

# DUAL ARTIN GROUP PRESENTATIONS

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## 1. NOTATION AND SETUP

We will begin by setting up our notation for Coxeter and Artin groups.

Let  $W$  and  $A$  respectively be the Coxeter and Artin groups associated to some Coxeter system  $\Gamma$ . In this document, the specific Coxeter system is arbitrary and constant.

Our Coxeter and Artin groups have a conventional finite generating set which we associate to the set  $S$ . In this document,  $n$  will always denote  $|S|$ , the rank of our Coxeter system. Rather than  $S$  being a subset of  $W$  or  $A$ , we will consider  $S$  to be a free generating set, with  $F_S$  the free group on  $S$ . For any quotient  $G$  of  $F_S$  (particularly  $W$  or  $A$ ), we denote the quotient surjection  $\pi_{(S,G)}: F_S \rightarrow G$ . Where  $S$  is obvious from context, we may drop it from this notation in favour of  $\pi_G: F_S \rightarrow G$ . For shorthand, we will denote  $\pi_W(S)$  and  $\pi_A(S)$  by  $S_W$  and  $S_A$  respectively.

To specify a dual Artin group, we must in principle choose a Coxeter element in  $W$ . We will always denote this choice  $w$ . We will denote the generating simple reflections  $W$  by  $S$ . The elements of  $S$  will always be denoted  $s_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  such that  $w$  is a lexicographic product, i.e.  $w = \pi_W(s_1 s_2 \cdots s_n)$ . For any object (set or tuple)  $X$  with such an indexing  $x_i \in X$ , and function  $f$ , we may use the notation  $\{f(x_i)\}$  as shorthand for  $\{f(x_i) \mid x_i \in X\}$ .

Let  $R := (S_W)^W \subseteq W$  denote all conjugates of generators in  $W$ . We call  $R$  the *reflections* of  $W$ .

## 2. HURWITZ GROUPS AND THE DUAL ARTIN GROUP

Let  $B_n$  denote the braid group on  $n$  strands with standard generating set  $\{\sigma_i\}$ .

**Definition 2.1** (The Hurwitz action). *Given any group  $G$ , there is an action of  $B_n$  on  $G^n$ , called the Hurwitz action where*

$$\sigma_i \cdot (g_1, \dots, g_n) = \left( g_1, \dots, g_{i-1}, g_{i+1}^{(g_i^{-1})}, g_i, g_{i+2}, \dots, g_n \right)$$

for all  $1 \leq i < n$ . This also determines the action of  $\sigma_i^{-1}$ .

This action preserves the index-wise product  $(g_1, \dots, g_n) \mapsto g_1 g_2 \cdots g_n$ . Given some  $X \subseteq G$ , if  $X^G = G$ , then the Hurwitz action is also well-defined on  $X^n$ , and this makes any such  $X$  a  $B_n$ -set. If we set  $\tau = \pi_W^n(s_1, \dots, s_n)$ , then by [IS10], we know that  $B_n \cdot \tau$  gives every minimal factorisation of  $w$  in to elements of  $R$ .

*Remark 2.2.* Given two groups  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , and a homomorphism  $\varphi: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ , the map  $\varphi^n: G_1^n \rightarrow G_2^n$  is a  $B_n$ -set morphism.

Let  $p_1: G^n \rightarrow G$  denote generic projection to the first coordinate of a tuple. We are interested in the tuples that occur due to the Hurwitz action. The set of tuples  $B_n \cdot \tau$  is the orbit of  $\tau$ . The set  $\text{HurRef}(\tau)$  is the set of all  $g \in G$  that occur in any position in  $B_n \cdot \tau$ . By choosing braids that move elements to the first position in the tuple, we see that  $\text{HurRef}(\tau) = p_1(B_n \cdot \tau)$ .

Associated to a tuple, there is a monoid construction, which we will call the *Hurwitz monoid*.

