

§ Appendix: Algebraic groups and lie theory (over $k=\bar{k}$ of characteristic 0)

- An **algebraic group** is an affine group-scheme/ k , automatically smooth (Cartier's theorem). Such a group G acts on its coordinate ring $k[G]$ (do not confuse with the group ring kG), this action is faithful so it is faithful on some finite dimensional subrepresentation $V \subset k[G]$; for this use the fact that every representation is a colimit of its finite dimensional subrepresentations. Thus G is a (closed) subgroup of $GL(V)$, conversely every subgroup of GL_n is clearly an algebraic group.
- Standard notions all hold true. A map $H \rightarrow G$ of algebraic groups defines H as a **subgroup** of G if it defines an inclusion of schemes, it is automatically a closed immersion. A map $G \rightarrow H$ of algebraic groups defines H as a **quotient** of G if, as a morphism of schemes, it is dominant/surjective/faithfully flat (all conditions equivalent). The quotient $G \rightarrow H$ is **split** if there is a subgroup $H \rightarrow G$ such that the composite $H \rightarrow G \rightarrow H$ is an isomorphism; in this case G is the **semidirect product** $G = N \rtimes H$ where $N = \ker(G \rightarrow H)$.
- The group G is **solvable** if it can be built from commutative groups by extensions, ie G has subgroups G_0, \dots, G_n satisfying $G = G_0 \supset \dots \supset G_n = 1$ with G_i normal in G_{i+1} , and G_{i+1}/G_i commutative. If G is connected, solvability is equivalent to there being a subnormal series like above but with each G_i normal in G , and $G_i/G_{i+1} \cong \mathbb{G}_m$ or \mathbb{G}_a .
 - ... **nilpotent** if it can be built from commutative groups by central extensions, ie the subnormal series above additionally satisfies $G_i \triangleleft G$, and $G_i/G_{i+1} \subset \text{Center}(G/G_{i+1})$. If G is connected, it is nilpotent iff it is solvable and some (equivalently all) maximal torus is central.
 - ... **unipotent** if it can be built from copies of \mathbb{G}_a by central extensions, ie all G_i/G_{i+1} in the central series above are isomorphic to \mathbb{G}_a . Equivalently, G contains no copy of \mathbb{G}_m (equivalently $1\mathbb{L}$ is a maximal torus in G). Equivalently every non-zero (or some faithful) representation V has a non-zero trivial subrepresentation. Equivalently for every $G \xrightarrow{\varphi} GL_n$, each φg ($g \in G$) is a unipotent matrix (ie $(\varphi g - 1)^{>0} = 0$). Equivalently every $G \xrightarrow{\varphi} GL_n$ has image, up to conjugation, in the group $U_n = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & * \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$. Equivalently G is isomorphic to a subgroup of U_n .
- Connected subgroups $B \subset G$ solvable, $R(G) \triangleleft G$ solvable, $R_u(G) \triangleleft G$ unipotent are Borel resp. radical resp. unipotent radical if they are maximal wrt given properties. The two radicals are unique, Borel subgroups are unique up to conjugation. Clearly $R_u(G) \subset R(G) \subset B$, and we have $R_u(RG) = R_u G$, $R(B) = B$. $R(G)$ is \cap of all Borels, $R_u(G)$ is \cap of all $R_u(B)$'s over B Borel.

Note a torus is solvable so every (maximal) torus in G is contained in some Borel — for any $T \subset G$ maximal torus there are finitely many Borels $B_1, \dots, B_n \subset G$ containing T , and $R(G) = \bigcap_i B_i$, $R_u(G) = \bigcap_i R_u(B_i)$.

- If G is a connected solvable group, then $R_u G = G_u$ is the largest unipotent subgroup of G , and G/G_u is a torus. Moreover the sequence $1 \rightarrow G_u \rightarrow G \rightarrow G/G_u \rightarrow 1$ splits and the splittings $G/G_u \rightarrow G$ correspond to maximal tori in G . More generally if G is any group, $T \subset G$ maximal torus and $B \subset G$ a Borel containing T , then have $B = B_u \times T$ so T is unique in B up to conjugation. It follows that T is unique in G up to conjugation, in fact (B, T) is unique in G up to conjugation.

