

**EQUIVARIANT COHOMOLOGY IN ALGEBRAIC  
GEOMETRY  
LECTURE FOURTEEN: GENERAL LIE GROUPS**

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Let  $G$  be a complex semisimple linear algebraic group, with a Borel (i.e., maximal solvable) subgroup  $B$ , and maximal torus  $T \subset B$ . Our goal in this lecture is to describe  $H_T^*(G/B)$  and  $H_T^*(G/P)$ , for  $G \supset P \supset B$  a parabolic subgroup.

We will need the language of roots and weights. The **roots** are the weights of  $T$  on the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  of  $G$ , so

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{h} \oplus \bigoplus_{\beta \in R} \mathfrak{g}_\beta,$$

where  $\mathfrak{h}$  is the Lie algebra of  $T$ , and  $\mathfrak{g}_\beta$  is the one-dimensional subspace of weight  $\beta$ . The **positive roots** are those occurring in the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{b}$  of  $B$ , so

$$\mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{h} \oplus \bigoplus_{\beta \in R^+} \mathfrak{g}_\beta.$$

Then  $R = R^+ \cup R^-$ , where the **negative roots** are  $R^- = \{-\alpha \mid \alpha \in R^+\}$ . The roots lie in  $M$ , and span the vector space  $M_{\mathbb{R}}$ .

The **simple roots** are the positive roots that are not positive sums of more than one positive root; there are  $n$  of them, forming a basis for  $M_{\mathbb{R}}$ . Let  $S \subset R^+$  be the set of simple roots. Any positive root  $\beta$  has a unique expression

$$(1) \quad \beta = \sum_{\alpha \in S} n_{\beta\alpha} \alpha,$$

for nonnegative integers  $n_{\beta\alpha}$ .

Each root  $\beta$  corresponds to a unipotent subgroup  $U_\beta$  of  $G$ , whose Lie algebra is  $\mathfrak{g}_\beta$ . There is an isomorphism of the additive Lie group  $\mathbb{G}_a \cong \mathbb{C}$  with  $U_\beta$ ; this is  $T$ -equivariant, with multiplication by  $\beta(t)$  on  $\mathbb{C}$  corresponding to conjugation by  $t$  on  $U_\beta$  ( $u \mapsto tut^{-1}$ ). The product of the groups  $U_\beta$  for  $\beta \in R^+$  forms a unipotent group  $U$ , isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}^N$ , with  $N = \#R^+$ , and  $B = T \cdot U$  is a semidirect product.

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The Weyl group  $W = N(T)/T$  acts on  $M$ , with the class  $w$  of  $n_w \in N(T)$  taking a weight  $\lambda$  to the weight  $w(\lambda)$  defined by

$$w(\lambda)(t) = \lambda(n_w^{-1}tn_w).$$

(One verifies this is independent of the choice of  $n_w$ .) This determines an embedding of  $W$  in the automorphism group of  $M$ , and an inner product  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  on  $M_{\mathbb{R}}$  that is invariant under  $W$ .

Each root  $\beta$  determines an element  $s_{\beta} \in W$ , acting on  $M_{\mathbb{R}}$  by the reflection

$$s_{\beta}(v) = v - \frac{2(v, \beta)}{(\beta, \beta)}\beta.$$

The reflections  $s_{\alpha}$ , for simple roots  $\alpha$ , generate  $W$ . The **length**  $\ell(w)$  of  $w \in W$  is the minimum  $\ell$  such that  $w$  can be written as a product  $s_{\alpha_1} \cdots s_{\alpha_{\ell}}$ , for  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{\ell} \in S$ . Such an expression  $w = s_{\alpha_1} \cdots s_{\alpha_{\ell}}$ , with  $\ell = \ell(w)$ , is called a **reduced decomposition**, and  $\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_{\ell}$  is a **reduced word** for  $w$ .

