

Root systems

E : f.d.-real v.s.

$(\cdot, \cdot) : E^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ positive def.

$$\nu : E^* \xrightarrow{\sim} E ; \quad \alpha^\vee = \frac{2\nu(\alpha)}{(\alpha, \alpha)} \in E$$

(\cdot, \cdot) on E^*

$$\forall \alpha \in E^* \setminus \{0\}$$

$$\alpha(\alpha^\vee) = 2$$

$$S_\alpha : E \rightarrow E$$

$$\phi \mapsto \phi - \alpha(\phi) \cdot \alpha^\vee$$

$$S_\alpha : E^* \rightarrow E^*$$

$$\gamma \mapsto \gamma - \gamma(\alpha^\vee) \cdot \alpha$$

$R \subset E^* \setminus \{0\}$ finite set s.t

(1) R spans E^*

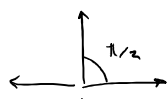
(2) $\alpha, c\alpha \in R \implies c = \pm 1$

(3) $\alpha, \beta \in R \implies \frac{2(\alpha, \beta)}{(\alpha, \alpha)} = \beta(\alpha^\vee) \in \mathbb{Z}$

(4) $\forall \alpha \in R, S_\alpha(R) \subset R$

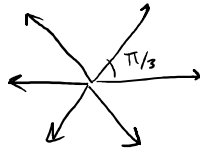
$\dim E = 2$, 4 possibilities

$A_1 \times A_1$

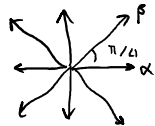




A_2

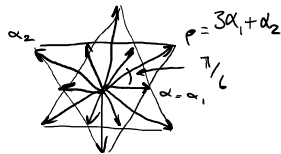


B_2



$$|\beta|^2 = 2|\alpha|^2$$

G_2



$$|\beta|^2 = 3|\alpha|^2$$

$\alpha_1 + \alpha_2, 3\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2, \text{etc.}$

Positive / Negative roots

For $\alpha \in E^* \setminus \{0\}$, $H_\alpha = \text{Ker}(\alpha) \subset E$
(hyperplane)

$E^\circ \setminus \bigcup_{\alpha \in R} H_\alpha$ — disconnected space

↙ called a chamber

Note: for any connected component $C \subset E^\circ$
and $\alpha \in R$, either $\alpha(x) > 0 \forall x \in C$
or $\alpha(x) < 0 \forall x \in C$

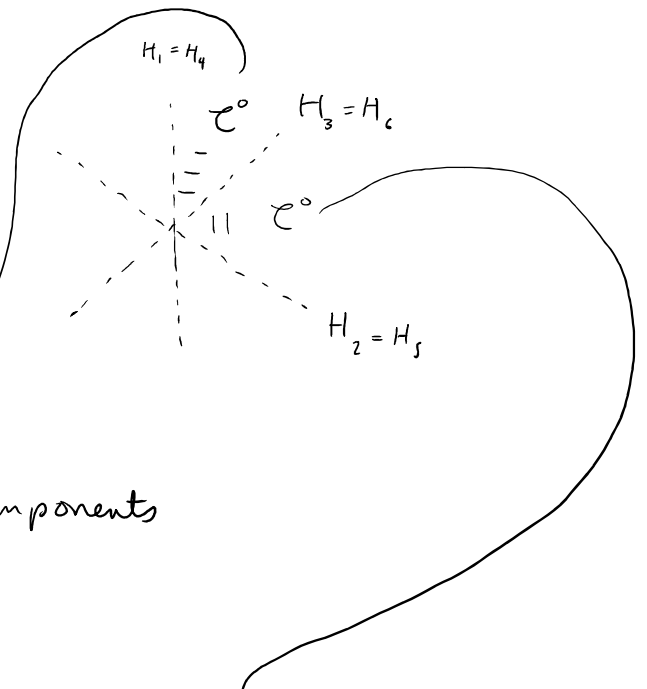
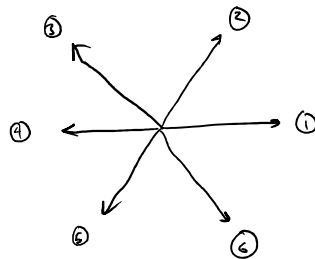
Choose a connected component $\mathcal{C}^\circ \subset E^\circ$,
 fundamental chamber

$$\text{define } R_+ = \{\alpha \in R \mid \alpha(x) > 0 \ \forall x \in \mathcal{C}^\circ\}$$

$$R_- = \{\alpha \in R \mid \alpha(x) < 0 \ \forall x \in \mathcal{C}^\circ\}$$

$$R = R_+ \sqcup R_-; \quad R_- = -R_+.$$

eg A_2 :



6 connected components

$$\{1, 2, 3\} = R_+$$

$$\{4, 5, 6\} = R_-$$

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Simple roots

$\alpha \in R$ is called a wall of a chamber $\mathcal{C} \subset E^\circ$

if $\alpha(x) > 0 \quad \forall x \in \tau$

and $\overline{\tau} \cap H_\alpha$ is of co-dimension 1.
($\dim = \dim E - 1$).

Simple roots = walls of τ° .

$$\parallel \\ \{\alpha_i\}_{i \in I} \subset R_+$$

Lemma if $i \neq j \in I$, $c \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$,

then $\alpha_i - c\alpha_j \notin R$.

proof α_i & α_j are not proportional.