- A connected group G is **simple** if it is noncommutative and has no nontrivial normal subgroups.
 - ... **almost-simple** if noncommutative and has no nontrivial connected normal subgroups.
 - ... **semisimple** if $R(G) = 1$, ie it has no nontrivial connected normal subgroup that is solvable (equivalently commutative.) Equivalently G is reductive with finite center.
- If G is semisimple and H is a minimal nontrivial normal subgroup then H is simple. There are finitely many such H , say H_1, \dots, H_n , they commute, $H_1 \cap \dots \cap H_n$ is finite, and $H_1 \times \dots \times H_n \rightarrow G$ is surjective.
- ... **reductive** if $R_u(G) = 1$, ie it has no nontrivial normal subgroup that is unipotent.

Equivalently if every finite dimensional representation V is semisimple, ie. a (direct) sum of simple reps, equivalently completely reducible in the sense that every subrepresentation $W \subset V$ is split as $V = W \oplus V'$. Equivalently, some semisimple representation $G \rightarrow GL(V)$ has finite kernel. Equivalently, RG is a torus (follows from noting $RG = R_u G \times T$ for some torus); then $RG \triangleleft ZG$ and the quotient ZG/RG is finite.

Note $[G, G]$ is semisimple, $[G, G] \cap RG$ is finite, $[G, G]$ commutes with RG and $G = [G, G] \cdot RG$. Conversely G is reductive if $\exists S, T \subset G$, S semisimple, T torus, $S \cap T$ finite, S, T commute, $G = ST$

- A group G is **linearly reductive** if its neutral component G^0 is reductive, equivalently every finite dimensional representation V is semisimple, equivalently completely reducible.
- The Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} of an algebraic group G is its tangent space at identity — viewing G as a functor of points into the category of groups, have $\mathfrak{g} = \ker(G(k[\epsilon]/(\epsilon^2)) \rightarrow G(k)) \cong \text{Hom}_k(I/I^2, k)$ where $I \subset k[G]$ is the ideal defining $\{e\} \subset G$. Then \mathfrak{g} is naturally a k -vector space. Eg the Lie algebra of $GL(V)$ is $\text{End}(V)$ when V is a finite dim vector space. Now taking derivatives gives a natural map $\text{Aut}(G) \rightarrow GL(\mathfrak{g})$, composing this with the adjoint action $G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(G)$; $g(h) = g^{-1}hg$ gives the adjoint representation $G \rightarrow GL(\mathfrak{g})$.

Taking derivatives, get the adjoint (ie) representation $\mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \text{End}(\mathfrak{g})$, ie a map $[-, -]: \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$. This defines the Lie bracket with its usual properties.