There is a unique **longest element**  $w_0$ , whose length is  $N = \#R^+$ . The **opposite Borel subgroup**  $B^-$  is  $w_0Bw_0$ . Its Lie algebra is

$$\mathfrak{b}^- = \mathfrak{h} \oplus \bigoplus_{\beta \in R^-} \mathfrak{g}_{\beta}.$$

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Let  $X = G/B$ ; this is a smooth variety of dimension  $N$ . The  $T$ -fixed points are the points  $e(w) = n_wB/B$ , for any lift  $n_w$  of  $w$  to  $N(T)$ .

The  $B$ -orbits are denoted  $X^o(w) = \overline{Be(w)}$ , and isomorphic to an affine space of dimension  $\ell(w)$ . The closure  $\overline{Be(w)}$  is the **Schubert variety** corresponding to  $w$ , denoted  $X(w)$ ; these are  $B$ -invariant subvarieties of  $X$ . Each  $X(w)$  is a disjoint union of orbits  $X^o(v)$ , and one writes  $v \leq w$  for those  $X^o(v)$  that occur. That is,  $v \leq w$  if and only if  $X(v) \subseteq X(w)$ . The filtration

$$F_0 \subset F_1 \subset \cdots \subset F_N = X,$$

with  $F_p = \bigcup_{\ell(w) \leq p} X(w)$ , has  $F_p \setminus F_{p-1}$  a union of affine spaces of dimension  $p$ . It follows that the classes  $[X(w)]$  of these Schubert varieties form a basis for  $H^*X$ . Since each  $X(w)$  is  $T$ -invariant, the classes

$$x(w) := [X(w)]^T$$

form a basis of  $H_T^*X$  over  $\Lambda$ . Note that  $x(w) \in H_T^{2(N-\ell(w))}X$ .

Similarly, there are  $B^-$ -orbits  $Y^o(w) = B^-e(w)$ , and  $Y(w) = \overline{Y^o(w)}$ . The dimension of  $Y(w)$  is  $N - \ell(w)$ . The classes

$$y(w) := [Y(w)]^T$$

also form a basis for  $H_T^*X$ , with  $y(w) \in H_T^{2\ell(w)}X$ .

It is an important general fact that  $v \leq w$  (i.e.,  $X(v) \subseteq X(w)$ ) if and only if  $Y(v) \supseteq Y(w)$  [Che94, Prop. 5].

The tangent space to  $X$  at  $e(id)$  is  $\bigoplus_{\beta \in R^-} \mathfrak{g}_\beta$ . Translating by  $w$  (or  $n_w$ ), we have

$$T_{e(w)}X = \bigoplus_{\beta \in w(R^-)} \mathfrak{g}_\beta.$$

The Schubert varieties  $X(w)$  and  $Y(w)$  are nonsingular at their central points  $e(w)$ , with

$$\begin{aligned} T_{e(w)}X(w) &= \bigoplus_{\beta \in w(R^-) \cap R^+} \mathfrak{g}_\beta, \text{ and} \\ T_{e(w)}Y(w) &= \bigoplus_{\beta \in w(R^-) \cap R^-} \mathfrak{g}_\beta. \end{aligned}$$

In particular,  $X(w)$  and  $Y(w)$  meet transversally at the point  $e(w)$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** *The bases  $\{x(w)\}_{w \in W}$  and  $\{y(w)\}_{w \in W}$  are Poincaré dual bases of  $H_T^*X$ . That is,*

$$\rho_*(x(u) \cdot y(v)) = \delta_{uv} \in \Lambda.$$

*Proof.* If  $X(u) \cap Y(v)$  is not empty, then it has a  $T$ -fixed point  $e(w)$ . Then  $X(w) \subset X(u)$  and  $Y(w) \subset Y(v)$ , so  $v \leq w \leq u$ . If  $v \neq u$ , this implies  $\ell(v) < \ell(u)$ , so  $\text{codim } X(u) + \text{codim } Y(v) > N$ , and  $\rho_*(x(u) \cdot y(v)) = 0$  for dimension reasons. If  $v = u$ , then transversality implies  $x(u) \cdot y(u) = [e(u)]^T$ , so  $\rho_*(x(u) \cdot y(u)) = 1$ . Finally, if  $X(u) \cap Y(v)$  is empty, then  $x(u) \cdot y(v) = 0$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $y(u) \cdot y(v) = \sum p_{uv}^w y(w)$ , with  $p_{uv}^w \in \Lambda$ . Then  $p_{uv}^w$  is in  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}[\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n]$ , where  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  are the simple roots.*

