

DEFINITION 0.1. Let  $k$  be an infinite field,  $\text{char}(k) \neq 2$  and  $V$  be a finite-dimensional  $k$ -vector space. We denote

- (1) by  $R = \text{Sym}(V^\vee)$  the graded ring of regular functions on  $V$  where linear functionals  $v^\vee \in V^\vee$  have degree two.
- (2) by  $\mathcal{R}$  the monoidal category of  $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded  $R$ -bimodules which are finitely generated as both left and right  $R$ -modules where the tensor product in  $\mathcal{R}$  is given by

$$(X, Y) \rightarrow X \otimes_R Y, X, Y \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{R})$$

- (3) by  $\langle \mathcal{R} \rangle$  the split Grothendieck group of the category  $\mathcal{R}$ . That is  $\langle \mathcal{R} \rangle$  is the abelian group  $\langle \mathcal{R} \rangle$  is generated by elements  $\langle X \rangle, X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{R})$  and relations

$$\langle X \rangle = \langle Y \rangle + \langle Z \rangle, X, Y, Z \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{R})$$

for triples  $X, Y, Z$  such that  $X$  is isomorphic to  $Y \oplus Z$ .

- (4) by  $\circ$  the algebra structure on  $\langle \mathcal{R} \rangle$  induced by the tensor product in  $\mathcal{R}$ .
- (5) For any  $M = \oplus_i M_i \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{R})$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  we define an object  $M[n] \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{R})$  by  $M[n]_i = M_{i+n}$ .

DEFINITION 0.2. Let  $(W, S)$  be a Coxeter system,  $\mathcal{T} \subset W$  be the subset of reflections and  $\rho : W \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V)$  be a faithful representation.

- (1) We say that  $\rho$  is *reflection faithful* if for  $x \in W$  we have  $\dim(V/V^x) = 1$  iff  $x \in \mathcal{T}$ .
- (2) For any  $x \in W$  we define

$$V^{-x} := \{v \in V | xv = -x\}$$

- (3) We say that  $\rho$  is *reflection vector faithful* if  $\rho(t)$  is a reflection for all  $t \in \mathcal{T}$  and  $V^{-x} \neq V^{-y}$  for  $x \neq y \in \mathcal{T}$ .

LEMMA 0.3. *Any reflection faithful representation  $\rho$  is reflection vector faithful.*

PROOF. Assume that  $V^{-t} = V^{-r}$  and set  $x := t^{-1}r$ . By the construction  $x$  acts trivially on  $V^{-t}$ . Since  $\det(x) = 1$  we see that  $x$  is unipotent. On the other hand since  $\rho$  is reflection faithful  $x$  is an involution. By the assumption  $\text{char}(k) \neq 2$ . So  $x = 1$ .  $\square$

CLAIM 0.4. *Let  $V$  be a finite-dimensional  $k$ -vector space,  $e_s, s \in S$  be a set of linearly independent vectors in  $V$  and  $e_s^\vee \in V^\vee$  be a set of linearly independent linear forms such that*

$$e_s^\vee(e_t) = -2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{m_{s,t}}\right), t, s \in S$$

- (1) *The formula  $s(v) = v - e_s^\vee(v)v, v \in V$  defines a faithful representation of  $W$ .*

- (2) *If there is no proper subspace  $V'$  of  $V$  containing all the vectors  $e_s, s \in S$  and such that the restriction of the functionals  $e_s^\vee$  on  $V'$  are linearly independent then  $\rho$  is reflection faithful.*

DEFINITION 0.5. Let  $W \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V)$  be a reflection faithful representation of  $W$  and as before  $R$  be the graded  $k$ -algebra of regular functions on  $V$ . We identify  $R \otimes_k R$  with the graded  $k$ -algebra of regular functions on  $V \times V$ .

