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## Abstract

This paper proves a Hall-Littlewood polynomial formula in a paper by Ram [Ram06] using a theorem by Schwer [Sch06]. We review materials relating to root systems, affine Weyl groups and affine Hecke algebras that are required to study alcoves, galleries and the Hall-Littlewood polynomials. In order to prove the Hall-Littlewood polynomial formula, we formulate in a special case Schwer's formula in Theorem 5.5 [Sch06] computing right multiplication of the alcove basis by standard basis elements. We show that Ram's formula for Hall-Littlewood polynomials in terms of positively folded alcove walks coincides with the formulation of Schwer's formula in terms of positively folded galleries.

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## Chapter 1

## Introduction

#### 1.1 Thesis Problem

Hall-Littlewood polynomials (or Macdonald spherical functions) are of great interest with many applications in the study of representation theory and combinatorics. They are a basis for the algebra of symmetric functions depending on a parameter q, first arising in P. Hall's study of some counting problems in group theory [Hal59] and later defined explicitly by D. Littlewood in [Lit61]. Hall-Littlewood polynomials interpolate between Schur functions at  $q = 0$  and monomial symmetric functions when  $q = 1$ . Therefore they specialize to two well-known bases for the ring of symmetric functions. In [Mac71], Macdonald gives a formula for spherical functions on a p-adic Chevalley group generalizing Hall-Littlewood polynomials to all root systems. Schwer in [Sch06] proved a formula for Hall-Littlewood polynomials in terms of positively folded galleries and Ram in [Ram06] proved a formula for Hall-Littlewood polynomials in terms of positively folded alcove walks.

In [Sch06], Schwer showed that right multiplication of an alcove basis element by elements of the standard basis can be computed using positively folded galleries (Theorem 5.5 of [Sch06]). In [Ram06], Ram states a formula for Hall-Littlewood polynomials in terms of positively folded alcove walks (Theorem 4.2 of [Ram06]). We prove that Ram's Hall-Littlewood polynomial formula follows from Schwer's Theorem 5.5.

#### 1.2 Outline

- In chapters 2-4, we review some concepts from root systems, reflection groups and Hecke algebras, as background required for the thesis problem.
- In chapter 5, we discuss a paper by Schwer on galleries.
- In chapter 6, we discuss a paper by Ram on alcoves walks and Hall-Littlewood polynomials.
- In chapter 7, we prove that Ram's formula for Hall-Littlewood polynomials [Ram06, Theorem 4.2] follows from Schwer's formula describing right multiplication of an alcove basis element by a standard basis element in terms of positively folded galleries [Sch06, Theorem 5.5].

## Chapter 2

### Root Systems

#### 2.1 Reflections and root systems

**Definition 2.1.1** (Hum90) p.3, Hum78 p.42). Let E be a real euclidean space with positive-definite symmetric bilinear form  $(\cdot, \cdot)$ . A **reflection** in E is an invertible linear operator in E denoted by  $\sigma$  which sends a nonzero vector  $\alpha$  to its negative  $-\alpha$ , fixing the reflecting hyperplane  $H_{\alpha}$  orthogonal to  $\alpha$ . The formula for such a reflection is written as:

$$
\sigma_{\alpha}(\beta) = \beta - \frac{2(\beta, \alpha)}{(\alpha, \alpha)} \alpha.
$$
\n(2.1)

Given a vector  $\alpha \in E$  ( $\alpha \neq 0$ ), there exists a reflection  $\sigma_{\alpha}$  through the **reflecting** hyperplane  $H_{\alpha} = \{ \beta \in E \mid (\beta, \alpha) = 0 \}$  (shown in the following example).

**Note.** Recall that a symmetric real  $n \times n$  matrix is a matrix A such that  $A = A^T$ where  $A<sup>T</sup>$  denotes the transpose of A. We call A **positive definite** if  $x<sup>T</sup>Ax > 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ . The matrix A is positive definite if and only if the corresponding bilinear form  $(x, y) = x^T A y$  is positive definite.

**Example.** (Figure 2.1) Let E be a euclidean space, and  $H_{\alpha}$  a reflecting hyperplane.

Given a vector  $\beta$  in E, we have

$$
\sigma_{\alpha}(\beta) = \beta - 2 \bigg( \|\beta\| \cos \theta \frac{\alpha}{\|\alpha\|} \bigg).
$$

Since  $(\beta, \alpha) = ||\beta|| ||\alpha|| \cos \theta$  and  $(\alpha, \alpha) = ||\alpha||^2$ , therefore

$$
\sigma_{\alpha}(\beta) = \beta - \frac{2(\beta, \alpha)}{\|\alpha\|} \frac{\alpha}{\|\alpha\|} = \beta - \frac{2(\beta, \alpha)}{(\alpha, \alpha)} \alpha.
$$



Figure 2.1: Reflection of  $\beta$  through  $H_{\alpha}$ 

Definition 2.1.2 ( $\text{[Hum78]} p.42$ ,  $\text{[Hum90]} p.6$ ). A finite subset  $\Phi$  of a euclidean space  $E$  is a root system in  $E$  if it satisfies the following:

- (R1)  $\Phi$  spans E and  $\vec{0} \notin \Phi$ ;
- (R2) If  $\alpha \in \Phi$ , then  $\pm \alpha$  are the only scalar multiples of  $\alpha$  in  $\Phi$ ;
- (R3) If  $\alpha \in \Phi$ , then  $\sigma_{\alpha}(\Phi) = \Phi$ ;

(R4) If  $\alpha, \beta \in \Phi$ , then  $\langle \beta, \alpha \rangle := \frac{2(\beta, \alpha)}{\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle}$  $(\alpha, \alpha)$  $\in \mathbb{Z}$ . (Note that  $\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle$  may not equal  $\langle \beta, \alpha \rangle$ .)

**Definition 2.1.3.**  $\alpha$  is called a root if  $\alpha \in \Phi$  (Definition 2.1.2).

**Definition 2.1.4.** We define the rank of the root system to be  $\ell = \dim E$ .

**Example.** (Figure 2.2) Given E is a one-dimensional euclidean space where  $\ell = 1$ , then we have, for  $\alpha \in E$  and  $\alpha \neq 0$ ,  $\Phi = {\pm \alpha}$  is a root system, called  $A_1$ .

 $-\alpha \longleftrightarrow \alpha$ 

Figure 2.2: Root system of type  $A_1$ 

*Proof.* (R1):  $span{\pm \alpha} = span{\alpha} = E$ . (R2): Obviously true.  $\pm \alpha$  are the only multiples of  $\pm \alpha$  in  $\Phi$ . (R3):  $\sigma_{\alpha}(\alpha) = \alpha - \frac{2(\alpha, \alpha)}{(\alpha - \alpha)}$  $\frac{\partial \alpha(\alpha, \alpha)}{\partial(\alpha, \alpha)} \alpha = \alpha - 2\alpha = -\alpha; \ \sigma_{\alpha}(-\alpha) = -\sigma_{\alpha}(\alpha) = -(-\alpha) = \alpha.$ (R4)  $\langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle = \frac{2(\alpha, \alpha)}{\langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle}$  $(\alpha, \alpha)$  $= 2 \in \mathbb{Z}; \langle \alpha, -\alpha \rangle = \frac{2(\alpha, -\alpha)}{\overline{a}}$  $(-\alpha, -\alpha)$  $= -2 \in \mathbb{Z}; \langle -\alpha, \alpha \rangle = - \langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle =$  $-2 \in \mathbb{Z}; \langle -\alpha, -\alpha \rangle = -\langle \alpha, -\alpha \rangle = 2 \in \mathbb{Z}.$ Therefore,  $\Phi = {\pm \alpha}$  is a root system.

**Example.** When  $\ell = 2$ , we can get more than one root system. Figure 2.3 is a diagram

of the root system of type  $A_2$ . See the next example.



Figure 2.3: Root system of type  $A_2$ 

**Example.** Let  $E = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell+1} \mid x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_{\ell+1} = 0\}$ . Then we have the root system  $\Phi = \{\pm(\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j) \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq \ell + 1\}.$  (This is a root system of type  $A_{\ell}$ .)

*Proof.* (R1)  $|\Phi| = (\ell + 1)\ell$  which is finite.

 $E = span{\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3, \ldots, \varepsilon_\ell - \varepsilon_{\ell+1}}$ , so  $\Phi$  spans  $E$ .

 $\Phi$  does not contain 0, since  $1 \leq i < j \leq \ell + 1$ .

(Note that  $E = span{\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3, \ldots, \varepsilon_\ell - \varepsilon_{\ell+1}}$ ) is a linearly independent subset of size  $\ell$  in the  $\ell$ -dimensional vector space E.)

 $\Box$ 

(R2) It is clear to see that the only scalar multiples of  $\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j$  in  $\Phi$  are  $\pm (\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j)$ . (R3) Let  $\alpha = \varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j$  and  $\varepsilon_m - \varepsilon_n \in \Phi$ . Since  $\sigma_{(-\alpha)} = \sigma_\alpha$  and  $\sigma_\alpha(-(\varepsilon_m - \varepsilon_n)) = -\sigma_\alpha(\varepsilon_m - \varepsilon_n)$ , WLOG, we assume  $i < j$  and  $m < n$ .

$$
\sigma_{\alpha}(\varepsilon_{m}-\varepsilon_{n}) = \varepsilon_{m} - \varepsilon_{n} - \frac{2(\varepsilon_{m}-\varepsilon_{n},\varepsilon_{i}-\varepsilon_{j})}{(\varepsilon_{i}-\varepsilon_{j},\varepsilon_{i}-\varepsilon_{j})}(\varepsilon_{i}-\varepsilon_{j})
$$
  
\n
$$
= \varepsilon_{m} - \varepsilon_{n} - (\delta_{m,i} - \delta_{n,i} - \delta_{m,j} + \delta_{n,j})(\varepsilon_{i}-\varepsilon_{j})
$$
  
\n
$$
\begin{cases}\n\varepsilon_{m} - \varepsilon_{n} & \text{if } m \neq i, j \text{ and } n \neq i, j \\
\varepsilon_{i} - \varepsilon_{n} - (\varepsilon_{i} - \varepsilon_{j}) = \varepsilon_{j} - \varepsilon_{n} & \text{if } m = i \text{ and } n \neq i, j \\
\varepsilon_{j} - \varepsilon_{n} + (\varepsilon_{i} - \varepsilon_{j}) = \varepsilon_{i} - \varepsilon_{n} & \text{if } m = j \text{ and } n \neq i, j \\
\varepsilon_{m} - \varepsilon_{i} + (\varepsilon_{i} - \varepsilon_{j}) = \varepsilon_{m} - \varepsilon_{j} & \text{if } m \neq i, j \text{ and } n = i \\
\varepsilon_{m} - \varepsilon_{j} - (\varepsilon_{i} - \varepsilon_{j}) = \varepsilon_{m} - \varepsilon_{i} & \text{if } m \neq i, j \text{ and } n = j \\
\varepsilon_{i} - \varepsilon_{j} - 2(\varepsilon_{i} - \varepsilon_{j}) = -(\varepsilon_{i} - \varepsilon_{j}) & \text{if } m = i \text{ and } n = j\n\end{cases}
$$

Thus we have shown that  $\sigma_{\alpha}(\Phi) = \Phi$ .