*Proof.* This is a special case of Graham's theorem, since the  $y(w)$  are classes of  $B^-$ -invariant subvarieties.  $\square$

### 3

Subgroups  $P$  with  $G \supset P \supset B$  are called **parabolic subgroups**. There is a parabolic subgroup  $P_J$  for each subset of simple roots  $J \subset S$ . This  $P_J$  is generated by  $B$  and the groups  $U_{-\beta}$  for  $\beta$  in the set  $R_J^+$  of positive roots which are sums of simple roots in  $J$ ; its Lie algebra is

$$\mathfrak{p}_J = \mathfrak{b} \oplus \bigoplus_{\beta \in R_J^+} \mathfrak{g}_{-\beta}.$$

The associated Weyl group is  $W_P = N_P(T)/T$ , the subgroup of  $W$  generated by the simple reflections  $s_\alpha$  for  $\alpha \in J$ .

For each parabolic subgroup  $P = P_J$ , every element (coset) in  $W/W_P$  has a unique representative  $w$  of minimal (resp., maximal) length, characterized by the property that  $w(\alpha)$  is a positive (resp., negative) root for all  $\alpha \in J$ . We often write  $[w]$  for the coset  $wW_P/W_P$  determined by  $w \in W$ , and call

$w$  a **minimal** (resp., **maximal**) **representative** if it has minimal (resp., maximal) length.

For  $P = P_J$  parabolic, the homogeneous variety  $X_J = G/P$  has  $T$ -fixed points  $e[w]$ , with  $[w] \in W/W_P$ , where  $e[w] = n_w P/P$ . One has corresponding Schubert varieties  $X[w] = \overline{Be[w]}$  and  $Y[w] = \overline{B^-e[w]}$ , with classes  $x[w] = [X[w]]^T$  and  $y[w] = [Y[w]]^T$  in  $H_T^*(X_J)$ .

Let  $R_J^+$  be as above, and let  $R_J^- = \{\beta \in R^- \mid -\beta \in R_J^+\}$ . The dimension of  $X_J$  is the number of positive roots not in  $R_J^+$ .

Let  $\pi = \pi_J$  be the projection from  $X = G/B$  onto  $X_J = G/P$ ; this is  $G$ -equivariant. One has corresponding descriptions of the tangent spaces:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{e[w]}X_J &= \bigoplus_{\beta \in w(R^- \setminus R_J^-)} \mathfrak{g}_\beta, \\ T_{e[w]}X[w] &= \bigoplus_{\beta \in w(R^- \setminus R_J^-) \cap R^+} \mathfrak{g}_\beta, \text{ and} \\ T_{e[w]}Y[w] &= \bigoplus_{\beta \in w(R^- \setminus R_J^-) \cap R^-} \mathfrak{g}_\beta. \end{aligned}$$

The dimension of  $X[w]$  is the minimal length of a representative of  $[w]$ , and the codimension of  $Y[w]$  is the minimal length of a representative of  $[w]$ . In fact, for  $w$  minimal,  $X(w) \rightarrow X[w]$  determines an isomorphism  $T_{e(w)}X(w) \rightarrow T_{e[w]}X[w]$  (since  $w(R_J^-) \cap R^+ = \emptyset$ ), so it gives an isomorphism from  $X^o(w)$  to  $X^o[w] = Be[w]$ . In particular,

$$\pi_*(x(w)) = x[w] \text{ for } w \text{ minimal.}$$

Similarly, we have an isomorphism  $T_{e(w)}Y(w) \rightarrow T_{e[w]}Y[w]$  for  $w$  maximal, so

$$\pi_*(y(w)) = y[w] \text{ for } w \text{ maximal.}$$

On the other hand, for  $w$  maximal, we have  $\pi^{-1}(X[w]) = X(w)$ ; notice that this set-theoretic equality is also scheme-theoretic, since  $\pi$  is a smooth morphism and these varieties are irreducible. Hence

$$\pi^*(x[w]) = x(w) \text{ for } w \text{ maximal,}$$

and similarly,

$$\pi^*(y[w]) = y(w) \text{ for } w \text{ minimal.}$$

As in the case of  $G/B$ , the sets  $\{x[w]\}$  and  $\{y[w]\}$  form bases for  $H_T^*(G/P)$ , as  $[w]$  varies in  $W/W_P$ .