- A **subalgebra** is a subspace $\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{g}$ such that $[\mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{h}] \subset \mathfrak{h}$, an **ideal** is a subspace with $[\mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{g}] \subset \mathfrak{h}$. If $H \subset G$ is a subgroup then its Lie algebra \mathfrak{h} is a subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} , if H is normal then \mathfrak{h} is an ideal of \mathfrak{g} .
- The center of G is the kernel of $\text{Ad}: G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(G)$; the center of \mathfrak{g} is the kernel of $\text{ad}: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \text{End}(\mathfrak{g})$ (ie all $x \in \mathfrak{g}$ such that $[x, -] = 0$). If G is connected, $\mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{g})$ is the Lie algebra of $Z(G)$. More generally, suppose G is any group with subgroup H , write C_H for the centraliser of H and N_H for the normaliser of H . Let their Lie algebras be $\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{c}_H, \mathfrak{n}_H$. Then $\mathfrak{c}_H = \mathfrak{g}^H$ (H invariant part of \mathfrak{g}), and $\mathfrak{n}_H/\mathfrak{h} = (\mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{h})^H$.
- A Lie algebra is **solvable** if it can be built from commutative ones by extensions, ie there is a finite sequence of subalgebras $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_0 \supset \mathfrak{g}_1 \supset \dots \supset \mathfrak{g}_n = 0$ with each \mathfrak{g}_{i+1} an ideal in \mathfrak{g}_i , and $\mathfrak{g}_i/\mathfrak{g}_{i+1}$ abelian. Can choose such that $\dim(\mathfrak{g}_i/\mathfrak{g}_{i+1}) = 1$. Equivalently \mathfrak{g} is the Lie algebra of a connected solvable group.
 - ... **nilpotent** if it can be built from commutative ones by central extensions, ie each \mathfrak{g}_{i+1} above is in the center of \mathfrak{g}_i . Equivalently each $[x, -] \in \text{End}(\mathfrak{g})$ is nilpotent ($x \in \mathfrak{g}$), equivalently $\exists n > 0$ with $[x_1, [x_2, [\dots, [x_n]]]] = 0$ for all $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathfrak{g}$. Equivalently \mathfrak{g} is the Lie algebra of a unipotent group.
- The Borel subalgebra $\mathfrak{b} \subset \mathfrak{g}$ is the largest solvable subalgebra, the radical $\mathfrak{r} \triangleleft \mathfrak{g}$ is the largest solvable ideal, the nilradical $\mathfrak{n} \triangleleft \mathfrak{g}$ is the largest nilpotent ideal. By Levi's theorem, the quotient $\mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{r}$ splits.
- A Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} is **simple** if it is not abelian and has no nontrivial ideal.
 - ... **semisimple** if the radical \mathfrak{r} is trivial ie $\mathfrak{r} = 0$. Equivalently \mathfrak{g} is reductive with trivial center. Equivalently, $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{h}_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathfrak{h}_n$ where each $\mathfrak{h}_i \triangleleft \mathfrak{g}$ is a simple Lie algebra.
 - ... **reductive** if radical \mathfrak{r} is central ie $[\mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{g}] = 0$. Then $\mathfrak{r} = \mathfrak{z}(\mathfrak{g})$ and the Levi decomposition becomes $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{r} \oplus \mathfrak{s}$ where $\mathfrak{s} = \mathfrak{g}/\mathfrak{r}$ is semisimple and equals $[\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}]$. Conversely \mathfrak{g} is reductive iff $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{s} \oplus \mathfrak{a}$ for \mathfrak{s} semisimple, \mathfrak{a} abelian. Equivalently \mathfrak{g} has a faithful representation V that is completely reducible (ie if $W \subset V$ is a subrep. then $V = W \oplus V'$). Can take V to be the adjoint rep $\mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$.
- If G is a lie group and $T \subset G$ a maximal torus, then the centraliser $C_G(T) = \{g \in G \mid gt=tg \ \forall t \in T\}$ is a Cartan subgroup, this is connected and unique up to conjugation. If G is reductive then $T = C_G(T)$.

- For a lie algebra \mathfrak{g} , a subalgebra $\mathfrak{t} \subset \mathfrak{g}$ is **toral** if it is abelian and each operator $\text{ad}_t: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ ($t \in \mathfrak{t}$) is a diagonal matrix for some choice of basis. A subalgebra $\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{g}$ is **Cartan** if it centralises some maximal toral subalgebra, ie $\mathfrak{h} = \{x \in \mathfrak{g} \mid [\alpha, t] = 0 \ \forall t \in \mathfrak{t}\}$. Equivalently \mathfrak{h} is nilpotent and self-normalising ie $\mathfrak{h} = \{x \in \mathfrak{g} \mid [x, h] \subseteq \mathfrak{h}\}$. If \mathfrak{g} is reductive then maximal toral algebras are self-centralising, so $\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{g}$ in this case is Cartan if and only if it is maximal toral.

