;
76
 77
         while Length(nodes[2]) > 0 do
 78
             if not IsFinite(W) then
79
                  \textbf{if} \ k \ > \ 200 \ \ \text{or} \ \ abs \texttt{NodeIndex} \ > \ 10000 \ \ \textbf{then}
80
                      break:
                  fi;
 81
             fi;
82
83
84
             for i in [1..Length(nodes[2])] do
                 Print(k, " ", i, "
85
86
87
                  prevNode := nodes[2][i];
                  for label in Filtered([1..Length(S)], n -> Position(List(prevNode.inEdges,
88
                      e \rightarrow e.label), n) = fail) do
89
                      deduction := TwistedInvolutionDeduceNodeAndEdgeFromGraph(matrix,
                          prevNode, label, [1..Length(S)]);
90
 91
                      if deduction.result = 0 then
92
                          type := deduction.type;
93
                          currNode := deduction.node;
94
                      {f elif} deduction.result = 1 then
95
                          type := deduction.type;
96
97
                          currNode := rec(element := y, twistedLength := k + 1, inEdges :=
                               [], outEdges := [], absIndex := absNodeIndex);
98
                          Add(nodes[1], currNode);
99
100
                          absNodeIndex := absNodeIndex + 1;
101
102
                          x := prevNode.element;
103
                          s := S[label];
```

```
105
                         type := 1;
106
                         y := s^theta*x*s;
107
                          if (CoxeterElementsCompare(x, y)) then
108
                              y := x * s;
109
                              type := 0;
110
                         fi:
111
112
                         currNode := FindElement(deduction.possibleEqualNodes, n ->
                              CoxeterElementsCompare(n.element, y));
113
                         if currNode = fail then
114
115
                              currNode := rec(element := y, twistedLength := k + 1, inEdges
                                  := [], outEdges := [], absIndex := absNodeIndex);
116
                              Add(nodes[1], currNode);
117
118
                              absNodeIndex := absNodeIndex + 1;
119
                         fi;
120
                     fi;
121
                     newEdge := rec(source := prevNode, target := currNode, label := label,
122
                          type := type, absIndex := absEdgeIndex);
123
124
                     Add(edges[1], newEdge);
125
                     Add(currNode.inEdges, newEdge);
126
                     Add(prevNode.outEdges, newEdge);
127
128
                     absEdgeIndex := absEdgeIndex + 1;
129
                 od;
130
             od;
131
132
             TwistedInvolutionWeakOrderingPersistResults(persistInfo, nodes[2], edges[2]);
133
134
             Add(nodes, [], 1);
135
             Add(edges, [], 1);
             if (Length(nodes) > maxOrder + 1) then
136
137
                 for n in nodes[maxOrder + 2] do
138
                     n.inEdges := [];
139
                     n.outEdges := [];
140
                 od;
141
                 Remove(nodes, maxOrder + 2);
142
                 Remove(edges, maxOrder + 2);
143
             fi;
144
             k := k + 1;
145
         od;
146
         TwistedInvolutionWeakOrderingPersistResultsInfo(persistInfo, W, matrix, theta,
147
             absNodeIndex - 1, k - 1);
148
         TwistedInvolutionWeakOrderingPersistResultsClose(persistInfo);
149
150
         return rec(numNodes := absNodeIndex - 1, numEdges := absEdgeIndex - 1,
             maxTwistedLength := k - 1);
151
    end;