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $G$  be some group, and let  $\tau$  be some tuple in  $G^k$ . Let  $X$  denote  $\text{HurRef}(\tau)$ . Suppose there is a tuple in  $B_k \cdot \tau$  that begins  $r_1, r_2$ . Let  $s$  denote the element of  $X$  equal in  $G$  to  $r_1 r_2 r_1^{-1}$ , and  $t$  the element of  $X$  equal in  $G$  to  $r_2^{-1} r_1 r_2$ . We call any such  $(r_1, r_2, s, t)$  a Hurwitz quad. In this context, we define the Hurwitz monoid  $I$  associated to  $\tau$  as follows. Decorate elements  $x \in X$  as  $[x]$  to distinguish them as generators of  $I$  rather than elements of  $G$ .

$$I := \langle [X] \mid \{[r_1][r_2] = [s][r_1], [r_1][r_2] = [r_2][t] \mid (r_1, r_2, s, t) \text{ is a Hurwitz quad} \} \rangle.$$

We call the corresponding group, the *Hurwitz group*. We denote the Hurwitz group associated to a tuple  $\tau$  by  $H(\tau)$ .

*Remark 2.4.* In the literature, [Bes04, Lemma 7.11] and [McC15, Proposition 3.5], only one of the relation types are mentioned, namely the  $[r_1][r_2] = [s][r_1]$  ones in the above definition (that come from a  $\sigma_i^{+1}$ , rather than a  $\sigma_i^{-1}$ ). The author thinks this is an oversight, but that this does not substantially affect any of the theory.

**Lemma 2.5.** Suppose we have two groups  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  and a homomorphism  $\varphi: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ . Let  $\tau_1 = (g_1, \dots, g_n) \in G_1^n$  and  $\tau_2 = \varphi^n(\tau_1)$  be two tuples. If  $\varphi$  is injective on  $\text{HurRef}(\tau_1)$ , then  $H(\tau_1) \cong H(\tau_2)$ .

*Proof.* By Remark 2.2,  $\varphi^n$  is a  $B_n$ -set morphism from  $B_n \cdot \tau_1$  to  $B_n \cdot \tau_2$ . If  $\varphi$  is injective on  $\text{HurRef}(\tau_1)$ , then  $\varphi^n$  is injective on  $B_n \cdot \tau_1$ , so  $\varphi^n|_{B_n \cdot \tau_1}: B_n \cdot \tau_1 \rightarrow B_n \cdot \tau_2$  is a  $B_n$ -set isomorphism. Since  $H(\tau_1)$  and  $H(\tau_2)$  are determined by the  $B_n$ -sets  $B_n \cdot \tau_1$  and  $B_n \cdot \tau_2$  respectively, the map  $[x] \rightarrow [\varphi(x)]$  for all  $x \in \text{HurRef}(\tau_1)$  defines an isomorphism  $H(\tau_1) \rightarrow H(\tau_2)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.6.** Given a group  $G$  and a tuple  $\tau \in G^k$ , we have that  $H(\tau)$  is generated by  $\{\tau_i\}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\ell: B_n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  denote minimum word length with respect to the standard generating set  $\{\sigma_i\}$  for  $B_n$ . Let  $x \in \text{HurRef}(\tau) \setminus \{\tau_i\}$ . Let  $\beta \in B_n$  be the minimum length braid such that  $\beta \cdot \tau = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$  and  $x = \mu_k$  for some  $k$ . We will show that such an  $[x]$  can be written in terms of generators appearing in  $\gamma \cdot \tau$  where  $\gamma$  is a braid with  $\ell(\gamma) < \ell(\beta)$ . Induction then completes the proof.

Since  $x \notin \{\tau_i\}$ , we know  $\ell(\beta) > 0$ . Since  $\beta$  is a braid of minimum length with respect to these generators, we know that there is a factorisation of  $\beta$  in the  $\{\sigma_i\}$  such that the last factor is either  $\sigma_k$  or  $\sigma_{k-1}^{-1}$ , since these are the only generators whose action puts something new in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  position of the tuple.

Suppose the last factor of  $\beta$  is  $\sigma_k$ . Let  $(\nu_1, \dots, \nu_n) = \beta \sigma_k^{-1} \cdot \tau$ , so  $[x] = [\mu_k] = [\nu_{k+1} \nu_k \nu_{k+1}^{-1}]$ . Since  $\ell(\beta \sigma_k^{-1}) < \ell(\beta)$ , if we can express  $x$  in terms of the set  $\{\nu_i\}$  then we would be done. Since we can bring  $\nu_k$  and  $\nu_{k+1}$  to the start of the tuple, we have the equation  $[x] = [\nu_{k+1}][\nu_k][\nu_{k+1}]^{-1}$  in  $H(\tau)$ .