(R4) We compute

$$
\langle \varepsilon_m - \varepsilon_n, \varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j \rangle = \frac{2(\varepsilon_m - \varepsilon_n, \varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j)}{(\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j, \varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j)} = \delta_{m,i} - \delta_{n,i} - \delta_{m,j} + \delta_{n,j} \in \mathbb{Z}.
$$

Therefore,  $\Phi = \{\pm(\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j) \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq \ell + 1\}$  is a root system.

**Note.** From the definition above, (R4) limits possible angles between  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

$$
\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle \langle \beta, \alpha \rangle = \frac{2(\alpha, \beta)}{(\beta, \beta)} \frac{2(\beta, \alpha)}{(\alpha, \alpha)} = \frac{2||\alpha|| ||\beta|| \cos \theta}{||\beta||^2} \frac{2||\beta|| ||\alpha|| \cos \theta}{||\alpha||^2} = 4\cos^2 \theta \in \mathbb{Z}
$$

Since  $\cos^2\theta \in [0, 1]$ , then  $4\cos^2\theta \in [0, 4]$ .  $\cos^2\theta =$  $\int$ 0, 1 4 , 1 2 , 3 4 , 1  $\mathcal{L}$  $cos^2\theta = 0$   $\Rightarrow \theta = 90^\circ$  $cos^2\theta = 1/4 \Rightarrow \theta = 60^\circ \text{ or } 120^\circ$ 

 $\Box$ 



**Definition 2.1.5** (Hum90) p.39).  $\Phi$  is a root system in E.  $\alpha^{\vee}$  is the **coroot** of a root  $\alpha$  if it satisfies

$$
\alpha^{\vee} = \frac{2\alpha}{(\alpha, \alpha)}.
$$

Note.  $\Phi^{\vee} = {\alpha^{\vee}} \mid \alpha \in \Phi$  is also a root system of E (proved in Exercise 2 [Hum78, p.46]).

#### 2.2 Simple roots and Weyl chambers

**Definition 2.2.1** ([Hum78] p.47). A subset  $\Delta = {\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_\ell}$  of  $\Phi$  is a base of E if  $\Delta$  is a basis of E and every  $\beta = \sum_{k=1}^{\ell}$  $i=1$  $k_i \alpha_i \in \Phi$  satisfies the  $k_i$  are all nonnegative or all nonpositive integers.

**Proposition 2.2.2** ([Hum78] p.48).  $\Phi$  has a base.

Definition 2.2.3 ([Hum78] p.47). The roots belonging to a base  $\Delta$  are called simple **roots**. If all integral coefficients  $k_i$  in  $\beta = \sum^{\ell}$  $i=1$  $k_i \alpha_i$  are nonnegative, we call  $\beta$  a **positive** root ( $\beta > 0$ ). If all integral coefficients  $k_i$  are nonpositive, we call  $\beta$  a negative root  $(\beta \prec 0)$ . We denote the collection of all positive roots by  $\Phi^+$ , all negative roots by  $\Phi^-$ , where  $\Phi^- = -\Phi^+$ .

**Example.** In the previous example, we have the root system of type  $A_{\ell}$ :  $\Phi = {\pm(\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j)}$  $1 \leq i < j \leq \ell + 1$ . Thus we can show that  $\Delta = \{\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_{i+1} \mid 1 \leq i \leq \ell\}$  is a base for  $\Phi$ . Moreover, with the choice of the base  $\Delta$ , we get  $\Phi^+ = {\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j \mid 1 \le i < j \le \ell + 1}$  and  $\Phi^- = \{-\varepsilon_i + \varepsilon_j \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq \ell + 1\}.$ 

*Proof.* Since  $E = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell+1} \mid x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_{\ell+1} = 0\}$  is  $\ell$ -dimensional and  $\Delta =$  $\{\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3, \ldots, \varepsilon_\ell - \varepsilon_{\ell+1}\}\$ is a linearly indpendent subset of E of size  $\ell$ , then  $\Delta$ 

is a basis of E. Moreover,  $\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_j$  is a positive integer linear combination of  $\varepsilon_\ell - \varepsilon_{\ell+1}$  $(1 \leq i < j \leq \ell + 1):$ 

$$
\varepsilon_i-\varepsilon_j=(\varepsilon_i-\varepsilon_{i+1})+(\varepsilon_{i+1}-\varepsilon_{i+2})+\cdots+(\varepsilon_{j-2}-\varepsilon_{j-1})+(\varepsilon_{j-1}-\varepsilon_j).
$$

And also,

$$
-\varepsilon_i+\varepsilon_j=(-\varepsilon_i+\varepsilon_{i+1})+(-\varepsilon_{i+1}+\varepsilon_{i+2})+\cdots+(-\varepsilon_{j-2}+\varepsilon_{j-1})+(-\varepsilon_{j-1}+\varepsilon_j).
$$

Therefore,  $\Delta$  is a base for  $\Phi$ .

Definition 2.2.4 ([Hum78] p.52). Let  $\Phi$  be a root system. We call  $\Phi$  irreducible if  $\Phi \neq \Phi_1 \cup \Phi_2$  such that  $(\phi_1, \phi_2) = 0$  for all  $\phi_1 \in \Phi_1$  and  $\phi_2 \in \Phi_2$ .

Definition 2.2.5 ([Hum78] p.47). Using the notation of Definition 2.2.1, we define the **height** of a root  $\beta$  as  $ht(\beta) = \sum^{\ell}$  $i=1$  $k_i$ .

**Proposition 2.2.6** ([Hum78] p.47). Let  $\lambda, \mu \in E$ . We have a partial order  $\mu \prec \lambda$  on E if and only if  $\lambda - \mu$  is a sum of  $\alpha$  ( $\alpha \in \Delta$ ).

**Definition 2.2.7** ([Hum78] p.52). Let  $\Phi$  be an irreducible root system. There is a unique highest root  $\beta \in \Phi$  such that for all  $\alpha \in \Phi$ ,  $ht(\alpha) < ht(\beta)$  for  $\alpha \neq \beta$  ( $\beta$  is maximal relative to the partial order  $\prec$ ).

**Definition 2.2.8** ([Hum78] p.48). For  $\gamma \in E$ ,  $\gamma \notin H_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in \Phi$ , let  $\Phi^+(\gamma) = {\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^N}$  $\Phi | (\gamma, \alpha) > 0$ } be the set of roots lying on one side of the hyperplane orthogonal to  $\gamma$ . Since in a euclidean space E, the union of the finitely many hyperplanes  $H_{\alpha}$  ( $\alpha \in \Phi$ ) cannot exhaust E, we call  $\gamma \in E$  regular if  $\gamma \in E - \bigcup$ α∈Φ  $H_{\alpha}$ . Otherwise,  $\gamma$  is **singular**.

**Definition 2.2.9** ([Hum78] p.48). If  $\gamma$  is regular, then  $\Phi = \Phi^+(\gamma)$   $\bigcup -\Phi^+(\gamma)$ . Then we call  $\alpha \in \Phi^+(\gamma)$  decomposable if  $\alpha = \beta_1 + \beta_2$  for some  $\beta_i \in \Phi^+(\gamma)$ , and indecomposable otherwise.

 $\Box$ 

**Proposition 2.2.10** ([Hum78] p.48). Let  $\gamma \in E$  be regular. Then the set  $\Delta(\gamma)$  of all indecomposable roots in  $\Phi^+(\gamma)$  is a base of  $\Phi$  and every base is of this form.

**Definition 2.2.11** ([Hum78] p.49). The hyperplanes  $H_{\alpha}$  ( $\alpha \in \Phi$ ) partition E into finitely many regions. The connected components of  $E - \bigcup$ α∈Φ  $H_{\alpha}$  are called **Weyl chambers**.

**Proposition 2.2.12** ([Hum78] p.49). Each regular  $\gamma \in E$  belongs to precisely one Weyl chamber of E, denoted as  $\mathfrak{C}(\gamma)$ .

**Proposition 2.2.13** ([Hum78] p.49). If  $\mathfrak{C}(\gamma) = \mathfrak{C}(\gamma')$ , then  $\gamma$  and  $\gamma'$  lie on the same side of each hyperplane  $H_{\alpha}(\alpha \in \Phi)$ . Thus we have  $\Phi^+(\gamma) = \Phi^+(\gamma')$  and  $\Delta(\gamma) = \Delta(\gamma')$ .

Definition 2.2.14 ([Hum78] p.49). By proposition 2.2.10 and proposition 2.2.13, Weyl chambers are in one-to-one correspondence with bases. Write  $\mathfrak{C}(\Delta) = \mathfrak{C}(\gamma)$  if  $\Delta = \Delta(\gamma)$ . We call  $\mathfrak{C}(\Delta) = \mathfrak{C}(\gamma)$  the fundamental Weyl chamber relative to  $\Delta$ .

#### 2.3 Weyl groups

**Definition 2.3.1** ( $\text{[Hum78]} p.51$ ). The Weyl group W of the root system  $\Phi$  is the group generated by the reflections  $\sigma_{\alpha}$  for  $\alpha \in \Phi$ .

**Proposition 2.3.2** ([Hum78] p.51). W is generated by the simple reflections  $\sigma_{\alpha}$  for  $\alpha \in \Delta$ .