**Exercise 3.1.** Show that these are Poincaré dual bases. (Solution: For  $\eta : G/P \rightarrow pt$ , and  $w$  and  $v$  maximal representatives of  $[w]$  and  $[v]$ , we have  $\eta_*(x[w] \cdot y[v]) = \eta_*(x[w] \cdot \pi_*(y(v))) = \eta_*\pi_*(\pi^*x[w] \cdot y(v)) = \rho_*(x(w) \cdot y(v)) = \delta_{wv}$ .)

Let  $D_J : H_T^*X \rightarrow H_T^*X$  be the  $\Lambda$ -linear map defined by

$$D_J = (\pi_J)^* \circ (\pi_J)_*.$$

This lowers degree by twice the codimension, i.e., by  $2\#(R_J^+)$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** (1) *If  $w^-$  is the minimal representative of its coset in  $W/W_P$ , then*

$$D_J(x(w^-)) = x(w^+),$$

*where  $w^+$  is the maximal representative of the coset. If  $w$  is not minimal in its coset, then  $D_J(x(w)) = 0$ .*

(2) *If  $w^+$  is the maximal representative of its coset, then*

$$D_J(y(w^+)) = y(w^-),$$

*where  $w^-$  is the minimal representative. If  $w$  is not maximal in its coset, then  $D_J(y(w)) = 0$ .*

*Proof.* This follows from the preceding discussion. Note that if  $w$  is not minimal, then  $X(w)$  has larger dimension than its image  $X[w]$ , so  $\pi_*[X(w)]^T = 0$ , and similarly for  $Y(w)$  if  $w$  is not maximal.  $\square$

We will use these operators primarily when  $J$  consists of one simple root  $\alpha$ , so  $P_J$  is a minimal parabolic subgroup. In this case,  $W_J$  is the group of order two generated by  $s_\alpha$ , and each coset has two representatives,  $w$  and  $ws_\alpha$ , whose lengths differ by 1. If  $\ell(ws_\alpha) = \ell(w) + 1$ , then for  $D_\alpha = D_{\{\alpha\}}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} D_\alpha(x(w)) &= x(ws_\alpha), & D_\alpha(x(ws_\alpha)) &= 0; \\ D_\alpha(y(ws_\alpha)) &= y(w), & D_\alpha(y(w)) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 3.3.** If  $\alpha$  is a simple root, and  $u, v \in W$  with  $\ell(us_\alpha) > \ell(u)$  and  $\ell(vs_\alpha) < \ell(v)$ , then

$$D_\alpha(y(u) \cdot y(v)) = y(u) \cdot y(vs_\alpha).$$

(Solution: Write  $D_\alpha = (\pi_\alpha)^* \circ (\pi_\alpha)_*$ ,  $y(u) = \pi_\alpha^*y[u]$ ,  $(\pi_\alpha)_*y(v) = y[v]$ , and  $\pi_\alpha^*y[v] = y(vs_\alpha)$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} D_\alpha(y(u) \cdot y(v)) &= \pi_\alpha^*((\pi_\alpha)_*(\pi_\alpha^*y[u] \cdot y(v))) \\ &= \pi_\alpha^*(y[u] \cdot (\pi_\alpha)_*y(v)) \\ &= \pi_\alpha^*(y[u] \cdot y[v]) \\ &= \pi_\alpha^*y[u] \cdot \pi_\alpha^*y[v]. \end{aligned}$$

For any sequence  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_\ell$  of simple roots, we have the composition