We make a similar argument if the last factor of  $\beta$  is  $\sigma_{i-1}^{-1}$ .  $\square$

*Remark 2.7.* The above lemma tells us that there is a presentation for any  $H(\tau)$  in just the elements  $\{[\tau_i]\}$ . When we transform the defining relations in to relations in the set  $\{[\tau_i]\}$ , they have a very particular form. For example, considering the tuple  $(a, b) \in G^2$ , we have the relation

$$[aba^{-1}] = [a][b][a]^{-1}.$$

We see that this relation allows us to commute the square bracket decorations through the word that we get from the Hurwitz action, and every such defining relation can be re-written in this way. However, note that the data that defines the relation is the specific word  $aba^{-1}$  that emerges by performing the Hurwitz action as if  $a$  and  $b$  are free group elements. If it was true that  $aba^{-1} \stackrel{G}{=} xyz$ , for some arbitrary  $x, y, z \in G$ , we would *not* necessarily have the relation  $[aba^{-1}] = [x][y][z]$ , and there is no reason to assume that any of  $[x]$ ,  $[y]$  or  $[z]$  are even generators in the defining presentation for  $H(\tau)$ . Section 3 and Lemma 3.5 expand on these observations.

**Lemma 2.8.** *Given a group  $G$  and a tuple  $\tau = (g_1, \dots, g_n)$ , the map  $[g_i] \mapsto g_i$  defines a surjection  $H(\tau) \rightarrow \langle \{g_i\} \rangle \subseteq G$ .*

*Proof.* This is true because every relation of the form discussed in Remark 2.7 is trivially true in  $G$ .  $\square$

Let  $a, b \in G$  for some group  $G$ . Let  $\Pi_k(a, b)$  denote the alternating product of  $a$  and  $b$ , beginning with  $a$ , and of length  $k$ . For example  $\Pi_5(a, b) = ababa$ .

**Lemma 2.9.** *Let  $G$  be a group such that there exists a homomorphism  $\varphi: A \rightarrow G$  from our Artin group  $A$ . Consider the tuple  $\tau = (\varphi \circ \pi_A)^n(s_1, \dots, s_n) \in G^n$ . The map  $\pi_A(s_i) \mapsto [\varphi \circ \pi_A(s_i)]$  defines a surjection from  $A$  to  $H(\tau)$ .*

*Proof.* For each  $i$ , let  $t_i$  denote  $\pi_A(s_i)$  and  $u_i$  denote  $\varphi(t_i)$ . We will show that the map  $t_i \mapsto [u_i]$  extends to a homomorphism. To do so, we need to show that any Artin-like equation of the form  $\Pi_k(t_i, t_j) = \Pi_k(t_j, t_i)$  associated to a defining relation in  $A$  also holds in  $H(\tau)$ .

For any  $i < j$ , there is a braid  $\beta$  such that  $\beta \cdot (u_1, \dots, u_n)$  begins with  $u_i, u_j$ . Thus, without loss of generality, we can assume for the following argument that  $i = 1$  and  $j = 2$ . We only care about what happens at the first two places of this tuple, so we will only consider the Hurwitz action on the duple  $(u_1, u_2)$ . Consider the function  $f_n(a, b) := \Pi_{n+1}(a, b)\Pi_n(a, b)^{-1}$ . One can compute that  $f_n(a, b)^{f_{n-1}(a, b)^{-1}} = f_{n+1}(a, b)$ . Acting once by  $\sigma_1$  on our duple we have

$$\sigma_1 \cdot (u_1, u_2) = (u_1 u_2 u_1^{-1}, u_1) = (f_1(u_1, u_2), f_0(u_1, u_2)).$$

Thus, for  $k > 0$ , we have

$$\sigma_1^k \cdot (u_1, u_2) = (f_k(u_1, u_2), f_{k-1}(u_1, u_2)).$$

So for each  $k \geq 0$ , we have a generator  $[f_k(u_1, u_2)]$  in  $H$ , and as in Remark 2.7 the corresponding relation

$$[f_k(u_1, u_2)] = f_k([u_1], [u_2]).$$

Suppose that  $A$  has the relation  $\Pi_k(t_1, t_2) = \Pi_k(t_2, t_1)$ , then in  $H$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} f_k([u_1], [u_2]) &= [f_k(u_1, u_2)] = [\varphi(f_k(t_1, t_2))] = \\ [\varphi(\Pi_{k+1}(t_1, t_2)\Pi_k(t_1, t_2)^{-1})] &= [\varphi(\Pi_{k+1}(t_1, t_2)\Pi_k(t_2, t_1)^{-1})] = \\ [ \varphi(t_1) ] &= [u_1]. \end{aligned}$$