- (1) For any  $w \in W$  we define a subvariety  $Gr(w)$  of  $V \times V$  by

$$Gr(w) := \{(wv, v) | v \in V\}$$

- (2) For any finite subset  $A$  of  $W$  we define

$$Gr(A) := \cup_{w \in A} Gr(w) \subset V \times V$$

- (3) Since the subvarieties  $Gr(A) \subset V \times V$  are homogeneous the ideal  $I_A \subset R \otimes R$  of functions vanishing on  $Gr(A)$  is graded and the quotient  $R(A) := R \otimes R / I_A$  is a graded algebra. We consider  $R(A)$  as a  $R$ -bimodule. It is easy to see that  $R(A) \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{R})$ .
- (4) We write  $R_x$  instead of  $R(\{x\})$  and  $R_{x,y}$  instead of  $R(\{x, y\})$  for  $x, y \in W$ .
- (5) For any  $w \in W$  we write  $R(\leq w)$  instead of  $R(A)$  where  $A = \{x | x \leq w\}$ .
- (6) Given  $f \in R, w \in W$  we define  $f^w \in R$  by  $f^w(v) := f(wv), v \in V$ .

CLAIM 0.6. (1)  $(Gr(x) + Gr(y)) \cap (V \times \{0\}) = \text{Im}(xy^{-1} - \text{Id}) \times \{0\}$   
 (2) *for any  $u \neq w \in \mathcal{T} - \{e\}$  we have  $Gr(u) + Gr(w) + Gr(e) \supset V \times \{0\}$*

COROLLARY 0.7. *If  $|S| = 2$  and  $x, y, z \in W$  are distinct elements not all of the same parity then  $Gr(x) + Gr(y) + Gr(z) \supset V \times \{0\}$ .*

PROOF. We may assume that the parity of  $z$  is different from parities of  $x, y$ . Then  $w := xz^{-1}, u := yz^{-1}$  have odd length and therefore are reflections [ we use here that  $|S| = 2$ ]. Now we can apply the previous result.  $\square$

THEOREM 0.8. *Let  $(W, S)$  be a Coxeter system and that  $\rho : W \rightarrow \text{Aut}(V)$  be a reflections vector faithful representation. Then there exists unique ring homomorphism  $\mathcal{E} : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \langle \mathcal{R} \rangle$  such that  $\mathcal{E}(v) = R[1]$  and*

$$\mathcal{E}(T_s + 1) = R \otimes_{R^s} R, s \in S$$

where  $R^s := \{r \in R | s(r) = r\}$ .

PROOF. Consider first the case when  $S = \{s\}$ . In this case we may assume that  $V = k$ . Then  $R = k[a], R^s = k[a^2]$  and the algebra  $\mathcal{H}$  is generated over  $\mathbb{Z}[v, v^{-1}]$  by  $(T_s + 1)$  and the relation

$$(T_s + 1)^2 = (1 + v^{-2})(T_s + 1)$$

So it is sufficient to check that the bimodule  $(R \otimes_{R^s} R) \otimes_R (R \otimes_{R^s} R)$  is isomorphic to  $R \otimes_{R^s} R \oplus R \otimes_{R^s} R[-2]$ .

CLAIM 0.9. *The map  $(f, g) \rightarrow f + tg, f, g \in R^s$  defines an isomorphism between  $R^s$ -bimodules  $R^s \oplus R^s[-2]$  and  $R$ .*

So we have

$$(R \otimes_{R^s} R) \otimes_R (R \otimes_{R^s} R) = R \otimes_{R^s} R \otimes_{R^s} R = R \otimes_{R^s} (R^s \oplus R^s[-2]) \otimes_{R^s} R = \otimes_{R^s} R \oplus R \otimes_{R^s} R[-2]$$

Now back to the general case. Since the Hecke algebra  $\mathcal{H}$  is defined by quadratic relations

$$(T_s + 1)^2 = (1 + v^{-2})(T_s + 1), s \in S$$

and the braid relations

$$T_s T_t \dots = T_t T_s \dots, s, t \in S$$

it is sufficient to prove Theorem for Coxeter systems of rank 2.

For any  $w \in W$  we write  $C_w := \sum_{x \leq w} T_x \in \mathcal{H}$ . It is clear that the following claim implies the validity of Theorem.

PROPOSITION 0.10. *Let  $\mathcal{E} : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \langle \mathcal{R} \rangle$  be the homomorphism of abelian groups given by*

$$\mathcal{E}(v^n C_x) := \langle R(\leq x) \rangle [n + l(x)]$$

*Then  $\mathcal{E}$  is a ring homomorphism.*

PROOF. To show that  $\mathcal{E}$  is a ring homomorphism it is sufficient to check the equality

$$\mathcal{E}((T_s + 1)C_w) = \mathcal{E}(T_s + 1) \circ \mathcal{E}(C_w), w \in W, s \in S$$

For any  $x \in W$  we define  $A(x) := \{y \in W | y \leq x\}$ . We fix  $w \in W$  and write  $A = A(w)$ .