152
    # Calculates the poset Wk(theta).
153
    TwistedInvolutionWeakOrdering1 := function (filename, W, matrix, theta)
155
         local persistInfo, maxOrder, nodes, edges, absNodeIndex, absEdgeIndex, prevNode,
             currNode, newEdge,
156
             label, type, deduction, startTime, endTime, S, k, i, s, x, y, n;
157
158
         persistInfo := TwistedInvolutionWeakOrderingPersistResultsInit(filename);
159
```

```
160
         S := GeneratorsOfGroup(W);
161
         maxOrder := Minimum([Maximum(Concatenation(matrix, [1])), 5]);
162
         nodes := [ [ ], [ rec(element := One(W), twistedLength := 0, inEdges := [ ], outEdges ] 
               := [], absIndex := 1) ];
         edges := [ [], [] ];
163
164
         absNodeIndex := 2;
165
         absEdgeIndex := 1;
         k := 0;
166
167
168
         while Length(nodes[2]) > 0 do
169
             if not IsFinite(W) then
170
                  if k > 200 \text{ or absNodeIndex} > 10000 \text{ then}
171
                      break;
                  fi:
172
              fi;
173
174
175
              for i in [1..Length(nodes[2])] do
176
                  Print(k, " ", i, "
                                               \r");
177
178
                  prevNode := nodes[2][i];
179
                  for label in Filtered([1..Length(S)], n -> Position(List(prevNode.inEdges,
                      e \rightarrow e.label), n) = fail) do
180
                      x := prevNode.element;
181
                      s := S[label];
182
183
                      type := 1;
184
                      y := s^theta*x*s;
185
                      if (CoxeterElementsCompare(x, y)) then
186
                          y := x * s;
187
                           type := 0;
                      fi;
188
189
190
                      currNode := FindElement(nodes[1], n -> CoxeterElementsCompare(n.element
                           , y));
191
192
                      if currNode = fail then
                           \verb|currNode| := \verb|rec(element| := \verb|y|, twistedLength| := \verb|k| + 1, inEdges| :=
193
                               [], outEdges := [], absIndex := absNodeIndex);
194
                           Add(nodes[1], currNode);
195
196
                           absNodeIndex := absNodeIndex + 1;
197
                      fi;
198
199
                      newEdge := rec(source := prevNode, target := currNode, label := label,
                           type := type, absIndex := absEdgeIndex);
200
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                      Add(edges[1], newEdge);
202
                      Add(currNode.inEdges, newEdge);
203
                      Add(prevNode.outEdges, newEdge);
204
205
                      absEdgeIndex := absEdgeIndex + 1;
206
                  od;
              od:
2.07
208
209
              TwistedInvolutionWeakOrderingPersistResults(persistInfo, nodes[2], edges[2]);
210
              Add(nodes, [], 1);
211
212
              Add(edges, [], 1);
              if (Length(nodes) > maxOrder + 1) then
213
                  for n in nodes[maxOrder + 2] do
214
215
                      n.inEdges := [];
```

```
n.outEdges := [];
216
217
                 od;
218
                 Remove(nodes, maxOrder + 2);
219
                 Remove(edges, maxOrder + 2);
220
             fi;
221
             k := k + 1;
222
         od:
223
         TwistedInvolutionWeakOrderingPersistResultsInfo(persistInfo, W, matrix, theta,
224
             absNodeIndex - 1, k - 1);
         TwistedInvolution WeakOrdering PersistResults Close (persistInfo);\\
225
226
227
         return rec(numNodes := absNodeIndex - 1, numEdges := absEdgeIndex - 1,
             maxTwistedLength := k - 1);
228
    end;
229
230
    TwistedInvolutionWeakOrderungResiduum := function (vertex, labels)
231
         local visited, queue, residuum, current, edge;
232
         visited := [ vertex ];
233
234
         queue := [ vertex ];
235
         residuum := [];
236
237
         while Length(queue) > 0 do
238
             current := queue[1];
239
             Remove(queue, 1);
             Add(residuum, current);
240
241
242
             for edge in current.outEdges do
243
                 if edge.label in labels and not edge.target in visited then
244
                     Add(visited, edge.target);
245
                     Add(queue, edge.target);
246
                 fi;
247
             od:
         od;
248
249
250
         return residuum;
251
    end;