So we have the relation  $\Pi_k([u_1], [u_2]) = \Pi_k([u_2], [u_1])$  in  $H(\tau)$  as required. This map is surjective by Lemma 2.6.  $\square$

**Corrolary 2.10.** *Let  $\tau = \pi_A^n(s_1, \dots, s_n)$ . We have that  $H(\tau) \cong A$ .*

*Proof.* Lemma 2.9 gives a homomorphism  $a: A \rightarrow H(\tau)$ , and Lemma 2.8 gives a homomorphism  $b: H(\tau) \rightarrow A$ . The composition  $b \circ a$  is the identity on a generating set for  $A$ .  $\square$

The following is not a standard definition, but it is equivalent to the standard definition by [Bes04, Lemma 7.11].

**Definition 2.11.** *Given a Coxeter element  $w \in W$ , the dual Artin group associated to  $w$ , denoted  $A_w^\vee$ , is defined to be the Hurwitz group associated to any  $(r_1, \dots, r_n)$  such that all  $r_i \in R$  and  $r_1 r_2 \cdots r_n = w$ .*

The obvious tuple to consider is  $(\pi_W(s_1), \dots, \pi_W(s_n))$ . Since our choice of  $w$  is constant, we will denote our dual Artin group  $A^\vee$  (omitting any mention of  $w$ ).

**Corrolary 2.12.** *The natural map  $\psi: [S_W] \rightarrow W$  which acts as  $[\pi_W(s_i)] \mapsto \pi_W(s_i)$  defines a surjective homomorphism  $A^\vee \rightarrow W$ .*

*Proof.* This directly follows from Lemma 2.8.  $\square$

**Corrolary 2.13.** *The map natural map  $\varphi: S_A \rightarrow A^\vee$  which acts as  $\pi_A(s_i) \mapsto [q \circ \pi_A(s_i)] = [\pi_W(s_i)]$  extends to a surjective homomorphism  $\varphi: A \rightarrow A^\vee$ .*

*Proof.* This directly follows from Lemma 2.9.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.14** ([Bes06]). *Let  $\tau = \pi_A^n(s_1, \dots, s_n)$ . If the natural surjection  $q: A \rightarrow W$  is injective on  $\text{HurRef}(\tau)$ , then  $A^\vee \cong A$ .*

*Proof.* By Corollary 2.10, we have  $A \cong H(\tau)$ , and by the hypothesis and Lemma 2.5 we have  $A^\vee \cong H(\tau)$ .  $\square$

### 3. THE CONSTRUCTION $G^Q$

Let  $F: \mathbf{Set} \rightarrow \mathbf{Grp}$  be the free functor and denote its action on objects as  $F_S := F(S)$  and its action on morphisms as  $f_* := F(f: S \rightarrow T)$ . To each quotient  $G$  of  $F_S$  we associate the surjective homomorphism  $\pi_{(S,G)}: F_S \rightarrow G$  which is projection. In this context, we can frame a basic group theoretic fact. We write  $G \cong \langle S \mid R \rangle$  if  $G \cong F_S/N(R)$  where  $N(R)$  is the minimal normal subgroup in  $F_S$  that contains  $R$ . We write  $G \cong \langle S \rangle$  if  $G$  is isomorphic to some quotient of  $F_S$ .

**Basic fact 3.1.** *Suppose we have two groups  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ . Suppose that  $G_1 \cong \langle S \mid R \rangle$  where  $R$  is a subset of  $F_S$  for which  $\pi_{(S,G_1)}(R) = \{1\}$ . Given a map  $f: S \rightarrow G_2$ , if  $\pi_{(G_2,G_2)} \circ f_*(R) = \{1\} \subseteq G_2$ , then  $f$  defines a homomorphism  $h: G_2 \rightarrow G_2$ .*

The above theorem defines a homomorphism  $h: \langle S \mid R \rangle \cong G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  when a map  $f: S \rightarrow G_2$  is compatible with the relations in  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ . If we also had knowledge of a generating set for  $G_2$ , we could construct homomorphisms in a different way.