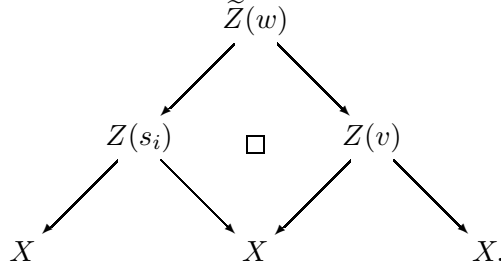
$$D_{\alpha_1} \circ \dots \circ D_{\alpha_\ell} : H_T^*(X) \rightarrow H_T^{*-2\ell}(X).$$

This takes  $y(w)$  to  $y(ws_{\alpha_1} \cdots s_{\alpha_\ell})$  if  $\ell(ws_{\alpha_1} \cdots s_{\alpha_\ell}) = \ell(w) - \ell$ , and takes  $y(w)$  to 0 otherwise; and similarly for the  $x(w)$ 's. Since the classes  $y(w)$  form a basis for  $H_T^*X$ , it follows that if the length of  $s_{\alpha_1} \cdots s_{\alpha_\ell}$  is less than  $\ell$ , then  $D_{\alpha_1} \circ \dots \circ D_{\alpha_\ell} = 0$ ; on the other hand, if  $s_{\alpha_1} \cdots s_{\alpha_\ell}$  is a reduced decomposition

for  $v$ , then  $D_{\alpha_1} \circ \dots \circ D_{\alpha_\ell}$  depends only on  $v$ , and can be denoted  $D_v$ . Indeed,  $D_v(y(w)) = y(wv)$  if  $\ell(wv) = \ell(w) + \ell(v)$ , and  $D_v(y(w)) = 0$  otherwise. In addition,  $D_u \circ D_v = D_{uv}$  if  $\ell(uv) = \ell(u) + \ell(v)$ , and  $D_u \circ D_v = 0$  otherwise.

It follows from the preceding discussion that  $\pi^*$  embeds  $H_T^*(G/P)$  in  $H_T^*(G/B)$ , taking Schubert classes to Schubert classes.

**Remark 3.4.** As in [Ber-Gel-Gel73] and [Dem74] (cf. [Ara89, §3.7]), the operators  $D_w$  can be defined via a correspondence: Let  $Z(w) \subset X \times X$  be the closure of  $G \cdot (e(id) \times e(w))$ , with  $G$  acting diagonally. Then  $D_w$  is  $(p_1)_* \circ (p_2)^*$ , where  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are the projections from  $Z(w)$  to  $X$ . In particular,  $Z(s_i) = X \times_{X_i} X$ , where  $X_i = X_{\{\alpha_i\}}$ . For  $w = s_i v$ , with  $\ell(w) = \ell(v) + 1$ , we have a diagram



The map  $\tilde{Z}(w) \rightarrow Z(w)$  (by the projection  $p_{13}$ ) is birational and surjective, from which it follows that  $D_w = D_{s_i} \circ D_v$ .

**Remark 3.5.** The literature also contains operators  $\mathcal{L}_w : H_T^* X \rightarrow \Lambda$  (cf. [Ara86], [Ara89]). In our language,  $\mathcal{L}_w(x) = \rho_*(x \cdot x(w))$ . Equivalently, by Poincaré duality,  $\mathcal{L}_w(x)$  is the coefficient of  $y(w)$  in the expansion of  $x$ ; i.e.,

$$x = \sum \mathcal{L}_w(x) y(w).$$

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Let  $Q$  be the quotient field of  $\Lambda$ , and let  $F(W, Q)$  be the  $Q$ -algebra of functions from  $W$  to  $Q$ . We know that the localization map

$$H_T^* X \rightarrow H_T^* X^T = \bigoplus_{w \in W} H_T^*(e(w))$$

embeds  $H_T^* X$  in the space  $F(W, \Lambda)$  of functions from  $W$  to  $\Lambda$ , by  $x \mapsto (w \mapsto x|_w)$ , and hence  $H_T^* X \hookrightarrow F(W, Q)$ .