252
    TwistedInvolutionWeakOrderungLongestWord := function (vertex, labels)
253
254
         local current;
255
256
         current := vertex;
257
258
         while Length(Filtered(current.outEdges, e -> e.label in labels)) > 0 do
             current := Filtered(current.outEdges, e -> e.label in labels)[1].target;
259
260
         od:
261
262
         return current;
263
    end;
    GroupAutomorphismByPermutation := function (G, generatorPermutation)
 1
 2
         local automorphism, generators;
 3
 4
         generators := GeneratorsOfGroup(G);
 5
 6
         if generatorPermutation = "id" or generatorPermutation = [1..Length(generators)]
             then
 7
             automorphism := IdentityMapping(G);
 8
             SetName(automorphism, "id");
 9
```

```
10
            return automorphism;
        elif generatorPermutation = "-id" then
11
12
             generatorPermutation := Reversed([1..Length(GeneratorsOfGroup(G))]);
13
14
15
        automorphism := GroupHomomorphismByImages(G, G, generators, generators{
             generatorPermutation});
        SetName(automorphism, Concatenation("(", JoinStringsWithSeparator(
16
             generatorPermutation, ","), ")"));
17
18
        return automorphism;
19
    end;
20
    GroupAutomorphismIdNeg := function (G)
21
22
        \textbf{return} \ \ \text{GroupAutomorphismByPermutation} (\texttt{G}, \ \ \text{Reversed} ([1.. Length (\texttt{GeneratorsOfGroup}(\texttt{G}))]) \\
23
    end:
24
25
    GroupAutomorphismId := function (G)
        return GroupAutomorphismByPermutation(G, [1..Length(GeneratorsOfGroup(G))]);
26
27
28
    FindElement := function (list, selector)
29
30
        local i;
31
32
        for i in [1..Length(list)] do
33
             if (selector(list[i])) then
34
                 return list[i];
35
             fi:
36
        od:
37
38
        return fail;
39
    end;
40
41
    StringToFilename := function(str)
42
        local result, c;
43
44
        result := "";
45
46
        for c in str do
             if IsDigitChar(c) or IsAlphaChar(c) or c = '-' or c = '_' then
47
48
                 Add(result, c);
49
             else
50
                 Add(result, '_');
51
             fi;
52.
        od;
53
54
        return result;
55
56
57
    IO_ReadLinesIterator := function (file)
        local IsDone, Next, ShallowCopy;
58
59
60
        IsDone := function (iter)
61
            return iter!.nextLine = "" or iter!.nextLine = fail;
62
        end;
63
64
        Next := function (iter)
            local line;
65
66
            line := iter!.nextLine;
```

```
68
69
             if line = fail then
 70
                 Error(LastSystemError());
 71
                 return fail;
 72
             fi;
73
74
             iter!.nextLine := IO_ReadLine(iter!.file);
75
 76
             return Chomp(line);
 77
         end;
 78
 79
         ShallowCopy := function (iter)
80
             return fail;
81
         end:
82
83
         return IteratorByFunctions(rec(IsDoneIterator := IsDone, NextIterator := Next,
84
             ShallowCopy := ShallowCopy, file := file, nextLine := IO_ReadLine(file)));
85
    end:
86
    IO_ReadLinesIteratorCSV := function (file, seperator)
87
88
         local IsDone, Next, ShallowCopy;
89
90
         IsDone := function (iter)
91
             return iter!.nextLine = "" or iter!.nextLine = fail;
92
         end;
93
         Next := function (iter)
94
95
             local line, lineSplitted, result, i;
96
97
             line := iter!.nextLine;
98
             if line = fail then
99
                 Error(LastSystemError());
100
                 return fail;
101
             iter!.nextLine := IO_ReadLine(iter!.file);
102
103
104
             lineSplitted := SplitString(Chomp(line), iter!.seperator);
105
             result := rec();
106
             for i in [1..Minimum(Length(iter!.headers), Length(lineSplitted))] do
107
108
                 result.(iter!.headers[i]) := EvalString(lineSplitted[i]);
109
110
111
             return result;
112
         end;
113
         ShallowCopy := function (iter)
114
             return fail;
115
116
         end;
117
         return IteratorByFunctions(rec(IsDoneIterator := IsDone, NextIterator := Next,
118
119
             ShallowCopy := ShallowCopy, file := file, seperator := seperator,
             headers := SplitString(Chomp(IO_ReadLine(file)), seperator),
120
121
             nextLine := IO_ReadLine(file)));
122
    end;
 1 Read("coxeter-generators.gap");
 2.
