Autour de la combinatoire des arrangements de Shi dans les groupes de Coxeter

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Coxeter system (W, S): W group generated by S, the `simple reflections'; $T = \{wsw^{-1} \mid s \in S, w \in W\}$, the `reflections'

Indefinite Coxeter system (not finite, nor affine)

General philosophy: to generalize combinatorial methods of S_n to arbitrary W.



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Infinite-depth of reflections (Brink-Howlett 1993, Fu 2012): $dp_{r}(t) = #$ distinct parallels H_r to H_t that separates H_t from e.



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Finite Coxeter groups $\Sigma_m = \Sigma_0 = \mathscr{A} \text{ finite for all}$ $m \in \mathbb{N}$

Affine Coxeter groups: easy (transitivity parallelism) Indefinite (hyperbolic etc.): work to do (combinatorics of Coxeter groups)!



Shi arrangements: Shi₀ Example: Shi₀ = { $H_t \mid t \in \Sigma_0$ } (Shi 1988 in affine types).



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Theorem (Yosiniga 04, Thiel 16) Enumeration in affine type.

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Shi arrangements

- Catalan combinatorics (Catalan numbers in affine types)
- Kazhdan-Lusztig cells (Affine types, Shi 86)
- Provides a finite Garside family in the Artin-Tits monoïd, a step forward answering the word problem in Artin (braid) groups (Dehornoy-Dyer-CH 15)
- Automata recognizing the language of reduced words (Eriksson, Headley, Brink-Howlett 90')
- Provides the basic tools to prove automaticity (Brink-Howlett 94) and bi-automaticity (Osajda-Przyticky, 22) of Coxeter systems



Shi arrangements affine types: enumeration Shi's method (88) extended by Thiel for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$ (2015): I. Shi_m is gated, i.e., each region contains a unique minimal length element. Denote by \mathscr{G}_m the set of gates.



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Aim: generalize these results to all Coxeter systems

- I. Minimal elements (conjectured by Dyer-CH 16)
- 2. Convexity property (conjectured by CH-Nadeau-Williams 16)



Short inversions of $w \in W$: $T^1(w) = \{t \mid \ell(tw) = \ell(w) - 1\}.$

Theorem (Dyer, 93) $T^{1}(w)$ characterizes uniquely the inversion set T(w)

Examples: $W = S_3$; • $w = s_1 s_2 = 231$; $T^1(w) = T(w) = \{(12), (13)\}$

• $w = s_1 s_2 s_1 = 321; T^1(w) = \{(12), (23)\}; T(w) = T$ and (13) = (12)(23)(12)

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• $w = s_2 s_1 s_3 s_2 = 3412; T^1(w) = T(w) = \{(23), (13), (24), (14)\}$

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Remarks:

 Introduced in the context of the word problem of Artin (braid) groups (Dehornoy, Dyer, CH 2015): they produce Garside families in the corresponding Artin monoïd (Dyer-CH 2016; Dyer 2022).

• W finite:
$$L_m = L_0 = W$$
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• In general: $L_m \subseteq \mathcal{G}_m$ (therefore L_m is finite) and there is at most one m—low element in each m—Shi region of Shi_m (Dyer-CH 2016; CH-Nadeau-Williams 2016).

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Strategy: to prove that that the function $dp_{\infty} : T^1(w) \to \mathbb{N}$ reaches its maximum on $T_R(w)$ (i.e., the `descent-walls').

Surprisingly it goes down to a combinatorial problem to be solved even in finite Coxeter groups

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• $w = 24513; T^{1}(w) = T(w) = \{(15), (14), (12), (35), (34)\}$







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Where: $D_I(w) = T(w) \cap S$ and $T_R(w) = \{wsw^{-1} \mid s \in D_R(w)\}$ Examples: $W = S_3$; • $w = s_1 s_2 = 231; T^1(w) = T(w) = \{(12), (13)\}$ $D_{L}(\omega) = \{(12)\} \text{ and } T_{R}(\omega) = \{(13)\}$ (12) = (12) • $w = s_1 s_2 s_1 = 321; T^1(w) = \{(12), (23)\}$ $\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ S_{1} = (12) \\ S_{2} = (23) \\ \end{array}$ $D_{L}(\omega) = T'(\omega) = T_{R}(\omega)$

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Shi_m $(m \ge 1)$ does not have in general the convexity property



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Coxeter graph of (W, S)	$ \Sigma_0 $	$ L_0 $	$ \Sigma_1 $	$ L_1 $	$ \Sigma_2 $	$ L_2 $
$\infty \int_{\infty}^{\infty} \infty$	3	4	9	10	21	22
∞	3	5	7	10	14	19
	7	18	13	40	20	70
7	13	40	18	72	24	110
	19	134	43	387	94	997

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