For a simple root  $\alpha$ , define the  $Q$ -linear map  $A_\alpha : F(W, Q) \rightarrow F(W, Q)$  by the formula

$$(A_\alpha \psi)(w) = \frac{\psi(ws_\alpha) - \psi(w)}{w(\alpha)}.$$

**Proposition 4.1.** *The diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_T^* X & \hookrightarrow & F(W, Q) \\ D_\alpha \downarrow & & \downarrow A_\alpha \\ H_T^* X & \hookrightarrow & F(W, Q) \end{array}$$

*commutes.*

*Proof.* Since the inclusion  $H_T^* X^T \rightarrow H_T^* X$  given by the Gysin map is an isomorphism after tensoring with  $Q$  (over  $\Lambda$ ), it suffices to show that the two paths around the diagram agree on elements of the form  $x = (\iota_v)_*(1)$ , where  $\iota_v : \{e(v)\} \rightarrow X$  is the inclusion. Such an  $x$  localizes to the function  $\psi_v$ , defined by

$$\psi_v(v) = (\iota_v)^*(\iota_v)_*(1) = c_{top}^T(T_{e(v)}X) = \prod_{\beta \in v(R^-)} \beta,$$

and  $\psi_v(w) = 0$  for  $w \neq v$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} A_\alpha(\psi_v)(v) &= -\frac{\psi_v(v)}{v(\alpha)}, \\ A_\alpha(\psi_v)(vs_\alpha) &= \frac{\psi_v(v)}{vs_\alpha(\alpha)} = -\frac{\psi_v(v)}{v(\alpha)}, \end{aligned}$$

and  $A_\alpha(\psi_v)(w) = 0$  for  $w \notin \{v, vs_\alpha\}$ .

Going the other way around the diagram, we have  $D_\alpha(x) = (\pi_\alpha)^*(\pi_\alpha)_*(\iota_v)_*(1)$ . Then  $D_\alpha(x)|_w = \iota_w^*(\pi_\alpha)^*(\pi_\alpha)_*(\iota_v)_*(1) = (\iota_{[w]})^*(\iota_{[v]})_*(1)$ , where  $\iota_{[w]} = \iota_w \circ \pi_\alpha$  is the inclusion of the point  $e[w]$  in  $X_\alpha = G/P_\alpha$ . (Here  $e(w)$  and  $e[w]$  are identified.) Therefore  $D_\alpha(x)|_w = 0$  if  $[w] \neq [v]$ , and

$$D_\alpha(x)|_{vs_\alpha} = D_\alpha(x)|_v = c_{top}^T(T_{e[v]}X_\alpha).$$

But

$$T_{e[v]}X_\alpha = \bigoplus_{\beta \in v(R^- \setminus \{-\alpha\})} g\beta,$$

so  $c_{top}^T(T_{e[v]}X_\alpha)$  is equal to  $c_{top}^T(T_{e(v)}X)/(-v(\alpha))$ , which is the same as the value of  $A_\alpha(\psi_v)$  at  $v$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 4.2.** *A composition  $A_{\alpha_1} \circ \cdots \circ A_{\alpha_\ell}$  vanishes if the length of  $s_{\alpha_1} \cdots s_{\alpha_\ell}$  is less than  $\ell$ , and depends only on  $v = s_{\alpha_1} \cdots s_{\alpha_\ell}$  if  $\ell(v) = \ell$ . Writing  $A_v$  for  $A_{\alpha_1} \circ \cdots \circ A_{\alpha_\ell}$  for an reduced word for  $v$ , we have  $A_v \circ A_w = A_{vw}$  if  $\ell(vw) = \ell(v) + \ell(w)$ , and  $A_v \circ A_w = 0$  otherwise.*

*Proof.* This follows from the corresponding results for the operators  $D_\alpha$ , and the commutativity of the diagram in the proposition.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.3.** (1)  $y(s_\alpha)|_w = \varpi_\alpha - w(\varpi_\alpha)$ .  
 (2)  $x(w_0s_\alpha)|_w = w_0(\varpi_\alpha) - w(\varpi_\alpha)$ .