**Basic fact 3.2.** *Suppose  $G_1 \cong \langle S_1 \mid R_1 \rangle$  and  $G_2 \cong \langle S_2 \rangle$ . Given a map  $f: S_1 \rightarrow S_2$ , if there exists a map  $h$  such that the following diagram commutes, then  $h$  is a*

homomorphism.

$$(1) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} S_1 & \xrightarrow{i_{S_1}} & F_{S_1} & \xrightarrow{\pi_{(S_1, G_1)}} & G_1 \\ \downarrow f & & \downarrow f_* & & \downarrow \textcolor{red}{h} \\ S_2 & \xrightarrow{i_{S_2}} & F_{S_2} & \xrightarrow{\pi_{(S_2, G_2)}} & G_2 \end{array}$$

*Remark 3.3.* If we construct a homomorphism using Basic fact 3.1, then we get the middle commuting square of (1) automatically.

Now consider (1), but replace  $F_{S_1}$  with some subset  $Q \subseteq F_{S_1}$ . We will now construct a group, which we will denote  $G^Q$ , where such a diagram defines a homomorphism from  $G^Q$  to  $G_2$ .

**Definition 3.4** (Group with relations visible in  $Q$ ). *Suppose we have a group  $G \cong \langle S \rangle$ . Fix some  $Q \subseteq F_S$  such that  $S \subseteq Q$ . Let  $\pi := \pi_{(S, G)}$ . We have the following maps.*

$$S \xrightarrow{i} Q \xrightarrow{\pi} \pi(Q) .$$

Define the group  $G$  with relations visible in  $Q$ , to be

$$G^Q := \langle \pi(Q) \mid \{ \pi(q) = (\pi \circ i)_*(q) \mid q \in Q \} \rangle .$$

Do not think of the generators  $\pi(Q)$  as elements of  $G$ . They are abstract generators. Specifically,  $G^Q$  is a quotient of  $F_{\pi(Q)}$ . Thus, our relations should be equations in  $F_{\pi(Q)}$ , which they are.  $G^Q$  is generated by  $\pi(S) \subseteq \pi(Q)$ .  $G$  is a quotient of  $G^Q$ , which we will explore later.

**Lemma 3.5.** *Let  $Q = \text{HurRef}(s_1, \dots, s_n)$ . The dual Artin group  $A^\vee$  is isomorphic to  $W^Q$ .*

*Proof.* TODO □

**Lemma 3.6.** *Let  $G \cong \langle S \rangle$  be a group and consider the following setup.*

$$S \xrightarrow{i_S} F_S \xrightarrow{\pi_{(S, G)}} G \xrightarrow{i_G} F_G \xrightarrow{\pi_{(G, G)}} G$$

The following maps are equal.

$$\pi_{(G, G)} \circ i_G \circ \pi_{(S, G)} = \pi_{(G, G)} \circ (\pi_{(S, G)} \circ i_S)_* .$$

*Proof.* Both maps are homomorphism which agree with  $\pi_{(S, G)}$  on the generating set  $S$ . □

**Theorem 3.7.** *Suppose we have two groups  $G_1 \cong \langle S_1 \rangle$  and  $G_2 \cong \langle S_2 \rangle$ . Fix some  $Q \subseteq F_{S_1}$  such that  $S \subseteq Q$ . Let  $\bar{Q} := \pi_{(S_1, G_1)}(Q)$ . If in the following diagram (2), if there exists a map  $f$  that makes the diagram commute, then there is a homomorphism  $h: (G_1)^Q \rightarrow G_2$ .*

$$(2) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} S_1 & \xrightarrow{i_{S_1}} & Q & \xrightarrow{\pi_{(S_1, G_1)}} & \bar{Q} \\ \downarrow \theta & & \downarrow \theta_* & & \downarrow \textcolor{red}{\exists f?} \\ S_2 & \xrightarrow{i_{S_2}} & F_{S_2} & \xrightarrow{\pi_{(S_2, G_2)}} & G_2 \end{array}$$

*Proof.* Suppose we have such a map  $f$ . Note that  $\overline{Q}$  is a generating set for  $G^Q$ , thus we have the setup of Basic fact 3.1. We use the following commutative diagram to define some inclusion maps and as a reference for the setup.