**Example.** Root system of type  $A_1$ :  $\Phi = {\pm \alpha}$ . The Weyl group of type  $A_1$ :  $W_{A_1}$  $\langle \sigma_\alpha \rangle = \{1, \sigma_\alpha\}.$ 

**Proposition 2.3.3** ([Hum78] p.51). Let  $\Delta$  be a base of  $\Phi$  and W be the Weyl group. Then W acts transitively on bases (i.e., if  $\Delta'$  is another base of  $\Phi$ , then  $\sigma(\Delta) = \Delta'$  for some  $\sigma \in W$ ).

**Definition 2.3.4** (Hum90] p.118). Let T be the set of reflections in W. We write  $w' \to w$ if  $w = w's$  for some  $s \in T$  with  $\ell(w) > \ell(w')$ . We define  $w' < w$  if there exists a sequence  $w' = w_0 \to w_1 \to \dots \to w_n = w$ . Thus we call the partial order  $w' \leq w$  **Bruhat order**. (Note: a partial order is a binary relation that is reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive.)

**Proposition 2.3.5** ([Hum90] Proposition 5.7). For  $w \in W$  and  $\alpha \in \Phi^+$ , we have  $ws_{\alpha}$  $w \Leftrightarrow w\alpha < 0$  and  $ws_{\alpha} > w \Leftrightarrow w\alpha > 0$ .

#### 2.4 Weights

**Definition 2.4.1** ([Hum78] p.67). For  $\lambda \in E$ , if  $\langle \lambda, \alpha \rangle = \frac{2(\lambda, \alpha)}{\langle \lambda, \alpha \rangle}$  $(\alpha, \alpha)$  $\in \mathbb{Z}$  for all  $\alpha \in \Phi$ , then we call  $\lambda$  a weight. The collection of all weights is denoted by  $\Lambda$ .

**Definition 2.4.2** ([Hum78] p.67).  $\lambda \in \Lambda$  is dominant if  $\langle \lambda, \alpha \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}$  are all nonnegative for all  $\alpha \in \Phi^+$ , strongly dominant if  $\langle \lambda, \alpha \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}$  are all positive for all  $\alpha \in \Phi^+$ . We denote the set of all dominant weights as  $\Lambda^+$ .

**Definition 2.4.3** ([Hum78] p.67). If  $\Delta = {\alpha_1, \alpha_2, ..., \alpha_\ell}$ , then the vectors  $\alpha_i^{\vee} =$  $2\alpha_i$  $(\alpha_i, \alpha_i)$  $(1 \leq i \leq \ell)$  form a basis of E. Thus we let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \ldots, \lambda_\ell$  be the dual basis  $\left(\lambda_i, \frac{2\alpha_j}{\ell}\right)$  $(\alpha_j, \alpha_j)$  $\setminus$ =  $(\lambda_i, \alpha_j^{\vee}) = \delta_{ij}$ . Since  $\langle \lambda_i, \alpha \rangle = \frac{2(\lambda_i, \alpha)}{(\alpha, \alpha)}$  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}$  are all nonnegative for  $\alpha \in \Delta$ , the  $\lambda_i$  are dominant weights, called fundamental dominant weights.

**Note.**  $\sigma_i \lambda_j = \lambda_j - \delta_{ij} \alpha_i$  where  $\sigma_i = \sigma_{\alpha_i}$ .

**Example.** Consider the root system of the type  $A_2$ : { $\pm(\varepsilon_1-\varepsilon_2), \pm(\varepsilon_2-\varepsilon_3), \pm(\varepsilon_1-\varepsilon_3)$ } with simple roots  $\alpha_1 = \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2$  and  $\alpha_2 = \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3$ . We can show that  $\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2}$  $rac{1}{3}(2\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)$ and  $\lambda_2 =$ 1  $rac{1}{3}(\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2).$ 

Proof.

$$
\langle \lambda_1, \alpha_1 \rangle = 2 \frac{\left(\frac{2\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}{3}, \alpha_1\right)}{(\alpha_1, \alpha_1)}
$$
  
=  $\frac{2}{3} \frac{\left(2(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2) + \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3, \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2\right)}{(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)}$   
=  $\frac{1}{3} (2\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3, \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)$   
= 1

$$
\langle \lambda_1, \alpha_2 \rangle = 2 \frac{\left(\frac{2\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}{3}, \alpha_2\right)}{(\alpha_2, \alpha_2)}
$$
  
=  $\frac{2}{3} \frac{\left(2(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2) + \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3, \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3\right)}{(\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3, \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3)}$   
=  $\frac{1}{3} (2\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3, \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3)$   
= 0

$$
\langle \lambda_2, \alpha_1 \rangle = 2 \frac{\left(\frac{\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2}{3}, \alpha_1\right)}{(\alpha_1, \alpha_1)}
$$
  
=  $\frac{2}{3} \frac{(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2 + 2(\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3), \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)}{(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)}$   
=  $\frac{1}{3} (\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 - 2\varepsilon_3, \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)$   
= 0

$$
\langle \lambda_2, \alpha_2 \rangle = 2 \frac{\left(\frac{\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2}{3}, \alpha_2\right)}{(\alpha_2, \alpha_2)}
$$
  
=  $\frac{2}{3} \frac{\left(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2 + 2(\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3), \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3\right)}{\left(\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3, \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3\right)}$   
=  $\frac{1}{3} (\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 - 2\varepsilon_3, \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3)$   
= 1

Thus we have proved  $\langle \lambda_i, \alpha_j \rangle = \delta_{i,j}$ .



Figure 2.4: Fundamental dominant weights of type  $\mathcal{A}_2$ 



## Chapter 3

## Affine Weyl Groups

#### 3.1 Affine hyperplanes

Definition 3.1.1. We recall that a hyperplane is a subspace with codimension one relative to the space where it is embedded.

Example. In a three-dimensional euclidean space, a hyperplane is two-dimensional, where the codimension is the difference one. A hyperplane in a two-demensional euclidean space will be a line which is one dimensional.

**Definition 3.1.2** ([Ram06] p.138). Let  $\alpha$  be a root in  $\Phi \subset E$  (Definition 2.1.2). We define the **affine hyperplane**  $H_{\alpha,k}$  as:

$$
H_{\alpha,k} := \{ \lambda \in E \mid (\lambda, \alpha^{\vee}) = k \}. \tag{3.1}
$$

**Note** ([Hum90] p.87).  $H_{\alpha,k} = H_{-\alpha,-k}$  and  $H_{\alpha,0} = H_{\alpha}$ .

**Proposition 3.1.3** ([Hum90] p.88).  $wH_{\alpha,k} = H_{w\alpha,k}$  for  $w \in W$ .

Proof.

$$
wH_{\alpha,k} = \{w\lambda : (\lambda, \alpha^{\vee}) = k\}
$$

$$
= \{w\lambda : (w\lambda, w\alpha^{\vee}) = k\}
$$

$$
= H_{w\alpha,k}
$$



**Definition 3.1.4** ([Hum90] p.88). We define the **reflection**  $s_{\alpha,k}$  through  $H_{\alpha,k}$  as

$$
s_{\alpha,k}(\lambda) := \lambda - ((\lambda, \alpha^{\vee}) - k)\alpha.
$$
\n(3.2)

**Proposition 3.1.5** ([Hum90] p.88).  $ws_{\alpha,k}w^{-1} = s_{w\alpha,k}$  for  $w \in W$ .

**Definition 3.1.6** ([Ram06] p.138). For  $\lambda \in E$ , we define  $t(\lambda)$  as the **translation** that sends  $\mu$  to  $\lambda + \mu$  for all  $\mu \in E$ .

Note ([Ram06] p.138).  $s_{\alpha,k} = t(k\alpha)s_\alpha = s_\alpha t(-k\alpha)$ .

**Example** ([Hum90] p.88). If  $\lambda \in E$  satisfies  $(\lambda, \alpha^{\vee}) \in \mathbb{Z}$  for all roots  $\alpha$ , then

- (a)  $t(\lambda)H_{\alpha,k}=H_{\alpha,k+(\lambda,\alpha^{\vee})}$
- (b)  $t(\lambda)s_{\alpha,k}t(-\lambda)=s_{\alpha,k+(\lambda,\alpha^{\vee})}.$

*Proof.* (a) We need to show that  $t(\lambda)H_{\alpha,k} \subset H_{\alpha,k+(\lambda,\alpha^{\vee})}$  and  $t(\lambda)H_{\alpha,k} \supset H_{\alpha,k+(\lambda,\alpha^{\vee})}$ .  $\subseteq$ : Let  $\mu \in t(\lambda)H_{\alpha,k}$ . Then  $\mu = \lambda + \nu$  where  $\nu \in H_{\alpha,k}$ . Thus  $(\mu, \alpha^{\vee}) = (\lambda, \alpha^{\vee}) + (\nu, \alpha^{\vee}) =$  $(\lambda, \alpha^{\vee}) + k$ , so  $\mu \in H_{\alpha, k + (\lambda, \alpha^{\vee})}$ . Thererfore  $t(\lambda)H_{\alpha, k} \subset H_{\alpha, k + (\lambda, \alpha^{\vee})}$ .  $\supseteq$ : Let  $\mu \in H_{\alpha,k+(\lambda,\alpha^\vee)}$ . Then  $(\mu,\alpha^\vee)=k+(\lambda,\alpha^\vee)$ . Let  $\mu=\nu+\lambda$ . Then  $(\mu,\alpha^\vee)=$  $(\nu, \alpha^{\vee}) + (\lambda, \alpha^{\vee}) = k + (\lambda, \alpha^{\vee})$ . Thus  $(\nu, \alpha^{\vee}) = k$  so that  $\nu \in H_{\alpha,k}$ . Therefore  $\mu \in t(\lambda)H_{\alpha,k}$ and so  $H_{\alpha,k+(\lambda,\alpha^{\vee})}\subset t(\lambda)H_{\alpha,k}.$ 

Thus we have shown that  $t(\lambda)H_{\alpha,k} = H_{\alpha,k+(\lambda,\alpha^{\vee})}$ .