If $\alpha = \alpha_i - c\alpha_j \in R$, then

$\alpha(x)$ either ≥ 0 on $\overline{\tau}^\circ$
or ≤ 0 on $\overline{\tau}^\circ$

but α on $\overline{\tau}^\circ \cap H_{\alpha_i}$ is < 0

and α on $\overline{\tau}^\circ \cap H_{\alpha_j}$ is > 0

□

Cor $\forall i \neq j \in I$, let $a_{ij} = \frac{2(\alpha_i, \alpha_j)}{(\alpha_i, \alpha_j)}$.

Then $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\leq 0}$.

$$\text{pf} \quad \alpha_i, \alpha_j \in R \Rightarrow S_{\alpha_i}(\alpha_j) = \alpha_j - \frac{2(\alpha_i, \alpha_j)}{(\alpha_i, \alpha_i)} \alpha_i$$

$$R = \alpha_j - a_{ij} \alpha_i$$

$$\text{lemma} \rightarrow a_{ij} \leq 0$$

$$a_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ by (3)}$$

□

Prop $\{\alpha_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a basis of E^* .

pf (linear independence). By contradiction

$$\text{Assume } \sum_{t=1}^p c_t \alpha_{i_t} = 0 \text{ is a linear rel}^n$$

$$\text{where each } c_t \in \mathbb{R}_{>0} \quad (c_1 = 1)$$

$$\text{then } -\alpha_{i_1} = \underbrace{\sum_{t=2}^p c_t \alpha_{i_t}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ + \text{ on } \mathcal{C}^0}} \quad \text{contradiction}$$

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 $- \text{ on } \mathcal{C}^0$

So if there is a linear relⁿ

among $\{\alpha_i\}_{i \in I}$, it must be of the form

$$\beta = \sum_{j=1}^p c_j \alpha_{i_j} = \sum_{k=p+1}^r d_k \alpha_{i_k}$$

where $c_j, d_k \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$, $\{\alpha_{ij}\}_i^p$ disjoint from $\{\alpha_{ik}\}_{k \neq i}^q$.

$$(\beta, \beta) = \sum_{j,k} c_j d_k \underbrace{(\alpha_{ij}, \alpha_{ik})}_{\leq 0} \leq 0$$

but (\cdot, \cdot) is positive definite.

So $\{\alpha_i\}_{i \in I}$ is lin. indep.

(spanning)

Since R spans E^* , it is enough to show that $\forall \alpha \in R$, $\{\alpha\} \cup \{\alpha_i\}_{i \in I}$ is linearly dependent.

If $\{\alpha\} \cup \{\alpha_i\}_{i \in I}$ is linearly independent

then we can find $x, y \in \mathcal{C}^0$ s.t. $\alpha(x) > 0$,
 $\alpha(y) < 0$.

contradiction.

(find x s.t.

y s.t.

$$\alpha_i(x) = 1 \quad \forall i$$

$$\alpha_i(y) = 1$$

$$\alpha(x) = 1$$

$$\alpha(y) = -1$$

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□

Cartan matrix of R

$$A = (a_{ij})_{i,j \in I} \quad \text{where}$$

$$a_{ij} = \frac{2(\alpha_i, \alpha_j)}{(\alpha_i, \alpha_i)} = \alpha_j(\alpha_i^\vee) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\leq 0} \quad \text{if } i \neq j$$


$$a_{ii} = 2$$

Rank 2 classification: (up to switching $i \leftrightarrow j$).
 we have the following options for (a_{ij}, a_{ji})

$$(0, 0)$$

 no edge


$$(-1, -1)$$

 'simple edge'

$$(-2, -1)$$

 'double edge' + < sign'

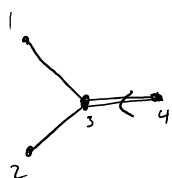
$$(-3, -1)$$

 'triple edge' + < sign'

$$|\alpha_j|^2 = 2|\alpha_i|^2$$

$$|\alpha_j|^2 = 3|\alpha_i|^2$$

The resulting graph is called
 the Dynkin diagram for R .



\approx

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$



not positive-definite

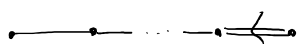
$$A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

connected

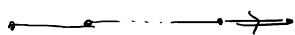
List of all [↑]Dynkin diagrams which arise from root systems:



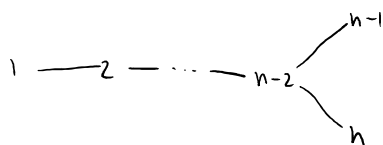
(A_n)



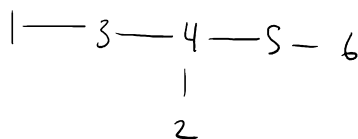
(B_n)



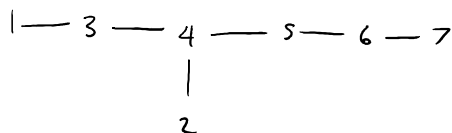
(C_n)



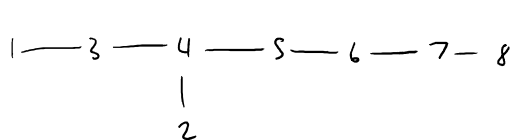
(D_n)



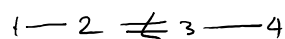
(E_6)



(E_7)



(E_8)



(F_4)



$$1 \not\equiv 2$$



$$\text{Rank} = |I| = \dim E^*$$

to prove classification,

get matrix of bad diagram,

find vector that kills it.