 3
    CoxeterElementsCompare := function (w1, w2)
 4
         return w1 = w2;
 5
    end;
```

```
6
7
   CoxeterMatrixEntry := function(matrix, rank, i, j)
8
        local temp;
9
10
        if (i = j) then
11
            return 1;
        fi:
12
13
        if (i > j) then
14
15
            temp := i;
16
            i := j;
17
            j := temp;
18
        fi:
19
20
        return matrix[(rank-1)*(rank)/2 - (rank-i)*(rank-i+1)/2 + (j-i-1) + 1];
21
1\, # Generates a coxeter group with given rank and relations. The relations have to
2 # be given in a linear list of the upper right entries (above diagonal) of the
3
   # coxeter matrix.
4
5
   # Example:
6
   # To generate the coxeter group A_4 with the following coxeter matrix:
8 # | 1 3 2 2 |
9 # | 3 1 3 2 |
10 # | 2 3 1 3 |
11
   # | 2 2 3 1 |
12. #
13
   # A4 := CoxeterGroup(4, [3,2,2, 3,2, 3]);
   CoxeterGroup := function (rank, upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix)
15
        local generatorNames, relations, F, S, W, i, j, k;
16
17
        generatorNames := List([1..rank], n -> Concatenation("s", String(n)));
18
19
        F := FreeGroup(generatorNames);
20
        S := GeneratorsOfGroup(F);
21
22
        relations := [];
23
24
        Append(relations, List([1..rank], n -> S[n]^2));
2.5
26
        k := 1;
27
        for i in [1..rank] do
28
            for j in [i+1..rank] do
29
                 Add(relations, (S[i]*S[j])^(upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix[k]));
30
                 k := k + 1;
31
            od;
32
        od;
33
        W := F / relations;
34
35
36
        return W;
37
    end;
38
39
   CoxeterGroup_An := function (n)
40
        \textbf{local} \ \texttt{upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix} \,, \ \textbf{W} \,;
41
42
        upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix \; := \; Flat(List(Reversed([1..n-1]) \,, \; m \; -> \; Concatenation \,)
             ([3], List([1..m-1], o -> 2)));
43
```

```
#W := CoxeterGroup(n, upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix);
45
         W := GroupWithGenerators(List([1..n], s -> (s,s+1)));
46
47
         SetName(W, Concatenation("A_{", String(n), "}"));
48
         SetSize(W, Factorial(n + 1));
49
50
         return rec(group := W, rank := n, matrix := upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix);
51
    end:
52
53
    CoxeterGroup_BCn := function (n)
         \textbf{local} \ \texttt{upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix} \,, \ \ \textbf{W} \,;
54
55
56
         upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix := Flat(List(Reversed([1..n-1]), m -> Concatenation
             ([3], List([1..m-1], o \rightarrow 2)));
57
         upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix[Length(upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix)] := 4;
58
59
         W := CoxeterGroup(n, upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix);
60
         SetName(W, Concatenation("BC_{", String(n), "}"));
61
         SetSize(W, 2^n * Factorial(n));
62
63
64
         return rec(group := W, rank := n, matrix := upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix);
65
    end:
66
67
    CoxeterGroup_Dn := function (n)
68
         local upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix, W;
69
70
         upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix := Flat(List(Reversed([1..n-1]), m -> Concatenation
             ([3], List([1..m-1], o \rightarrow 2)));
 71
         upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix[Length(upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix)] := 2;
         upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix[Length(upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix) - 1] := 3;
 72
73
         upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix[Length(upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix) - 2] := 3;
74
75
         W := CoxeterGroup(n, upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix);
76
77
         SetName(\textbf{W}, Concatenation(\textbf{"}\textbf{D}_{-}\{\textbf{"}, String(\textbf{n}), \textbf{"}\}\textbf{"}));
78
         SetSize(\mathbb{W},\ 2^{n-1})\ *\ Factorial(n));
79
80
         return rec(group := W, rank := n, matrix := upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix);
81
    end:
82
    CoxeterGroup_E6 := function ()
83
84
         local upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix, W;
85
86
         upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix := [3, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2, 3];
27
88
         W := CoxeterGroup(6, upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix);
89
         SetName(W, "E_6");
90
91
         SetSize(W, 2^7 * 3^4 * 5);