(b)

$$
t(\lambda)s_{\alpha,k}t(-\lambda)(\mu) = t(\lambda)(s_{\alpha,k}(\mu - \lambda))
$$
  

$$
= t(\lambda)(\mu - \lambda - ((\mu - \lambda, \alpha^{\vee}) - k))\alpha
$$
  

$$
= t(\lambda)(\mu - \lambda - ((\mu, \alpha^{\vee}) - (\lambda, \alpha^{\vee}) - k))\alpha
$$
  

$$
= \mu - ((\mu, \alpha^{\vee}) - k - (\lambda, \alpha^{\vee}))\alpha
$$
  

$$
= s_{\alpha,k+(\lambda,\alpha^{\vee})}(\mu)
$$

Therefore  $t(\lambda)s_{\alpha,k}t(-\lambda)=s_{\alpha,k+(\lambda,\alpha^{\vee})}.$ 

3.2 Affine Weyl groups

**Definition 3.2.1** ([Hum90] p.88, [Ram06] p.138). The **affine Weyl group**  $W_a$  is the group generated by the reflections  $s_{\alpha,k}$  for  $\alpha \in \Phi$  and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Note that  $wt(\lambda)w^{-1} = t(w\lambda)$ [Ram06, p.139]. Thus

$$
W_a = \Lambda_r \rtimes W = \{t(\lambda)w : \lambda \in \Lambda_r, w \in W\} \text{ where } \Lambda_r = \sum_{\alpha \in \Phi^+} \mathbb{Z}\alpha.
$$
 (3.3)

#### 3.3 Alcoves

Definition 3.3.1 ([Hum90] p.89). An alcove is a connected component of

$$
E - \bigcup_{\substack{\alpha \in \Phi^+, \\ k \in \mathbb{Z}}} H_{\alpha,k} \tag{3.4}
$$

where  $H_{\alpha,k}$  are affine hyperplanes.

Note ([Hum90] p.90). The affine Weyl group acts transitively on the collection of all alcoves.

**Definition 3.3.2.** Let  $A_0$  be the alcove with walls  $H_\alpha$  ( $\alpha \in \Delta$ ) and  $H_{\alpha,1}$ , where  $\tilde{\alpha}^\vee$  is

 $\Box$ 

the highest root in  $\Phi^{\vee}$ .

**Proposition 3.3.3** ([Ram06] p.139). W<sub>a</sub> is in bijection with the alcoves of E via  $w \leftrightarrow$  $wA_{\circ}$ .

**Proposition 3.3.4** ([Hum90] Proposition 4.3.1). Let  $S_a = \{s_\alpha : \alpha \in \Delta\} \cup \{s_{\tilde{\alpha},1}\}\$ . Then  $W_a = \langle t : t \in S_a \rangle.$ 

**Definition 3.3.5** (Hum90) p.89, [Ram06] p.139). Since W normalizes the translation group corresponding to  $\Lambda$ , we may define the extended affine Weyl group

$$
W_e = \Lambda \rtimes W \tag{3.5}
$$

Definition 3.3.6 ([Ram06] p.139, [Yee19] Definition 5.5). We define the difference between  $W_e$  and  $W_a$  to be the group

$$
\Omega = W_e/W_a \cong \Lambda/\Lambda_r. \tag{3.6}
$$

 $\Omega$  is isomorphic to the stabilizer of  $A_{\circ}$  in  $W_e$ . The stabilizer is isomorphic to  $\Lambda/\Lambda_r$  via sending g to the coset  $g(0) + \Lambda_r$ .

**Definition 3.3.7** ([Sch06] p.6).  $W_e \cong \Omega \ltimes W_a$ . For  $\nu \in W_e$ , we define the **length** of  $\nu$ as  $\ell(w)$  where  $\nu = wg$  for  $w \in W_a$  and  $g \in \Omega$ .

#### 3.4 Counting hyperplanes

**Definition 3.4.1** ([Hum90] p.12, p.91). For all  $w \in W_a$ , w can be written as a product of simple reflections

$$
w = s_1 s_2 \cdots s_k
$$

where the  $s_i$  belong to  $S_a$ . We call such an expression a **reduced expression** when k is minimal. Then k is called the **length** of w, written as  $\ell(w) = k$ .

**Definition 3.4.2** ([Hum90] p.91). Let  $H_{\alpha,k}$  be a hyperplane where  $\alpha \in \Phi^+$ . Then  $H_{\alpha}^+$  $\alpha, k$ and  $H_{\alpha,k}^-$  denote the affine half-spaces

$$
H_{\alpha,k}^+ = \{ \lambda \in E \mid (\lambda, \alpha^\vee) > k \} \quad \text{and} \quad H_{\alpha,k}^- = \{ \lambda \in E \mid (\lambda, \alpha^\vee) < k \}. \tag{3.7}
$$

**Definition 3.4.3** ([Hum90] p.91). Let  $H_{\alpha,k}$  be a hyperplane.  $H_{\alpha,k}$  separates alcoves A and B if A, B belong to different half-spaces defined by  $H_{\alpha,k}$ .

**Lemma 3.4.4** ([Hum78] p.93, [Hum90] p.92). Let  $w = s_1 s_2 \cdots s_k$  be a reduced expression in  $W_a$  ( $w \neq 1$ ). Then setting  $H_i$  to be the affine hyperplane corresponding to  $s_i$ , the following k hyperplanes

$$
H_1, s_1H_2, s_1s_2H_3, \ldots, s_1s_2\cdots s_{k-1}H_k
$$

are all distinct and form the set of affine hyperplanes separating  $A_{\circ}$  and  $wA_{\circ}$ .

#### 3.5 Bruhat order

**Definition 3.5.1** ([Hum90] p.118). Let  $w \in W_a$ , T be the set of all reflections in  $W_a$ where  $T = \bigcup$  $w \in W_a$  $wS_a w^{-1}$ . We write  $w' \to w$  if  $w = w't$  for some  $t \in T$  with  $\ell(w) > \ell(w')$ . Define  $w' \leq w$  if there exists a sequence  $w' = w_0 \to w_1 \to ... \to w_n = w$ . Then  $\leq$  is a partial order called Bruhat order.

Remark ([Hum90] p.119). Definition 2.3.4 and Definition 3.5.1 have a one-sided appearance. Note that if we let  $w = w't$  with  $\ell(w) > \ell(w')$  and  $t \in T$ , then  $w = (w't(w')^{-1})w'$ where  $w' t (w')^{-1} \in T$ .

**Proposition 3.5.2** ([Hum90] p.119).  $v < w$  if and only if  $v^{-1} < w^{-1}$ .

*Proof.*  $\Rightarrow$ : Suppose  $v < w$ . Then there exists a sequence  $v = w_0 \rightarrow w_1 \rightarrow \cdots$  $w_k = w$  where  $w_i = w_{i-1}t_i$   $(t_i \in T$  the set of reflections in  $W_a$ ). Then  $w_i^{-1} = t_i w_{i-1}^{-1} =$  $w_{i-}^{-1}$  $\frac{-1}{i-1}(w_i t_i w_{i-1}^{-1})$  $\binom{-1}{i-1}$  where  $w_{i-1}t_iw_{i-1}^{-1} \in T$ . Thus  $w_{i-1}^{-1} \to w_i^{-1}$  $v_1^{-1}$ . We have  $v^{-1} = w_0^{-1} \to w_1^{-1} \to$   $\cdots \to w_k^{-1} = w^{-1}$ . Therefore,  $v < w \Rightarrow v^{-1} < w^{-1}$ .

 $\Leftarrow$ : We already have  $v < w \Rightarrow v^{-1} < w^{-1}$ . Apply the sentence again, we have  $v^{-1} <$  $w^{-1} \Rightarrow (v^{-1})^{-1} < (w^{-1})^{-1}$  which is  $v^{-1} < w^{-1} \Rightarrow v < w$ . Therefore,  $v < w$  if and only if  $v^{-1} < w^{-1}.$  $\Box$ 

## Chapter 4

# Hecke Algebras and Affine Hecke Algebras

#### 4.1 Hecke algebras

**Definition 4.1.1** ([Yee19] Definition 5.1). Let K be the field of fractions of  $\mathbb{Z}[q^{\frac{1}{2}}, q^{-\frac{1}{2}}]$ . The **Hecke algebra**  $\mathcal{H}$  is the K-algebra with K-basis  $\{T_w\}_{w\in W}$  such that for all  $s \in S$ and  $w \in W$ ,

$$
T_s T_w = T_{sw} \quad \text{if } \ell(sw) > \ell(w) \tag{4.1}
$$

$$
T_s T_w = q T_{sw} + (q-1) T_w \quad \text{if } \ell(sw) < \ell(w). \tag{4.2}
$$

We define

$$
\tilde{T}_w = q^{-\frac{1}{2}\ell(w)} T_w.
$$
\n(4.3)

Then we get another presentation of H with a K-basis  ${\{\tilde{T}_w\}}_{w \in W}$  such that for all  $s \in S$ and  $w \in W$ ,

$$
\tilde{T}_s \tilde{T}_w = \tilde{T}_{sw} \quad \text{if } \ell(sw) > \ell(w) \tag{4.4}
$$

$$
\tilde{T}_s \tilde{T}_w = \tilde{T}_{sw} + (q^{\frac{1}{2}} - q^{-\frac{1}{2}}) \tilde{T}_w \quad \text{if } \ell(sw) < \ell(w) \tag{4.5}
$$

#### 4.2 Affine Hecke algebras

**Definition 4.2.1** ([Yee19] Definition 5.7). The **affine Hecke algebra**  $\mathcal{H}_a$  is the Kalgebra with K-basis  $\{\tilde{T}_w\}_{w \in W_e}$  and the relations:

$$
\tilde{T}_v \tilde{T}_w = \tilde{T}_{vw} \quad \text{if } v, w \in W_e \text{ and } \ell(vw) = \ell(v) + \ell(w) \tag{4.6}
$$

$$
\tilde{T}_s^2 = (q^{\frac{1}{2}} - q^{-\frac{1}{2}})\tilde{T}_s + \tilde{T}_1 \quad s \in S_a.
$$
\n(4.7)

 $\mathcal{H}_a$  is also the K-algebra with K-basis  $\{T_w\}_{w\in W_e}$  with the relations

$$
T_v T_w = T_{vw} \quad \text{if } v, w \in W_e \text{ and } \ell(vw) = \ell(v) + \ell(w) \tag{4.8}
$$

$$
T_s^2 = (q-1)T_s + qT_1 \quad s \in S_a.
$$
\n(4.9)

**Definition 4.2.2** ([Sch06] p.7). We define an involution on  $H$ 

 $\overline{\cdot} : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$ 

such that  $\overline{T}_w = T_{w^{-1}}^{-1}$  for  $w \in W$  and  $q^{\frac{1}{2}} = q^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  and an **involution** on  $\mathcal{H}_a$ 

 $\overline{\cdot} : \mathcal{H}_a \to \mathcal{H}_a$ 

such that  $\overline{T}_w = T_{w^{-1}}^{-1}$  for  $w \in W_e$  and  $q^{\frac{1}{2}} = q^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ . Then  $\tilde{T}_w = \tilde{T}_{w^{-1}}^{-1}$  for  $w \in W_e$ .