$$(3) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} S_1 & \xrightarrow{i_{S_1}} & Q & \xrightarrow{\pi_{(S_1, G_1)}} & \overline{Q} & \xrightarrow{i_{\overline{Q}}} & F_{\overline{Q}} \\ \downarrow \theta & & \downarrow \theta_* & & \downarrow f & & \downarrow f_* \\ S_2 & \xrightarrow{i_{S_2}} & F_{S_2} & \xrightarrow{\pi_{(S_2, G_2)}} & G_2 & \xrightarrow{i_{G_2}} & F_{G_2} \xrightarrow{\pi_{(G_2, G_2)}} G_2 \end{array}$$

We can construct a homomorphism if  $\pi_{(G_2, G_2)} \circ f_*(R) = \{1\}$ , where  $R$  are the relations for  $G^Q$ , defined in Definition 3.4. For some  $q \in Q$ , the corresponding element in  $R$  equalling the identity is  $i_{\overline{Q}} \circ \pi_{(S_1, G_1)}(q)(\pi_{(S_1, G_1)} \circ i_1)_*(q)^{-1}$ . Using that  $\pi_{(G_2, G_2)} \circ f_*$  is a homomorphism, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \pi_{(G_2, G_2)} \circ f_* \left( i_{\overline{Q}} \circ \pi_{(S_1, G_1)}(q)(\pi_{(S_1, G_1)} \circ i_1)_*(q)^{-1} \right) = \\ & \left( \pi_{(G_2, G_2)} \circ f_* \circ i_{\overline{Q}} \circ \pi_{(S_1, G_1)}(q) \right) \left( \pi_{(G_2, G_2)} \circ f_* \circ (\pi_{(S_1, G_1)} \circ i_1)_*(q)^{-1} \right). \end{aligned}$$

We will concentrate on each factor separately.

First we consider the first factor. Since  $\pi_{(S_1, G_1)}(q) \in \overline{Q}$ , by the rightmost commuting square of (3), we have  $f_* \circ i_{\overline{Q}} \circ \pi_{(S_1, G_1)}(q) = i_{G_2} \circ f \circ \pi_{(S_1, G_1)}(q)$ . This gives us

$$\pi_{(G_2, G_2)} \circ f_* \circ i_{\overline{Q}} \circ \pi_{(S_1, G_1)}(q) = \pi_{(G_2, G_2)} \circ i_{G_2} \circ f \circ \pi_{(S_1, G_1)}(q).$$

We then use the middle commuting square of (3) to give us

$$\pi_{(G_2, G_2)} \circ i_{G_2} \circ f \circ \pi_{(S_1, G_1)}(q) = \pi_{(G_2, G_2)} \circ i_{G_2} \circ \pi_{(S_2, G_2)} \circ \theta_*(q).$$

We then use Lemma 3.6 and functoriality, giving us

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{(G_2, G_2)} \circ i_{G_2} \circ \pi_{(S_2, G_2)} \circ \theta_*(q) &= \pi_{(G_2, G_2)} \circ (\pi_{(S_2, G_2)} \circ i_{S_2})_* \circ \theta_*(q) \\ &= \pi_{(G_2, G_2)} \circ (\pi_{(S_2, G_2)} \circ i_{S_2} \circ \theta)_*(q) \end{aligned}$$

We now concentrate on the second factor. Using functoriality, then the middle commuting square of (3), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{(G_2, G_2)} \circ f_* \circ (\pi_{(S_1, G_1)} \circ i_{S_1})_*(q)^{-1} &= \pi_{(G_2, G_2)} \circ (f \circ \pi_{(S_1, G_1)} \circ i_{S_1})_*(q)^{-1} \\ &= \pi_{(G_2, G_2)} \circ (\pi_{(S_2, G_2)} \circ \theta_* \circ i_{S_1})_*(q)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, we use the leftmost commuting square of (3) to get

$$\pi_{(G_2, G_2)} \circ (\pi_{(S_2, G_2)} \circ \theta_* \circ i_{S_1})_*(q)^{-1} = \pi_{(G_2, G_2)} \circ (\pi_{(S_2, G_2)} \circ i_{S_2} \circ \theta)_*(q)^{-1}.$$

This is the inverse of the left factor.  $\square$

*Remark 3.8.* If we set  $Q = S_1 \subseteq F_{S_1}$  (the minimum subset allowed), then  $G^Q$  is  $F_{S_1}$ . In this case,  $f$  always exists (and is  $\theta$ ) and Theorem 3.7 tells us the standard theorem about homomorphisms from the free group.