- Suppose G is semisimple and $T \subset G$ is a maximal torus, correspondingly we have the semisimple lie algebra \mathfrak{g} with a Cartan subalgebra \mathfrak{h} . Now T is reductive and abelian so its simple representations are in bijection with its character lattice $X^*(T) = \text{Hom}(T, \mathbb{G}_m) \subset \text{Hom}(\mathfrak{h}, \mathbb{k}) = \mathfrak{h}^\vee$. The representation $T \hookrightarrow G \rightarrow \text{GL}(\mathfrak{g})$ must then split into a sum $\bigoplus_{\alpha \in X^*(T)} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha$ where \mathfrak{g}_α is a \oplus of simple representations given by α , ie $\forall t \in T$ and $y \in \mathfrak{g}_\alpha$, $ty = \alpha(t)y$. Equivalently, $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \mathfrak{h}^\vee} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha$ is a simultaneous diagonalisation of the operators $\text{ad}_x: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ ($x \in \mathfrak{h}$), so that for $y \in \mathfrak{g}_\alpha$ we have $[x, y] = \alpha(x)y$. Note then that \mathfrak{g}_0 is the centraliser of \mathfrak{h} ie $\mathfrak{g}_0 = \mathfrak{h}$. The non-zero α s which appear are the **roots** of \mathfrak{g} . Turns out this decomposition (hence the root system $\Phi \subset \mathfrak{h}^\vee$) determines \mathfrak{g} completely, so determines G up to central isogeny: note \mathfrak{h} is the dual to $\text{span } \Phi$, each \mathfrak{g}_α ($\alpha \neq 0$) is 1-dimensional, $[\mathfrak{g}_\alpha, \mathfrak{g}_\beta] = \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha+\beta}$ if $\alpha, \beta, \alpha+\beta$ nonzero, $\mathfrak{g}_{2\alpha} = 0$ for all roots, and $[\mathfrak{g}_\alpha, \mathfrak{g}_{-\alpha}] \oplus \mathfrak{g}_\alpha \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{-\alpha}$ is isomorphic to $\mathfrak{sl}_2 = (\begin{smallmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \end{smallmatrix}) \oplus (\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & * \\ * & 0 \end{smallmatrix}) \oplus (\begin{smallmatrix} * & 0 \\ 0 & * \end{smallmatrix})$.

- The roots form a root system, ie they span \mathfrak{h}^\vee and determine a complementary set of **coroots** $\Phi^\vee \subset \mathfrak{h}$ with a bijection $(-)^\vee: \Phi \rightarrow \Phi^\vee$ such that $\langle \Phi, \Phi^\vee \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\langle \alpha, \alpha^\vee \rangle = 2 \ \forall \alpha \in \Phi$, and the map $r_\alpha: \mathfrak{h}^\vee \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}^\vee$ given by $\beta \mapsto \beta - \langle \beta, \alpha^\vee \rangle \alpha$ is a reflection that maps Φ to Φ . The **Weyl group** $W = \langle r_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Phi \rangle$ can be built from G, T : let $N_T \subset G$ be the normaliser of T , then N_T acts by conjugation on T , hence on \mathfrak{h} , and $T \subset N_T$ fixes T and \mathfrak{h} pointwise so in fact $N_T/T \cong \mathfrak{h}$. Turns out $W \cong N_T/T$.

- Each Borel subgroup $B \subset G$ containing T (equivalently any Borel subalgebra $b \subset \mathfrak{g}$ containing \mathfrak{h}) determines a set of **positive roots** by $\alpha > 0 \Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{g}_\alpha \subset b$; this is a bijection between systems of positive roots and Borels containing T . Choice of Borel also determines positive coroots and dominant coweights.

- Write $\Sigma \subset \mathfrak{h}$ for the \mathbb{Z} -span of Φ , this is the root lattice. Likewise $\Pi \subset \mathfrak{h}$, the \mathbb{Z} -span of Φ^\vee , is the coroot lattice. The **weight lattice** $\Pi^\vee \subset \mathfrak{h}^\vee$ is the dual to Π , ie $\Pi^\vee = \{ \beta \in \mathfrak{h}^\vee \mid \langle \alpha^\vee, \beta \rangle \in \mathbb{Z} \ \forall \alpha^\vee \in \Phi^\vee \}$. Then we have $\Sigma \subseteq X^*(T) \subseteq \Pi^\vee$, and $\Pi^\vee / X^*(T)$ is the fundamental group of G .

• Example: GL_3 over \mathbb{C} . The subgroup $U_3 = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is unipotent since all its elements are, so it is also nilpotent and solvable. The central series is $1\mathbb{L} \subset \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \subset \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \subset U_3$. There is a larger solvable group $T_3 = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ 0 & * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & * \end{pmatrix}$ containing U_3 , in fact it is Borel since GL_3/T_3 is a proper flag variety (which can only happen if it contains a Borel subgroup). Now U_3 is normal in T_3 and the quotient is $\mathbb{G}_{\mathrm{m}}^3$, with a splitting $\mathbb{G}_{\mathrm{m}}^3 \cong D_3 = \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & * \end{pmatrix}$. It follows that D_3 is a maximal torus in T_3 (hence in GL_3) and U_3 is the unipotent radical of T_3 . Likewise $U_3^! = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is the unipotent radical of $T_3^! = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ 0 & * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & * \end{pmatrix}$. So the unipotent radical of GL_3 , contained in $U_3^! \cap U_3$, must be the trivial group $1\mathbb{L}$ ie GL_3 is reductive. The radical of GL_3 is thus contained in its center $\mathbb{G}_{\mathrm{m}} \cdot 1\mathbb{L}$, and clearly this has no finite index subgroups so the radical of GL_3 is $\mathbb{G}_{\mathrm{m}} \cdot 1\mathbb{L}$, the torus of scalar matrices. It follows that $[\mathrm{GL}_3, \mathrm{GL}_3] \cong \mathrm{SL}_3$ is semisimple and every matrix in GL_3 is a product of a matrix in SL_3 with a scalar (its determinant).