### Chapter 5

# Schwer's Paper "Galleries, Hall-Littlewood Polynomials and Structure Constants of the Spherical Hecke Algebra"

#### 5.1 Generalized alcoves and affine Weyl groups

**Definition 5.1.1** ([Sch06] p.6). Let  $\mathcal A$  be the set of alcoves. We define the set of generalized alcoves as

$$
\tilde{\mathcal{A}} := \{ (A, \mu) \in \mathcal{A} \times \Lambda \mid \mu \in A \}. \tag{5.1}
$$

There is an embedding  $\mathcal{A} \hookrightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{A}}$  via  $A \mapsto (A, \mu)$  where  $\mu$  is the unique element in  $A \cap \Lambda_r$ . There is a natural free  $W_e$ -action on  $\tilde{A}$  by the natural action in the two components. In particular,  $\Lambda$  acts on  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}$  by translation in both components.

**Note** ([Sch06] p.6). The bijection  $W_e \to \tilde{\mathcal{A}}$  extends  $W_a \to \mathcal{A}$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . Recall from Definition 3.1.6 the definition of  $t(\lambda)$ . Let  $\tau_{\lambda} = t(\lambda) \in W_e$ .

**Definition 5.1.2** ([Sch06] p.7). We define  $q_{\nu} = q^{\ell(\nu)}$  for  $\nu \in W_e$ . Recall that for  $\nu = wg$ 

where  $w \in W_a$  and  $g \in \Omega$ ,  $\ell(\nu) = \ell(w)$ .

**Lemma 5.1.3** (Sch06) p.7). Let A be a generalized alcove. Then it can be written in the form:  $A = \mu + wA_0$  where  $\mu \in \Lambda$  and  $w \in W$ . We call  $\mu$  the **weight** of A and w the **direction** of A. We denote them as  $wt(A) := \mu$  and  $\delta(A) := w$ .

**Definition 5.1.4** (Sch06 p.7). Let  $\lambda \in \Lambda^+$ . We define

$$
q_{\lambda} = q^{\frac{1}{2}\ell(\tau_{\lambda})}.\tag{5.2}
$$

Definition 5.1.5 ([Sch06] p.3). We define

$$
\rho^{\vee} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha^{\vee} \in (\Phi^{\vee})^+} \alpha^{\vee}.
$$
 (5.3)

**Definition 5.1.6** ([Sch06] p.7). Let  $\mu \in \Lambda$ . We define  $q_{\mu} := q_{\lambda} q_{\lambda'}^{-1}$  where  $\mu = \lambda - \lambda'$  for  $\lambda, \lambda' \in \Lambda^+.$ 

**Lemma 5.1.7** ([Sch06] Lemma 2.3).  $\ell(\tau_{\mu}) = 2(\rho^{\vee}, \mu)$  for  $\mu \in \Lambda^+$ . Thus  $q_{\mu} = q^{(\rho^{\vee}, \mu)}$  for  $\mu \in \Lambda^+$ .

*Proof.*  $\ell(w)$  is equal to the number of distinct hyperplanes  $H_{\alpha,k}$  separating  $A_{\alpha}$  and  $wA_{\alpha}$ [Ram06, p.144]. Thus  $\ell(\tau_{\mu})$  equals the number of hyperplanes separating  $A_{\circ}$  and  $\tau_{\mu}A_{\circ}$ , where  $\tau_{\mu}A_{\circ} = \mu + A_{\circ}$ . Thus if we fix  $\alpha \in \Phi^+$ , hyperplanes  $H_{\alpha,k}$  separating  $A_{\circ}$  and  $\mu + A_{\circ}$ are:  $H_{\alpha,1}, H_{\alpha,2}, ..., H_{\alpha,(\mu,\alpha^{\vee})}$ . Then we get

$$
2(\rho^{\vee}, \mu) = 2\left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha^{\vee} \in (\Phi^{\vee})^{+}} \alpha^{\vee}, \mu\right) = \sum_{\alpha^{\vee} \in (\Phi^{\vee})^{+}} (\alpha^{\vee}, \mu) = \ell(\tau_{\mu}).
$$
\n(5.4)

 $\Box$ 

Therefore,  $\ell(\tau_{\mu}) = 2(\rho^{\vee}, \mu)$ .

Lemma 5.1.8.  $q_{\mu} = q_{\lambda} q_{\lambda'}^{-1} = q^{(\rho^{\vee}, \lambda)} q^{-(\rho^{\vee}, \lambda')} = q^{(\rho^{\vee}, \lambda) - (\rho^{\vee}, \lambda')} = q^{(\rho^{\vee}, \lambda - \lambda')} = q^{(\rho^{\vee}, \mu)}$ .

**Definition 5.1.9** ([Sch06] p.8). Let  $\mu \in \Lambda$ . We define  $X_{\mu} := q_{\mu}^{-1} T_{\tau_{\lambda}} T_{\tau_{\lambda'}}^{-1} \in \mathcal{H}_a$  where  $\mu = \lambda - \lambda'$  for  $\lambda, \lambda' \in \Lambda^+$ . For  $\lambda \in \Lambda^+$ ,  $X_{\lambda} = q_{\lambda}^{-1} T_{\tau_{\lambda}}$ .

#### 5.2 Galleries

**Definition 5.2.1** ([Sch06] p.9). A gallery  $\sigma$  of type  $t = (t_1, ..., t_k)$  with  $t_i \in S_a \cup$  $\Omega$  connecting generalized alcoves A and B is a sequence of generalized alcoves:  $A =$  $A_0, \ldots, A_k = B$ , such that

$$
A_{i+1} = \begin{cases} A_i t_{i+1} \ (t_{i+1} \in \Omega) \\ A_i \text{ or } A_i t_{i+1} \ (t_{i+1} \in S_a) \end{cases}
$$

.

Definition 5.2.2 ([Sch06] p.10). We define the direction of the first generalized alcove  $\delta(A_0)$  to be the **initial direction**, the weight of the last generalized alcove  $wt(A_k)$  to be the weight of the gallery, and  $\delta(A_k)$  to be the final direction.

**Definition 5.2.3** ([Sch06] p.6). Let  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $s \in S_a$  and let  $H_{\alpha,k}$  be the hyperplane separating A and As. We define  $A \prec As$  if  $As \subset H^+_{\alpha,k}$ ,  $A \subset H^-_{\alpha,k}$  and  $A \succ As$  if  $A \subset H^+_{\alpha,k}, A_s \subset H^-_{\alpha,k}.$ 

**Proposition 5.2.4** ([Sch06] p.6). Let  $w \in W$  and  $s \in S$ . We have  $A_w \prec A_{ws}$  if and only if  $w > ws$  (relative to Bruhat order).

**Definition 5.2.5** ([Sch06] p.10). The gallery  $\sigma$  has a **positive s-direction** at i if  $t_{i+1}$  =  $s, A_{i+1} = A_i s$ , where  $A_i \prec A_{i+1}$ .  $\sigma$  has a **negative s-direction** at i if  $t_{i+1} = s, A_{i+1} = s$  $A_i$ s, where  $A_i \succ A_{i+1}$ . The gallery  $\sigma$  is s-folded at i if  $t_{i+1} = s$  and  $A_{i+1} = A_i$ . The folding is **positive** if  $A_i \succ A_i$ s, and **negative** if  $A_i \prec A_i$ s.

**Definition 5.2.6** ([Sch06] p.10). A gallery  $\sigma$  is called a **positively folded gallery** if all foldings in  $\sigma$  are positive.

**Definition 5.2.7** ([Sch06] p.10]. Let  $\sigma$  be a positively folded gallery of type t. We denote: the number of positive s-directions as  $m_s(\sigma)$ ; the number of positive s-folds as  $n_s(\sigma)$ ; the number of negative s-directions as  $o_s(\sigma)$ .

**Definition 5.2.8** ([Sch06] p.10). Let  $\sigma$  be a positively folded gallery of type t. We define

$$
L_{\sigma} = \prod_{s \in S_a} q^{m_s(\sigma)} (q-1)^{n_s(\sigma)}.
$$
\n(5.5)

**Definition 5.2.9** ([Sch06] p.14). Let  $A \in \tilde{A}$ . Define

$$
X_A = q_{-wt(A)} q_{\delta(A)} X_{wt(A)} \overline{T}_{\delta(A)}.
$$
\n(5.6)

**Proposition 5.2.10** ([Sch06] p.14). The set  $\{X_A\}_{A \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}}$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{H}_a$ , called the alcove basis.

**Definition 5.2.11** ([Sch06] p.15). Let A, B be generalized alcoves and  $\Gamma_t^+(A, B)$  be the set of all positively folded galleries of type  $t$  connnecting  $A$  and  $B$ . Then we define

$$
L_t(A, B) = \sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma_t^+(A, B)} L_{\sigma}.
$$
\n(5.7)

**Theorem 5.2.12** ([Sch06] Theorem 5.5). For  $\nu \in W_e$ , let t be the type of a minimal gallery connecting  $A_{\circ}$  and  $A_{\nu}$ . For  $A \in \tilde{A}$  and  $\nu \in W_e$ , we have

$$
X_A T_\nu = \sum_{B \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}} L_t(A, B) X_B. \tag{5.8}
$$

### Chapter 6

# Ram's Paper "Alcove Walks, Hecke Algebras, Spherical Functions Crystals and Column Strict Tableaux"

#### 6.1 Alcove walks

Definition 6.1.1 ([Ram06] p.139). We denote the walls of the dominant Weyl chamber as  $H_{\alpha_1}, H_{\alpha_2}, \ldots, H_{\alpha_n}$  and extend this so that  $H_{\alpha_0}, H_{\alpha_1}, H_{\alpha_2}, \ldots, H_{\alpha_n}$  are the walls of  $A_{\alpha_0}$ with corresponding reflections  $s_0, s_1, \ldots, s_n$ .