*Remark 3.9.* If we set  $Q = F_{S_1}$ , then  $G^Q$  is  $G$ ,  $f$  is  $g$  and Theorem 3.7 tells us nothing more than Basic fact 3.2.

**Corrolary 3.10.** *The homomorphism  $h$  resulting from Theorem 3.7 makes the following diagram (4) commute. Thus, considering  $S_1$  as a generating set for  $(G_1)^Q$ ,  $h$  is an extension of  $\theta$ , as in Basic fact 3.2.*

$$(4) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccccc} S_1 & \xrightarrow{i_{S_1}} & Q & \xrightarrow{\pi_{(S_1, G_1)}} & \bar{Q} & \xrightarrow{i_{\bar{Q}}} & F_{\bar{Q}} & \xrightarrow{\pi_{(\bar{Q}, (G_1)^Q)}} & (G_1)^Q \\ \downarrow \theta & & \downarrow \theta_* & & \downarrow f & & \downarrow f_* & & \downarrow h \\ S_2 & \xrightarrow{i_{S_2}} & F_{S_2} & \xrightarrow{\pi_{(S_2, G_2)}} & G_2 & \xrightarrow{i_{G_2}} & F_{G_2} & \xrightarrow{\pi_{(G_2, G_2)}} & G_2 \end{array}$$

*Proof.* By Remark 3.3, we get the rightmost square in (4).  $\square$

We see that if  $\theta: S_1 \rightarrow S_2$  is surjective, then the homomorphism  $h: (G_1)^Q \rightarrow G_2$  resulting from Theorem 3.7 is surjective.

Observing the form of Definition 3.4, it is clear that  $\pi_{(S, G)}(S)$  is a generating set for  $G^Q$ , that is to say that  $\pi_{(\bar{Q}, G^Q)} \circ (\pi_{(S, G)} \circ i_S)_*$  is surjective. If we set  $Q = F_S$ , then  $G^Q \cong G$ , so  $G$  can be realised as a quotient of  $G^Q$  via a surjection  $p_Q: G^Q \rightarrow G$  in a way such that the following diagram commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & F_S & \\ \pi_{(S, G^Q)} \swarrow & & \searrow \pi_{(S, G)} \\ G^Q & \xrightarrow{p_Q} & G \end{array}$$

**Lemma 3.11.** *The projection  $p_Q$  restricts to an injection on the image of  $\pi_{(S, G)}(Q)$ , i.e. in the following diagram, the bottom map is an injection.*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & Q & \\ \pi_{(S, G^Q)} \swarrow & & \searrow \pi_{(S, G)} \\ \pi_{(S, G^Q)}(Q) & \xrightarrow{p_Q} & \pi_{(S, G)}(Q) \end{array}$$

*Proof.* The following diagram commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & \bar{Q} & & \\ & \pi_{(S, G)} \nearrow & & \nwarrow i_{\bar{Q}} & \\ Q & \xrightarrow{(\pi_{(S, G)} \circ i_S)_*} & F_{\bar{Q}} & \xrightarrow{\pi_{(\bar{Q}, G^Q)}} & G^Q \\ & \searrow \pi_{(S, G^Q)} & & & \end{array}$$

The top triangle commutes due to the defining relations for  $G^Q$ , and the bottom triangle commutes because both maps are restrictions of homomorphisms that agree on the generating set  $S$ . Now suppose for some  $q_1, q_2 \in Q$  that  $\pi_{(S, G)}(q_1) = \pi_{(S, G)}(q_2)$ . The above diagram tells us that  $\pi_{(S, G^Q)}(q_1) = \pi_{(S, G^Q)}(q_2)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.12.** *Given some group  $G \cong \langle S \rangle$  and  $Q$  such that  $S \subseteq Q \subseteq F_S$ , we have that  $G^Q$  is isomorphic to the following group by extending the natural identification of generators.*

$$(5) \quad X := \langle S \mid \{q_1 = q_2 \mid q_1, q_2 \in Q, \pi_{(S, G)}(q_1) = \pi_{(S, G)}(q_2)\} \rangle$$