92
93
         return rec(group := W, rank := 6, matrix := upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix);
94
    end;
95
96
    CoxeterGroup_E7 := function ()
97
         local upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix, W;
98
99
         upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix := [3, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2,
               2, 2, 3, 2, 3];
100
101
         W := CoxeterGroup(7, upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix);
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102
103
        SetName(W, "E_7");
104
        SetSize(W, 2^10 * 3^4 * 5 * 7);
105
106
        return rec(group := W, rank := 7, matrix := upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix);
107
    end:
108
    CoxeterGroup_E8 := function ()
109
110
        local upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix, W;
111
        112
            2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 2, 2, 3, 2, 3];
113
        W := CoxeterGroup(8, upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix);
114
115
        SetName(W, "E_8");
116
117
        SetSize(W, 2^14 * 3^5 * 5^2 * 7);
118
119
        return rec(group := W, rank := 8, matrix := upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix);
120
    end;
121
    CoxeterGroup_F4 := function ()
122
123
        local upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix, W;
124
125
        upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix := [3, 2, 2, 4, 2, 3];
126
        W := CoxeterGroup(4, upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix);
127
128
129
        SetName(W, "F_4");
130
        SetSize(W, 2^7 * 3^2);
131
132
        return rec(group := W, rank := 4, matrix := upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix);
133
    end;
134
    CoxeterGroup_H3 := function ()
135
136
        local upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix, W;
137
138
        upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix := [5, 2, 3];
139
        W := CoxeterGroup(3, upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix);
140
141
142
        SetName(W, "H_3");
143
        SetSize(W, 120);
144
145
        return rec(group := W, rank := 3, matrix := upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix);
146
    end:
147
    CoxeterGroup_H4 := function ()
148
149
        local upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix, W;
150
        upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix := [5, 2, 2, 3, 2, 3];
151
152
        W := CoxeterGroup(4, upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix);
153
154
155
        SetName(W, "H_4");
156
        SetSize(W, 14400);
157
158
        return rec(group := W, rank := 4, matrix := upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix);
159
    end;
160
161
    CoxeterGroup_I2m := function (m)
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162
        local upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix, W;
163
164
         upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix := [m];
165
166
        W := CoxeterGroup(2, upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix);
167
        SetName(W, Concatenation("I_2(", String(m), ")"));
168
169
        SetSize(W, 2*m);
170
171
        return rec(group := W, rank := 2, matrix := upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix);
172
    end;
173
174
    CoxeterGroup_TildeAn := function (n)
175
        \textbf{local} \ \texttt{upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix} \,, \ \textbf{W} \,;
176
177
         upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix := Flat(List(Reversed([1..n]), m -> Concatenation([3],
              List([1..m-1], o -> 2)));
178
179
        if n = 1 then
180
             upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix[1] := 0;
181
        else
182
             upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix[n] := 3;
        fi;
183
184
185
        W := CoxeterGroup(n + 1, upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix);
186
        SetName(W, Concatenation("\\tilde A_{", String(n), "}"));
187
188
        SetSize(W, infinity);
189
190
        return rec(group := W, rank := n + 1, matrix := upperTriangleOfCoxeterMatrix);
191
    end;
    TwistedInvolutionWeakOrderingPersistReadResults := function(filename)
 1
        local fileD, fileV, fileE, csvLine, data, vertices, edges, newEdge, source, target,
 2
              i:
 3
        fileD := IO_File(Concatenation("results/", filename, "-data"), "r");
        5
        \label{eq:fileE} fileE := IO\_File(Concatenation("results/", filename, "-edges"), "r", 1024*1024);
 6
 8
        data := NextIterator(IO_ReadLinesIteratorCSV(fileD, ";"));