**Proposition 6.1.2** ([Ram06] p.139).  $g \in \Omega$  acts on  $A_{\circ}$  by an automorphism which gives a permutation of the walls  $H_{\alpha_0}, H_{\alpha_1}, H_{\alpha_2}, \ldots, H_{\alpha_n}$ , hence a permutation of  $0, 1, \ldots, n$ , so that  $gs_ig^{-1} = s_{g(i)}$  for  $g \neq 1$ .

**Proposition 6.1.3** ([Ram06] p.139). The extended affine Weyl group  $W_e$  acts freely on  $\Omega \times E$ , and we have  $W_e \to \tilde{A}$ ,  $w \mapsto w^{-1}A_{\circ}$ , so that  $g^{-1}A_{\circ}$  is in the same place as  $A_{\circ}$ except on the g<sup>th</sup> "sheet" of  $\Omega \times E$ .

**Definition 6.1.4** ([Ram06] p.139, p.141). Number the alcove walls in a  $W_e$ -equivariant way: the numbering of the walls of  $wA<sub>o</sub>$  is the w image of the numbering of the walls of  $A_{\circ}$  for  $w \in W_e$ .

**Definition 6.1.5** ([Yee19] p.286). An alcove path from A to B is a sequence of alcoves  $A = A_0 \stackrel{R_1}{\longrightarrow} A_1 \stackrel{R_2}{\longrightarrow} \cdots \stackrel{R_\ell}{\longrightarrow} A_\ell = B$  where for  $1 \leq i \leq \ell$ ,  $A_{i-1}$  and  $A_i$  are adjacent.  $R_i$  is the affine reflection corresponding to the affine hyperplane separating  $A_{i-1}$  and  $A_i$ :  $A_i = R_i A_{i-1}.$ 

**Definition 6.1.6** ([Ram06] p.143). Recall that K is the field of fractions of  $\mathbb{Z}[q^{\frac{1}{2}}, q^{-\frac{1}{2}}]$ . Let  $g \in \Omega$ ,  $g(i)$  be the index such that  $g s_i g^{-1} = s_{g(i)}$ . The walls of  $A_{\circ}$  are labelled  $0, 1, 2, \ldots, n$ . The **alcove walk algebra** A is the K-algebra with generators  $g \in \Omega$  and for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ 



with relations

$$
c_i^+ = c_i^- + f_i^+
$$
 and  $c_i^- = c_i^+ + f_i^-$ 

and

$$
g\left(\begin{array}{c}i\\ \cdot\\ \cdot\\ \cdot\\ \cdot\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{c}g(i)\\ \cdot\\ \cdot\\ \cdot\\ \cdot\\ \cdot\end{array}\right)g,\;g\left(\begin{array}{c}i\\ \cdot\\ \cdot\\ \cdot\\ \cdot\\ \cdot\\ \cdot\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{c}g(i)\\ \cdot\\ \cdot\\ \cdot\\ \cdot\\ \cdot\\ \cdot\end{array}\right)g,
$$

$$
g\left(-\begin{array}{ccc}i\\&+\\&&\end{array}\right)=\left(-\begin{array}{ccc}g(i)\\&-\\&&\end{array}\right)g,\;g\left(-\begin{array}{ccc}i\\&-\\&&\end{array}\right)=\left(-\begin{array}{ccc}g(i)\\&-\\&&\end{array}\right)g.
$$

**Definition 6.1.7** ([Ram06] p.143). An alcove walk is a word in the generators of  $\mathcal{A}$ such that

- (a) the tail of the first step is in the fundamental alcove  $A_{\circ}$
- (b) at every step, the head of each arrow and the tail of the next arrow are in the same alcove.

**Definition 6.1.8** ([Ram06] p.144). The type of an alcove walk p is the sequence of labels on the arrows, corresponding to the folds and wall crossings of the walk.

**Definition 6.1.9** ([Ram06] p.153). An alcove walk p is **positively folded** if all foldings in p are positive.

**Definition 6.1.10** ([Ram06] p.149). Let p be an alcove walk from  $wA_0$  to  $wt(p)+\varphi(p)A_0$ where  $w \in W$ . We define  $\iota(p) = w$  as the **initial direction** of p,  $wt(p)$  as the **weight** of p, and  $\varphi(p)$  as the final direction of p.

**Definition 6.1.11** ([Ram06] p.145). The **affine Hecke algebra**  $\mathcal{H}_a$  is the quotient of the alcove walk algebra by the relations

$$
c_i^+=(c_i^-)^{-1},\ f_i^+=q^{\frac{1}{2}}-q^{-\frac{1}{2}},\ f_i^-=-\big(q^{\frac{1}{2}}-q^{-\frac{1}{2}}\big)
$$

and we say nonfolded alcove walks  $p = p'$  if they have the same ending alcove. (Note that the affine Hecke algebra only remembers the ending alcove of a walk.)

**Definition 6.1.12** ([Ram06] p.146). Let  $\mathcal{H}_a$  be the affine Hecke algebra. We define  $\tilde{T}_{w^{-1}}^{-1}$ as the image in  $\mathcal{H}_a$  of a minimal length alcove walk from  $A_\circ$  to  $wA_\circ$  and  $X^\lambda$  as the image in  $\mathcal{H}_a$  of a minimal length alcove walk from  $A_\circ$  to  $\tau_\lambda A_\circ$  for  $w \in W$  and  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ .

**Proposition 6.1.13** ([Ram06] Proposition 3.2).  $\mathcal{H}_a$  coincides with the usual definition of the affine Hecke algebra.

Proposition 6.1.14 ([Ram06] Proposition 3.2).

$$
X^{\lambda}X^{\mu} = X^{\lambda+\mu} = X^{\mu}X^{\lambda} \quad \text{for } \lambda, \mu \in \Lambda. \tag{6.1}
$$

#### 6.2 Hall-Littlewood polynomials

**Definition 6.2.1** ([Ram06] p.151). We define an element  $\tilde{1}_0$  in  $\mathcal{H}_a$  by

$$
\tilde{T}_{w^{-1}}^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{1}}_0 = q^{-\frac{1}{2}\ell(w)} \tilde{\mathbf{1}}_0 \tag{6.2}
$$

for  $w \in W$ .

An explicit formula for  $\mathbf{1}_0$  is

$$
\tilde{\mathbf{1}}_0 = \frac{1}{W_0(q^{-1})} \sum_{w \in W} q^{\frac{-\ell(w)}{2}} \tilde{T}_{w^{-1}}^{-1}
$$
\n(6.3)

where  $W_0(t) = \sum$ w∈W  $t^{\ell(w)}$  is the Poincaré polynomial of W.

**Definition 6.2.2** ([Ram06] p.151, [Yee19] p.283). We define  $\mathbb{K}[\Lambda] = span\{X^{\mu} : \mu \in \Lambda\}.$ 

**Proposition 6.2.3** ([Ram06] p.151).  $\{X^{\mu}\tilde{\mathbf{1}}_0 : \mu \in \Lambda\}$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{H}_a\tilde{\mathbf{1}}_0$ . Then there exists a vector space isomorphism  $\mathbb{K}[\Lambda] \to \mathcal{H}_a \tilde{\mathbf{1}}_0, f \mapsto f \tilde{\mathbf{1}}_0$ .

**Definition 6.2.4** ([Yee19] p.284). The spherical Hecke algebra is  $\tilde{\mathbf{1}}_0\mathcal{H}_a\tilde{\mathbf{1}}_0$ .

Definition 6.2.5 ([Ram06] p.151, [Yee19] p.284). The ring of symmetric functions is  $\mathbb{K}[\Lambda]^W$ . By a theorem of Bernstein,  $\mathbb{K}[\Lambda]^W$  is the centre of  $\mathcal{H}_a$ . There is an isomorphism called the Satake isomorphism

$$
\Phi : {\mathbb{K}}[\Lambda]^W \to \tilde{1}_0 \mathcal{H}_a \tilde{1}_0, f \mapsto f\tilde{1}_0.
$$

Definition 6.2.6 ([Ram06] p.153). For  $\mu \in \Lambda$ , the Hall-Littlewood polynomial  $P_\mu(X; q^{-1}) \in \mathbb{K}[\Lambda]^W$  is defined by

$$
P_{\mu}(X; q^{-1})\tilde{\mathbf{1}}_{0} = \left(\sum_{w \in W^{\mu}} q^{-\frac{1}{2}\ell(w)} \tilde{T}_{w^{-1}}^{-1}\right) X^{\mu} \tilde{\mathbf{1}}_{0}
$$
(6.4)

where  $W_{\mu}$  is the stabilizer of  $\mu$  and  $W^{\mu}$  is a set of minimal length coset representatives for the cosets in  $W/W_\mu$ .

**Theorem 6.2.7.** Fix  $\lambda \in \Lambda^+$ . Let  $p_{\lambda} = c_{i_1}^+$  $i_1^{\dagger} \cdots c_{i_\ell}^{\dagger}$  $\mu^+_{i_\ell}$  be a minimal length alcove walk from  $A<sub>o</sub>$  to  $\lambda + A<sub>o</sub>$  and  $B<sub>q</sub>(p<sub>\lambda</sub>) =$  {positively folded alcove walks of type  $(i_1, \ldots, i_\ell)$  beginning at  $wA_{\circ}$  where  $w \in W^{\lambda}$  }. Then

$$
P_{\lambda}(X;q^{-1}) = \sum_{p \in B_q(p_{\lambda})} q^{-\frac{1}{2}(\ell(\iota(p)) + \ell(\varphi(p)) - f(p))} (1 - q^{-1})^{f(p)} X^{wt(p)} \tag{6.5}
$$

where  $\iota(p)$  is the alcove where p begins,  $wt(p) + \varphi(p)A_{\circ}$  is the alcove where p ends and  $f(p)$  is the number of folds in p.

We will prove that this theorem follows from Schwer's Theorem 5.5 (Theorem 5.2.12 of this paper).

## Chapter 7

## Research Problem

In this chapter, we will show that Theorem 6.2.7 follows from Theorem 5.2.12.