*Proof.* We begin by showing that  $\text{Id}_S$  extends to a homomorphism  $a: X \rightarrow G^Q$ . Using Basic fact 3.1, it suffices to show  $\pi_{(S, G^Q)}(q_1 q_2^{-1}) = 1$  for all  $q_1, q_2 \in Q$  such

that  $\pi_{(S,G)}(q_1) = \pi_{(S,G)}(q_2)$ . Using Lemma 3.11, if  $\pi_{(S,G)}(q_1) = \pi_{(S,G)}(q_2)$  then  $\pi_{(S,G^Q)}(q_1) = \pi_{(S,G^Q)}(q_2)$ . Then, since  $\pi_{(S,G^Q)}$  is a homomorphism, we have

$$\pi_{(S,G^Q)}(q_1 q_2^{-1}) = \pi_{(S,G^Q)}(q_1) \pi_{(S,G^Q)}(q_2)^{-1} = 1.$$

Now we work to show that  $\text{Id}_S$  also extends to a homomorphism  $b: G^Q \rightarrow X$ . Using Theorem 3.7, it is sufficient to show that there exists a map  $f$  to make the following diagram commute.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & Q & \\ \pi_{(S,G)} \swarrow & & \searrow \pi_{(S,X)} \\ G & \xrightarrow{f} & X \end{array}$$

Such an  $f$  exists if for all  $q_1, q_2 \in Q$  such that  $\pi_{(S,G)}(q_1) = \pi_{(S,G)}(q_2)$ , we also have  $\pi_{(S,X)}(q_1) = \pi_{(S,X)}(q_2)$ . This is immediately true on inspection of the defining presentation for  $X$ .

Thus, we have two homomorphisms,  $a: X \rightarrow G^Q$ , and  $b: G^Q \rightarrow X$ . Furthermore, by construction  $(a \circ b)|_S = \text{Id}_S$ .  $\square$

We now relate this back to the dual Artin group  $A^\vee$ . Firstly, our construction gives an alternative presentation for  $A^\vee$ .

**Corollary 3.13.** *Let  $S$  denote the standard generating set for our Artin group  $A$ , and let  $Q = \text{HurRef}(s_1, \dots, s_n)$ . The dual Artin group  $A^\vee$  has the following presentation.*

$$A^\vee \cong \langle S \mid \{q_1 = q_2 \mid q_1, q_2 \in Q, \pi_{(S,W)}(q_1) = \pi_{(S,W)}(q_2)\} \rangle.$$

*Proof.* This follows from Lemma 3.5 and Lemma 3.12.  $\square$

Using Lemma 2.9, Lemma 3.5 and Theorem 3.7, we can re-prove Theorem 2.14, that injectivity of  $q: A \rightarrow W$  on  $\pi_A(Q)$  implies  $A^\vee \cong A$ . Now, using our construction, we can prove the inverse direction.

**Theorem 3.14.** *Let  $\tau = \pi_A^n(s_1, \dots, s_n)$  and let  $Q = \text{HurRef}(\tau)$ . The Artin group  $A$  is naturally isomorphic to the dual Artin group  $A^\vee$  iff the natural projection  $q: A \rightarrow W$  is injective on  $\pi_A(Q)$ .*

*Proof.* Theorem 2.14 already shows that if  $q$  is injective on  $\pi_A(Q)$ , then  $A^\vee \cong A$ .

For the other direction, consider the following commutative diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & F_S & & & \\ & \swarrow \pi_A & \downarrow \pi_{(S,W^Q)} & \searrow \pi_W & \\ A & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & A^\vee & \xrightarrow{\psi} & W \\ & \searrow q & & & \end{array}$$

We get  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  from Corollary 2.13 and Corollary 2.12 respectively. Note that  $\psi$  is the same as  $p_Q$  as discussed above. Commutativity is easy to check by comparing these maps when restricted to generating sets.

If we replace  $F_S$  with  $Q$ , then Lemma 3.11 tells us that the corresponding restriction of  $\psi$  is injective. So, if  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism, in particular an injection, then  $q = \psi \circ \varphi$  is an injection on  $\pi_A(Q)$ .  $\square$



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