        vertices := [];
 9
10
        edges := [];
 11
12
        i := 1;
13
         for csvLine in IO_ReadLinesIteratorCSV(fileV, ";") do
 14
             Add(vertices, rec(absIndex := i, twistedLength := csvLine.twistedLength, name
                 := csvLine.name, inEdges := [], outEdges := []));
15
             i := i + 1;
        od;
16
 17
18
        i := 1:
19
         for csvLine in IO_ReadLinesIteratorCSV(fileE, ";") do
20
             source := vertices[csvLine.sourceIndex + 1];
21
             target := vertices[csvLine.targetIndex + 1];
22
             newEdge := rec(absIndex := i, source := source, target := target, label :=
                 csvLine.label, type := csvLine.type);
23
24
             Add(source.outEdges, newEdge);
25
             Add(target.inEdges, newEdge);
26
             Add(edges, newEdge);
```

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i := i + 1;
2.7
28
       od;
29
30
       IO_Close(fileD);
       IO_Close(fileV);
31
32
       IO_Close(fileE);
33
34
       return rec(data := data, vertices := vertices, edges := edges);
35
   end:
36
37
   TwistedInvolutionWeakOrderingPersistResultsInit := function(filename)
38
       local fileD, fileV, fileE;
39
       if (filename = fail) then return fail; fi;
40
41
42
       fileD := IO_File(Concatenation("results/", filename, "-data"), "w");
       43
44
       \label{eq:fileE} fileE := IO\_File(Concatenation("results/", filename, "-edges"), "w", 1024*1024);
45
       IO_Write(fileD, "name;rank;size;generators;matrix;automorphism;wk_size;
            wk_max_length\n");
       \label{lower_loss} \mbox{IO\_Write(fileV, "twistedLength;name\n");}
46
        IO_Write(fileE, "sourceIndex; targetIndex; label; type\n");
47
48
49
       return rec(fileD := fileD, fileV := fileV, fileE := fileE);
50
   end;
51
52
   TwistedInvolutionWeakOrderingPersistResultsClose := function(persistInfo)
53
       if (persistInfo = fail) then return; fi;
54
55
       IO_Close(persistInfo.fileD);
56
       IO_Close(persistInfo.fileV);
57
       IO_Close(persistInfo.fileE);
58
   end;
59
   TwistedInvolutionWeakOrderingPersistResultsInfo := function(persistInfo, W, matrix,
        theta, numNodes, maxTwistedLength)
61
       if (persistInfo = fail) then return; fi;
62
        IO\_Write(persistInfo.fileD, "\"", ReplacedString(Name(W), "\\", "\\\"), "\";");
63
       IO_Write(persistInfo.fileD, Length(GeneratorsOfGroup(W)), ";");
64
65
       if (Size(W) = infinity) then
            IO_Write(persistInfo.fileD, "\"infinity\";");
66
67
        else
68
            IO_Write(persistInfo.fileD, Size(W), ";");
69
        fi;
       IO_Write(persistInfo.fileD, "[", JoinStringsWithSeparator(List(GeneratorsOfGroup(W))
70
            , n -> Concatenation("\"", String(n), "\"")), ","), "];");
       IO_Write(persistInfo.fileD, "[", JoinStringsWithSeparator(matrix, ","), "];");
71
       IO_Write(persistInfo.fileD, "\"", Name(theta), "\";");
72
73
74
       if (Size(W) = infinity) then
            IO_Write(persistInfo.fileD, "\"infinity\";");
75
            IO_Write(persistInfo.fileD, "\"infinity\"");
76
77
78
            IO_Write(persistInfo.fileD, numNodes, ";");
79
            IO_Write(persistInfo.fileD, maxTwistedLength, "");
80
       fi;
81
   end:
82
83
   TwistedInvolutionWeakOrderingPersistResults := function(persistInfo, nodes, edges)
       local n, e, i, tmp, bubbles;
```

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85
         if (persistInfo = fail) then return; fi;
86
87
         \# bubble sort the edges, to make sure, that double edges are neighbours in the list
88
89
         bubbles := 1;
90
         while bubbles > 0 do
91
             bubbles := 0;
92
             for i in [1..Length(edges)-1] do
                 if edges[i].source.absIndex = edges[i+1].source.absIndex and edges[i].
                      target.absIndex > edges[i+1].target.absIndex then
94
                     tmp := edges[i];
95
                      edges[i] := edges[i+1];
                      edges[i+1] := tmp;
96
97
                      bubbles := bubbles + 1;
98
                 fi;
99
             od;
         od;
100
101
102
         for n in nodes do
             if n.absIndex = 1 then
103
104
                 I0\_Write(persistInfo.fileV, n.twistedLength, "; \verb|\|"e\"|n");
105
                 IO\_Write(persistInfo.fileV, n.twistedLength, "; \"', String(n.element), " \" \"
106
                     n");
107
             fi;
         od;
108
109
110
         for e in edges do
111
             IO_Write(persistInfo.fileE, e.source.absIndex-1, ";", e.target.absIndex-1, ";",
                  e.label, ";", e.type, "\n");
112
         od;
113
    end;
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