**Lemma 7.0.1.** For  $\lambda \in \Lambda^+$ ,  $X^{\lambda} = \tilde{T}_{\tau_{\lambda}}$  and  $\tilde{T}_{\tau_{\lambda}} = q^{-\frac{1}{2}\ell(\tau_{\lambda})}T_{\tau_{\lambda}}$ .

**Lemma 7.0.2.** For  $\mu \in \Lambda$ ,  $X_{\mu}$  (Definition 5.1.9) =  $X^{\mu}$  (Definition 6.1.12).

*Proof.* Recall that  $\mu = \lambda - \lambda' \in \Lambda$  where  $\lambda, \lambda' \in \Lambda^+, q_\mu = q^{(\rho^\vee,\mu)}$  (Lemma 5.1.8) and  $X_{\mu} := q_{\mu}^{-1} T_{\tau_{\lambda}} T_{\tau_{\lambda'}}^{-1}$  (Definition 5.1.9).

$$
X_{\mu} = q^{-(\rho^{\vee}, \mu)} T_{\tau_{\lambda}} T_{\tau_{\lambda'}}
$$
  
\n
$$
= q^{-(\rho^{\vee}, \mu)} (\tilde{T}_{\tau_{\lambda}} q^{\frac{1}{2}\ell(\tau_{\lambda})})(\tilde{T}_{\tau_{\lambda'}}^{-1} q^{-\frac{1}{2}\ell(\tau_{\lambda'})}) \qquad \text{from (4.3)}
$$
  
\n
$$
= q^{-(\rho^{\vee}, \mu)} q^{\ell(\tau_{\lambda})/2} q^{-\ell(\tau_{\lambda'})/2} \tilde{T}_{\tau_{\lambda}} \tilde{T}_{\tau_{\lambda'}}^{-1}
$$
  
\n
$$
= q^{-(\rho^{\vee}, \mu)} q^{(\rho^{\vee}, \lambda)} q^{-(\rho^{\vee}, \lambda')} \tilde{T}_{\tau_{\lambda}} \tilde{T}_{\tau_{\lambda'}}^{-1} \qquad \text{from Lemma 5.1.7}
$$
  
\n
$$
= q^{-(\rho^{\vee}, \mu)} q^{(\rho^{\vee}, \lambda - \lambda')} \tilde{T}_{\tau_{\lambda}} \tilde{T}_{\tau_{\lambda'}}^{-1}
$$
  
\n
$$
= q^{-(\rho^{\vee}, \mu)} q^{(\rho^{\vee}, \mu)} \tilde{T}_{\tau_{\lambda}} \tilde{T}_{\tau_{\lambda'}}^{-1}
$$
  
\n
$$
= \tilde{T}_{\tau_{\lambda}} \tilde{T}_{\tau_{\lambda'}}^{-1}
$$
  
\n
$$
= X^{\lambda} (X^{\lambda'})^{-1}
$$
  
\n
$$
= X^{\mu}
$$
  
\n(7.1)

 $\Box$ 

Now we would like to prove Theorem 6.2.7 using Theorem 5.2.12.

Recall Theorem 6.2.7: Fix  $\lambda \in \Lambda^+$ . Let  $p_{\lambda} = c_{i_1}^+$  $c_{i_1}^+ \cdots c_{i_\ell}^+$  $\mu_i^+$  be a minimal length alcove walk from  $A_\circ$  to  $\lambda + A_\circ$  and  $B_q(p_\lambda) = \{$  positively folded alcove walks of type  $(i_1, \ldots, i_\ell)$ beginning at  $wA_{\circ}$  where  $w \in W^{\lambda}$  }. Then,

$$
P_{\lambda}(X;q^{-1}) = \sum_{p \in B_q(p_{\lambda})} q^{-\frac{1}{2}(\ell(\iota(p)) + \ell(\varphi(p)) - f(p))} (1 - q^{-1})^{f(p)} X^{wt(p)} \tag{7.2}
$$

where  $\iota(p)$  is the alcove where p begins,  $wt(p) + \varphi(p)A$  is the alcove where p ends and  $f(p)$  is the number of folds in p.

*Proof.* Recall Theorem 5.2.12. Fix  $\lambda \in \Lambda^+$  and  $w \in W$ . We choose A as  $A_w \in W_e$  and  $\nu$ as  $\tau_{\lambda}$ , where  $A_w = wA_o$ . Then t is the type of a minimal gallery connecting  $A_o$  and  $\tau_{\lambda}A_o$ and Theorem 5.2.12 becomes

$$
X_{A_w} T_{\tau_{\lambda}} = \sum_{B \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}} L_t(A_w, B) X_B. \tag{7.3}
$$

By Lemma 5.1.3, A is of the form  $wt(A) + \delta(A)A_0$  for unique  $wt(A) \in \Lambda$  and  $\delta(A) \in W$ . Then  $wt(A_w) = 0$  and  $\delta(A_w) = w$ . Recalling Definition 5.2.9, we rewrite  $X_{A_w}T_{\tau_{\lambda}}$  as

$$
X_{A_w} T_{\tau_{\lambda}} = q_{-wt(A_w)} q_{\delta(A_w)} X_{wt(A_w)} \bar{T}_{\delta(A_w)} T_{\tau_{\lambda}}
$$
  
=  $q_{\delta(A_w)} \bar{T}_{\delta(A_w)} T_{\tau_{\lambda}}$   
=  $q_w \bar{T}_w T_{\tau_{\lambda}}$   
=  $q^{\ell(w)} T_{w^{-1}}^{-1} T_{\tau_{\lambda}}$ . (7.4)

From (4.3) and Definition 5.1.9, we get

$$
\tilde{T}_w = q^{-\frac{1}{2}\ell(w)} T_w \iff \tilde{T}_{w^{-1}} = q^{-\frac{1}{2}\ell(w)} T_{w^{-1}}
$$
\n
$$
\iff \tilde{T}_{w^{-1}}^{-1} = T_{w^{-1}}^{-1} q^{\frac{1}{2}\ell(w)} \tag{7.5}
$$
\n
$$
\iff T_{w^{-1}}^{-1} = \tilde{T}_{w^{-1}}^{-1} q^{-\frac{1}{2}\ell(w)},
$$

$$
X_{\lambda} = q_{\lambda}^{-1} T_{\tau_{\lambda}} \Leftrightarrow T_{\tau_{\lambda}} = q_{\lambda} X_{\lambda}
$$
  

$$
\Leftrightarrow T_{\tau_{\lambda}} = q^{\frac{1}{2}\ell(\tau_{\lambda})} X_{\lambda}.
$$
 (7.6)

Thus

$$
X_{A_w} T_{\tau_{\lambda}} = q^{\ell(w)} T_{w^{-1}}^{-1} q^{\frac{1}{2}\ell(\tau_{\lambda})} X_{\lambda}
$$
  
\n
$$
= q^{\frac{1}{2}\ell(w)} \tilde{T}_{w^{-1}}^{-1} q^{\frac{1}{2}\ell(\tau_{\lambda})} X_{\lambda}
$$
  
\n
$$
= q^{\frac{1}{2}\ell(w)} \tilde{T}_{w^{-1}}^{-1} q^{\frac{1}{2}\ell(\tau_{\lambda})} X^{\lambda} \qquad \text{by Lemma 7.0.2.}
$$
  
\n(7.7)

Thus

$$
q^{\frac{1}{2}\ell(w)}\tilde{T}_{w^{-1}}^{-1}q^{\frac{1}{2}\ell(\tau_{\lambda})}X^{\lambda} = \sum_{B \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}} L_{t}(A_{w},B)X_{B}.
$$
 (7.8)

Now, we look at  $\sum_{B \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}} L_t(A_w, B) X_B$ .

$$
q^{\frac{1}{2}\ell(w)}\tilde{T}_{w^{-1}}^{-1}q^{\frac{1}{2}\ell(\tau_{\lambda})}X^{\lambda} = \sum_{B\in\tilde{\mathcal{A}}}\tilde{L}_{\sigma\in\Gamma_{t}^{+}(A_{w},B)}X_{B}
$$
  
\n
$$
= \sum_{B\in\tilde{\mathcal{A}}}\left(\sum_{\sigma\in\Gamma_{t}^{+}(A_{w},B)}\tilde{L}_{\sigma}X_{B}\right)
$$
  
\n
$$
= \sum_{B\in\tilde{\mathcal{A}}}\left(\sum_{\sigma\in\Gamma_{t}^{+}(A_{w},B)}\left(\prod_{s\in S_{a}}q^{m_{s}(\sigma)}(q-1)^{n_{s}(\sigma)}\right)\right)X_{B}
$$
  
\n
$$
= \sum_{B\in\tilde{\mathcal{A}}}\left(\sum_{\sigma\in\Gamma_{t}^{+}(A_{w},B)}\left(\prod_{s\in S_{a}}q^{m_{s}(\sigma)}(q-1)^{n_{s}(\sigma)}\right)\right)q_{-wt(B)}q_{\delta(B)}X_{wt(B)}\overline{T}_{\delta(B)}
$$
  
\n
$$
= \sum_{B\in\tilde{\mathcal{A}}}\left(\sum_{\sigma\in\Gamma_{t}^{+}(A_{w},B)}\left(\prod_{s\in S_{a}}q^{m_{s}(\sigma)+n_{s}(\sigma)}(1-q^{-1})^{n_{s}(\sigma)}\right)\right)q_{-wt(B)}q_{\delta(B)}X_{wt(B)}\overline{T}_{\delta(B)}
$$
  
\n
$$
= \sum_{B\in\tilde{\mathcal{A}}}\left(\sum_{\sigma\in\Gamma_{t}^{+}(A_{w},B)}\left(\prod_{s\in S_{a}}q^{m_{s}(\sigma)+n_{s}(\sigma)}(1-q^{-1})^{n_{s}(\sigma)}\right)\right)q_{-wt(B)}q_{\delta(B)}X_{wt(B)}T_{\delta(B)^{-1}}^{-1}
$$
  
\n(7.9)