- CLAIM 0.11. (1) *If  $l(sw) < l(w)$  then  $sA = A$*   
 (2) *If  $l(sw) > l(w)$  then  $A \cup sA = A(sw)$*   
 (3) *If  $l(sw) > l(w)$  and  $l(w) > 1$  then  $A \cap sA = A(tw)$  for some  $t \in \mathcal{T}, t \neq s$ .*  
 (4) *If  $l(sw) > l(w)$  and  $l(w) \leq 1$  then  $A \cap sA = \emptyset$*   
 (5)  $(T_s + 1) \sum_{x \in A} T_x = \sum_{x \in A \cup sA} T_x + \sum_{x \in A \cap sA} T_x$ .

We see that for a proof of Theorem we have to construct an isomorphism between bimodules  $R(A \cap sA)[-2] \oplus R(A \cup sA)$  and  $(R \otimes_{R^s} R) \otimes_R R(A)$ .

We start with the following general result. Let  $L$  be a  $k$ -vector space,  $t \in \text{Aut}(L)$  be a reflection along a hyperplane given  $L^t$  given by the equation

$$\lambda(l) = 0, \lambda \in L^\vee - \{0\}$$

We define the Demazure operator  $\partial_t$  on  $R(L)$  by

$$\partial_t(f) = \frac{f - f^t}{2\lambda}$$

If  $X \subset L$  is a  $t$ -invariant Zariski closed subvariety then  $t$  induces an involution on  $X$  and we obtain direct sum decomposition  $R(X) = R(X)^+ \oplus R(X)^-$ .

CLAIM 0.12. Assume that  $X$  does not have any irreducible components contained in  $L^t$ . Then

- (1)  $\partial_t$  stabilizes the kernel of the restriction  $R(L) \rightarrow R(X)$  and therefore induces a map  $\partial_t : R(X) \rightarrow R(X)$ .
- (2)  $\partial_t$  and the multiplication by  $\lambda$  define mutually inverse isomorphism between graded  $R(L)$ -modules  $R(X)^+$  and  $R(X)^-[-2]$ .

LEMMA 0.13. Let  $W$  be a group acting on a  $k$ -vector space  $V$ ,  $A$  be a finite subset of  $W$  and  $s \in W$  be an element acting on  $V$  as a reflection and such that  $sA = A$ . We denote by  $R(A)^+ \subset R(A)$  the invariants under the action of  $s \times id$ . Then

- (1) The graded bimodules  $R \otimes_{R^s} R(A)$  and  $R(A) \oplus R(A)[-2]$  are isomorphic.
- (2) The multiplication induces an isomorphism  $R \otimes_{R^s} R(A)^+ \rightarrow R(A)$  of bimodules.

PROOF. Take  $L = V \times V, t = s \times id$  and  $X = R(A)$ . We obtain a decomposition  $R(A) = R(A)^+ \oplus R(A)^-$  and an isomorphism  $R(A)^+ \rightarrow R(A)^-[-2]$  defined by the multiplication by  $\lambda \otimes 1$  where  $\lambda \in V^\vee$  is the equation defining  $V^s$ . Since  $R = R^+ \oplus \lambda R^+$  we see that the multiplication induces an isomorphism  $R \otimes_{R^s} R(A)^+ \rightarrow R(A)$ . The existence of the decomposition  $R(A) = R(A)^+ \oplus R(A)^-$  and an isomorphism between  $R(A)^+$  and  $R(A)^-[-2]$  finishes the proof of Lemma.  $\square$

To prove the Proposition [and therefore the Theorem] it is sufficient to construct isomorphisms between bimodules

$$(R \otimes_{R^s} R) \otimes_R R(A) = R \otimes_{R^s} R(A) \text{ and } R(A \cap sA)[-2] \oplus R(A \cup sA).$$

The case when  $sA = A$  follows from the previous Lemma. The case when  $w = e$  is also clear. So may assume that  $A = A(w), w \neq e$  and  $l(sw) > l(w)$ . It is easy to see that in this case  $A - sA \cap A = \{(tw, w)\}$  for some reflection  $t \neq s$ . As before we construct a decomposition of  $R(A) = M \oplus N$  as  $R^s \times R$ -bimodule such that  $R(A \cap sA)[-2] = R \otimes_{R^s} M$  and  $R(A \cup sA) = R \otimes_{R^s} N$ .