*Proof.* For (1), let  $f_\alpha(w) = y(s_\alpha)|_w$ . We know that

$$(i) \quad f_\alpha(id) = 0,$$

since  $e(id)$  is not contained in  $Y(s_\alpha)$ . Since  $D_\beta(y(s_\alpha)) = 0$  for any simple root  $\beta \neq \alpha$ , Proposition 4.1 says that  $A_\beta(f_\alpha) = 0$ , i.e.,

$$(ii) \quad f_\alpha(ws_\beta) = f_\alpha(w) \text{ for simple roots } \beta \neq \alpha, \text{ for any } w.$$

Similarly,  $D_\alpha(y(s_\alpha)) = y(id) = 1$  gives  $A_\alpha(f_\alpha) = 1$ , i.e.,

$$(iii) \quad f_\alpha(ws_\alpha) = f_\alpha(w) + w(\alpha) \text{ for all } w.$$

The function  $f_\alpha : W \rightarrow \Lambda$  (or  $W \rightarrow Q$ ) is uniquely determined by properties (i), (ii), and (iii). Indeed, the difference of two such functions would take the same values at any  $w$  and  $ws_\beta$ , for all simple roots  $\beta$ , so it must be constant. (Every  $w$  has the form  $w_0s_{\beta_1} \cdots s_{\beta_\ell}$ .) By (i), this constant must be zero.

Now the function  $f_\alpha(w) = \varpi_\alpha - w(\varpi_\alpha)$  clearly satisfies (i), and it satisfies (ii) and (iii) since

$$\begin{aligned} f_\alpha(ws_\beta) &= \varpi_\alpha - ws_\beta(\varpi_\alpha) \\ &= \varpi_\alpha - w(\varpi_\alpha - \delta_{\alpha\beta}\beta) \\ &= f_\alpha(w) + \delta_{\alpha\beta}w(\beta). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, to prove (2), note that the function  $f_\alpha(w) = x(w_0s_\alpha)|_w$  satisfies

$$(i') \quad f_\alpha(w_0) = 0,$$

together with (ii) and (iii) (since  $D_\beta(x(w_0s_\alpha)) = \delta_{\alpha\beta}x(w_0)$ , and  $x(w_0) = 1$ ). The same argument shows there is a unique such function, and that  $f_\alpha(w) = w_0(\varpi_\alpha) - w(\varpi_\alpha)$  satisfies (i'), (ii), and (iii).  $\square$

**Corollary 4.4.**  $y(s_\alpha) - x(w_0s_\alpha) = \varpi_\alpha - w_0(\varpi_\alpha)$ .

*Proof.* The two sides have the same localization at every fixed point.  $\square$

**Remark 4.5.** In type  $A_n$ ,  $w_0(\varpi_i) = -\varpi_{n+1-i}$ , so  $y(s_\alpha) - x(w_0s_\alpha) = \varpi_i + \varpi_{n+1-i}$ .

We will give another formula for the localizations  $y(s_\alpha)|_w$ , and for general  $y(v)|_w$ , in the next chapter.

**Corollary 4.6.** *If  $v \neq w$ , there is a simple root  $\alpha$  such that  $y(s_\alpha)|_v \neq y(s_\alpha)|_w$ , and  $x(w_0s_\alpha)|_v \neq x(w_0s_\alpha)|_w$ .*

*Proof.* Since the weights  $\varpi_\alpha$  form a basis for  $M_{\mathbb{R}}$ , there is an  $\alpha$  such that  $v(\varpi_\alpha) \neq w(\varpi_\alpha)$ .  $\square$

**Exercise 4.7.** For  $\lambda \in M$ , show that

$$c_1^T(L(\lambda)) = \sum_{\alpha \in S} a_\alpha y(s_\alpha) + \lambda,$$

where  $a_\alpha = -\frac{2(\lambda, \alpha)}{(\alpha, \alpha)}$ . (It suffices to do this for  $\lambda = \varpi_\alpha$ , where  $c_1^T(L(\varpi_\alpha)) = \varpi_\alpha - y(s_\alpha)$ , as is seen by evaluating both sides at  $w \in W$ .)



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