Multiplying by the element  $\tilde{\mathbf{1}}_0$  (6.2.1) on both sides and simplifying, we get:

$$
q^{\frac{1}{2}\ell(w)}\tilde{T}_{w^{-1}}^{-1}q^{\frac{1}{2}\ell(\tau_{\lambda})}X^{\lambda}\tilde{\mathbf{1}}_{0} = \sum_{B \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}} \Biggl( \sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma_{t}^{+}(A_{w},B)} \Biggl( \prod_{s \in S_{a}} q^{m_{s}(\sigma) + n_{s}(\sigma)} (1 - q^{-1})^{n_{s}(\sigma)} \Biggr) \Biggr) q_{-wt(B)} q_{\delta(B)} X_{wt(B)}
$$
  

$$
T_{\delta(B)^{-1}}^{-1}\tilde{\mathbf{1}}_{0} \quad (7.10)
$$

$$
q^{-\frac{1}{2}\ell(w)}\tilde{T}_{w^{-1}}^{-1}X^{\lambda}\tilde{\mathbf{1}}_{0} = \sum_{B \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}} \Biggl( \sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma_{t}^{+}(A_{w},B)} \Biggl( \prod_{s \in S_{a}} q^{m_{s}(\sigma) + n_{s}(\sigma)} (1 - q^{-1})^{n_{s}(\sigma)} \Biggr) \Biggr) q^{-\ell(w) - \frac{1}{2}l(\tau_{\lambda})} q_{-wt(B)} q_{\delta(B)}
$$

$$
X_{wt(B)} T_{\delta(B)^{-1}}^{-1}\tilde{\mathbf{1}}_{0}. \quad (7.11)
$$

Since t is the type of a minimal gallery connecting  $A_0$  and  $\tau_\lambda A_0$ , then

$$
\ell(\tau_{\lambda}) = \sum_{s \in S_a} (m_s(\sigma) + n_s(\sigma) + o_s(\sigma)). \tag{7.12}
$$

for all  $\sigma \in \Gamma_t^+(A_w, B)$ .

Also, we show that

$$
q_{-wt(B)} = q^{-(wt(B), \rho^{\vee})} = q^{\frac{1}{2}(\sum (-m_s(\sigma) + o_s(\sigma)) - \ell(\delta(B)) + \ell(w))}.
$$
\n(7.13)

Proof. It is equivalent to show that  $q^{(wt(B),2\rho^\vee)} = q^{\sum (m_s(\sigma) - o_s(\sigma)) + \ell(\delta(B)) - \ell(w)}$ .  $(wt(B), 2\rho^\vee)$ is the number of  $H_{\alpha,k}$  where  $\alpha > 0, k > 0$  minus the number of  $H_{\alpha,k}$  where  $\alpha > 0, k \leq 0$ separating  $A_{\circ}$  and  $A_{\circ} + wt(B)$ , and  $\sum$  $s \in S_a$  $(m_s(\sigma) - o_s(\sigma))$  is the number of  $H_{\alpha,k}$  where  $\alpha > 0, k > 0$  minus the number of  $H_{\alpha,k}$  where  $\alpha > 0, k \leq 0$  separating  $wA_{\alpha}$  and  $\delta(B)A_{\circ} + wt(B)$ . Therefore

$$
(wt(B), 2\rho^{\vee}) = \sum_{s \in S_a} (m_s(\sigma) - o_s(\sigma)) + \ell(\delta(B)) - \ell(w)
$$
\n(7.14)

since  $A_0$  and  $wA_0$  are separated by  $\ell(w)$   $H_{\alpha,0}$ , and  $A_0 + wt(B)$  and  $\delta(B)A_0 + wt(B)$  are separated by  $\ell(\delta(B))$   $H_{\alpha,(\alpha^{\vee},wt(B))}$ .  $\Box$ 

Apply equations 7.12 and 7.13 and simplify:

$$
q^{-\frac{1}{2}\ell(w)}\tilde{T}_{w^{-1}}^{-1}X^{\lambda}\tilde{\mathbf{1}}_{0} = \sum_{B \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}} \left( \sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma_{t}^{+}(A_{w},B)} \left( \prod_{s \in S_{a}} q^{m_{s}(\sigma) + n_{s}(\sigma)} (1 - q^{-1})^{n_{s}(\sigma)} \right) q^{-\frac{1}{2}(m_{s}(\sigma) + n_{s}(\sigma) + o_{s}(\sigma))} \right)
$$

$$
q^{-\ell(w)}q_{-wt(B)}q_{\delta(B)}X_{wt(B)}T_{\delta(B)^{-1}}^{-1}\tilde{\mathbf{1}}_{0} \quad (7.15)
$$

$$
= \sum_{B \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}} \left( \sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma_t^+(A_w, B)} \left( \prod_{s \in S_a} q^{\frac{1}{2}(m_s(\sigma) + n_s(\sigma) - o_s(\sigma))} (1 - q^{-1})^{n_s(\sigma)} \right) \right) q^{-\ell(w)} q_{-wt(B)} q_{\delta(B)} X_{wt(B)} T_{\delta(B)^{-1}}^{-1}
$$
  
10. (7.16)

By (4.3), we can rewrite  $\tilde{T}_{\delta(B)} = q^{-\frac{1}{2}\ell(\delta(B))}T_{\delta(B)}$ :

$$
\tilde{T}_{\delta(B)} = q^{-\frac{1}{2}\ell(\delta(B))} T_{\delta(B)} \iff \tilde{T}_{\delta(B)^{-1}} = q^{-\frac{1}{2}\ell(\delta(B))} T_{\delta(B)^{-1}} \\
\iff \tilde{T}_{\delta(B)^{-1}}^{-1} = T_{\delta(B)^{-1}}^{-1} q^{\frac{1}{2}\ell(\delta(B))} \\
\iff T_{\delta(B)^{-1}}^{-1} = \tilde{T}_{\delta(B)^{-1}}^{-1} q^{-\frac{1}{2}\ell(\delta(B))}.
$$
\n(7.17)

Thus

$$
q^{-\frac{1}{2}\ell(w)} \tilde{T}_{w^{-1}}^{-1} X^{\lambda} \tilde{\mathbf{1}}_{0} = \sum_{B \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}} \left( \sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma_{t}^{+}(A_{w},B)} \left( \prod_{s \in S_{a}} q^{\frac{1}{2}(m_{s}(\sigma) + n_{s}(\sigma) - o_{s}(\sigma))} (1 - q^{-1})^{n_{s}(\sigma)} \right) \right)
$$
  

$$
\prod_{s \in S_{a}} (q^{\frac{1}{2}(-m_{s}(\sigma) + o_{s}(\sigma))}) q^{\frac{1}{2}(-\ell(\delta(B)) + \ell(w))} q^{\ell(\delta(B))} q^{-\ell(w)} X^{wt(B)} \tilde{T}_{\delta(B)^{-1}}^{-1} q^{-\frac{1}{2}\ell(\delta(B))} \tilde{\mathbf{1}}_{0} \quad (7.18)
$$
  

$$
= \sum_{B \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}} \left( \sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma_{t}^{+}(A_{w},B)} \left( \prod_{s \in S_{a}} q^{\frac{1}{2}n_{s}(\sigma)} (1 - q^{-1})^{n_{s}(\sigma)} \right) \right) q^{-\frac{1}{2}\ell(\delta(B)) + \frac{1}{2}\ell(w)} q^{\ell(\delta(B))} q^{-\ell(w)} X^{wt(B)} \tilde{T}_{\delta(B)^{-1}}^{-1} q^{-\frac{1}{2}\ell(\delta(B))} \tilde{\mathbf{1}}_{0}
$$
  

$$
= \sum_{B \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}} \left( \sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma_{t}^{+}(A_{w},B)} \left( \prod_{s \in S_{a}} q^{\frac{1}{2}n_{s}(\sigma)} (1 - q^{-1})^{n_{s}(\sigma)} \right) \right) q^{-\frac{1}{2}\ell(\delta(B)) + \frac{1}{2}\ell(w)} q^{\ell(\delta(B))} q^{-\ell(w)} X^{wt(B)} q^{-\ell(\delta(B))} \tilde{\mathbf{1}}_{0}
$$
  

$$
= \sum_{B \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}} \left( \sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma_{t}^{+}(A_{w},B)} \left( \prod_{s \in S_{a}} q^{\frac{1}{2}n_{s}(\sigma)} (1 - q^{-1})^{n_{s}(\sigma)} \right) \right) q^{-\frac{1}{2}\ell(\delta(B)) - \frac{1}{2}\ell(w
$$

Now replacing positively folded galleries with positively folded alcove walks in the above formula gives Theorem 6.2.7. Since  $\Gamma_t^+(A_w, B)$  is the set of all positively folded galleries of type t starting in  $wA_\circ$  (5.2.11) while  $B_q(p_\lambda)$  is the set of all positively folded alcove walks of type t which begin at  $wA_{\circ}$  ( $w \in W^{\lambda}$  the minimal length coset representatives of the cosets in  $W/W_\lambda$  for  $\lambda \in \Lambda^+$ ), we may switch  $\sum_{w \in W^\lambda} \sum_{B \in \tilde{\mathcal{A}}} \sum_{\sigma \in \Gamma_t^+(A_w,B)}$  to

 $\sum_{p\in B_q(p_\lambda)}$ . Moreover,  $wt(B)$  is equivalent to  $wt(p)$ ; the sum of positive folds  $\sum_{s\in S_a} n_s(\sigma)$ =  $f(p)$ ; the final direction  $\delta(B) = \varphi(p)$  and  $\ell(w)$  = initial direction  $\iota(p)$  since the gallery  $\sigma$  starts from  $wA_\circ.$ 

Therefore, we finish the proof showing that

$$
\sum_{w \in W^{\lambda}} (q^{-\frac{1}{2}\ell(w)} \tilde{T}_{w^{-1}}^{-1}) X^{\lambda} \tilde{\mathbf{1}}_{0} = \sum_{p \in B_{q}(p_{\lambda})} q^{-\frac{1}{2}(\ell(\iota(p)) + \ell(\varphi(p)) - f(p))} (1 - q^{-1})^{f(p)} X^{wt(p)} \tilde{\mathbf{1}}_{0}
$$
\n
$$
P_{\lambda}(X; q^{-1}) \tilde{\mathbf{1}}_{0} = \sum_{p \in B_{q}(p_{\lambda})} q^{-\frac{1}{2}(\ell(\iota(p)) + \ell(\varphi(p)) - f(p))} (1 - q^{-1})^{f(p)} X^{wt(p)} \tilde{\mathbf{1}}_{0}
$$
\n(7.20)



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