Since  $\rho$  is a reflections vector faithful representation the  $-1$ -eigenspaces of reflections  $s$  and  $t$  span a 2-dimensional subspace  $U$  of  $V$ . As follows from Claim 6 there exists a linear functional  $\lambda \in (V \times V)^\vee$  trivial on  $Gr(w)$  and on  $Gr(tw)$  whose restriction on  $U$  is non-trivial.

LEMMA 0.14. For any  $x \in A \cap sA$  the restriction of  $\lambda$  on  $Gr(x) \cup Gr(sx)$  is not  $s$ -invariant.

PROOF. If the restriction of  $\lambda$  on  $Gr(x) \cup Gr(sx)$  were  $s$ -invariant then the restriction of  $\lambda$  on  $Gr(x) + Gr(sx)$  is also  $s$ -invariant. But then  $\lambda$  vanishes on  $V^{-s}$ . Since  $V^{-s} \neq V^{-t}$  this would imply that  $\lambda$  vanishes on  $U$ .  $\square$

We define  $M$  and  $N$  as  $R^s \times R$ -subbimodules of  $R(A)$  generated by the images  $\bar{1}, \bar{\lambda}$  of  $1, \lambda \in R \otimes R$  in  $R(A)$ . It follows from the previous Lemma that Proposition is implied by the following result.

- LEMMA 0.15. (1) *The graded bimodules  $R^s \times R$ -bimodules  $M$  and  $R(A \cap sA)^+[-2]$  are isomorphic.*  
 (2) *The graded bimodules  $R^s \times R$ -bimodules  $N$  and  $R(A \cup sA)^+$  are isomorphic.*  
 (3)  $R(A) = M \oplus N$

PROOF. As follows from Corollary 7 the restriction of  $\lambda$  on  $Gr(x)$  is not zero for any  $x \in A \cap sA$ . So the kernel of the multiplication by  $\lambda$  in  $R(A)$  is equal to the kernel of the surjection  $p : R(A) \rightarrow R(A \cap sA)$ . Therefore the multiplication by  $\lambda$  defines an imbedding  $R(A \cap sA) \hookrightarrow R(A)$  which is an isomorphism on the image  $\lambda R(A) \subset R(A)$ . Since the image of  $R^s \otimes R$  in  $R(A)$  consists of  $s \times Id$ -invariants we obtain an isomorphism  $R(A \cap sA)^+[-2] \rightarrow M$ .

The same observation [the image of  $R^s \otimes R$  in  $R(A)$  consists of  $s \times Id$ -invariants] provides an isomorphism  $R(A \cup sA)^+ \rightarrow N$ .

To prove the equality  $R(A) = M + N$  it is sufficient to show that as an  $(R^s, R)$ -bimodule  $R \otimes R$  is generated by 1 and  $\lambda$ . Let  $\mu \in V^\vee$  be the equation of the hyperplane  $V^s \subset V$ . It is clear that  $R \otimes R$  is generated as an  $(R^s, R)$ -bimodule by 1 and  $(\mu, 0)$ . Since  $\lambda$  is not  $s$ -invariant [otherwise  $\lambda$  would vanish on  $Gr(sx)$  and therefore by Corollary 7 on the whole  $U$ ] we have

$$(V \oplus V)^\vee = V^{s\vee} \oplus V^\vee \oplus k\lambda$$

We see that  $(\mu, 0)$  belongs to  $(R^s, R)$ -bimodule  $R \otimes R$  generated by 1 and  $\lambda$  and therefore  $R \otimes R$  is generated as an  $(R^s, R)$ -bimodule by 1 and  $\lambda$ .

To finish the proof of the Theorem we have to show only that  $M \cap N = \{0\}$ . For any  $n \in N$  and any  $x \in A \cap sA$  the restriction of  $n$  onto  $Gr(x) \cup Gr(sx)$  is  $s$ -invariant. On the other hand as follows from Lemma 14 the restriction of  $\lambda$  on  $Gr(x) \cup Gr(sx)$  is not  $s$ -invariant. This implies that there is no non-zero  $m \in M$  such that restrictions of  $m$  on  $Gr(x) \cup Gr(sx)$  are  $s$ -invariant for all  $x \in A \cap sA$ . So  $M \cap N = \{0\}$ .

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