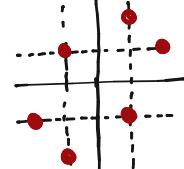
The lie algebra $\mathfrak{sl}_3 = \mathrm{Mat}_3$ is thus also reductive, its radical (= its center) is the algebra $r = \mathbb{C} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ of all scalar matrices (which commute with everything) and the semisimple part is the algebra \mathfrak{sl}_3 of traceless 3×3 matrices. Now choose the maximal torus $T = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid abc=1 \right\} \cong \mathbb{G}_{\mathrm{m}}^2 \subset \mathrm{SL}_3$, with corresponding Cartan subalgebra $\mathfrak{h} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid a+b+c=0 \right\} \subset \mathfrak{sl}_3$. Claim (guess) there is a root space decomposition

$$\mathfrak{sl}_3 = \mathfrak{h} \oplus \left(\begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \oplus \left(\begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \oplus \left(\begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \oplus \left(\begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \oplus \left(\begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right).$$

Need to check T action on each component, say $M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in T$. Clearly $MXM^{-1} = X$ for all $X \in \mathfrak{h}$. If $X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ then $MXM^{-1} = ab^{-1} \cdot X$, ie $\begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is a simple T -representation corresponding to the character ab^{-1} . Likewise the remaining are given by characters $a\bar{c} = a^2b$, $b\bar{c} = ab^2$, $b\bar{a} = a^2b^{-1}$, $c\bar{a} = a^2b^{-1}$, $c\bar{b} = a^2b^2$. So we do have a root-space decomposition! The character lattice $X^*(T) \cong \mathbb{Z}^{+2}$ records the exponents of a, b so the root system is

Choosing the Borel $\begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ 0 & * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & * \end{pmatrix}$ gives a set of positive roots $\alpha_0 = ab^{-1}$, $\alpha_1 = ab^2$, $\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 = a^2b$.

Sanity check: $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in (\mathfrak{sl}_3)_{\alpha_0}$, $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in (\mathfrak{sl}_3)_{\alpha_1}$, $[(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix})] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & xy \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in (\mathfrak{sl}_3)_{\alpha_0 + \alpha_1}$.



What's the Weyl group? The torus T is normalised by $N_T = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x & y & z \\ 0 & z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & z \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & z & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ z & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ subject to $xyz=1$, of course. To see the action $N_T \curvearrowright T$, compute eg that $\begin{pmatrix} x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} a & c & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ie each class of N_T/T , represented by a permutation matrix, acts on T by permuting diagonal entries. Thus $W = \mathfrak{S}_3$.

How does W act on \mathfrak{h} ? Same computation on $X^*(T) \subset \mathfrak{h}^\vee$ (the inclusion measures the derivative of the character, eg $a \in X^*(T)$ gets mapped to $da \in \mathfrak{h}^\vee$ given by $da(\begin{pmatrix} x & y & z \\ 0 & z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}) = x$, since $a(\begin{pmatrix} u+\epsilon x & v+\epsilon y & w+\epsilon z \\ 0 & z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}) = u+\epsilon x$) so eg the action of $M = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ 0 & * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & * \end{pmatrix}$ is $M \cdot da = da \circ M = da$, $M \cdot db = db \circ M = dc = -da - db$, ie $M(\alpha_0) = M(da - db) = 2da + db = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1$ likewise M sends $\alpha_1 \mapsto -\alpha_1$ ie $M \curvearrowright \mathfrak{h}^\vee$ by reflection in α_1 .