

ADMISSIBLE DIAGRAMS FOR $G(m, 1, n)$

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Abstract. In this paper, we show that every conjugacy class of the imprimitive complex reflection group $G(m, 1, n)$ can be represented by an admissible diagram. For this, we introduce a length function for elements of $G(m, 1, n)$ and study its properties. This then allows us to establish the admissible diagram for each conjugacy class of $G(m, 1, n)$. The corresponding results for Weyl groups and their conjugacy classes are well known.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The main objective of this paper is to show that there is a one-to-one correspondence between conjugacy classes in the imprimitive complex reflection group $G(m, 1, n)$ and admissible diagrams whose connected components all have type A or B . The group $G(m, 1, n)$ can be viewed as the generalized symmetric group and its conjugacy classes can be found in Kerber [8]. To establish an admissible diagram for every conjugacy class of $G(m, 1, n)$, in the second section we define a length function for $G(m, 1, n)$ and study its properties. The corresponding results for Weyl groups were studied by Carter [5].

We first give the basic notation and state some results which are required later. We refer the reader to [3] and [6] for most of the undefined terminology and quoted results. As a convention, throughout this paper, we assume that ξ is a primitive m -th root of unity.

Let $V = \mathbf{C}^n$ be the complex vector space of dimension n with standard unitary inner product (\cdot, \cdot) and the standard basis $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$. A *reflection* in V is a linear transformation of V of finite order with exactly $n - 1$ eigenvalues equal to 1. A *reflection group* G in V is a finite group generated by reflections in V .

For each non-zero vector $\alpha \in V$, let w_α be a reflection in V of order $m > 1$. Then there is a primitive m -th root of unity ξ such that

$$w_\alpha(v) = v - (1 - \xi) \frac{(v, \alpha)}{(\alpha, \alpha)} \alpha$$

for all $v \in V$. Thus $w_\alpha(\alpha) = \xi\alpha$ and $w_\alpha(v) = v$ if $v \in \langle \alpha \rangle^\perp$, where $\langle \alpha \rangle^\perp$ is the orthogonal complement of $\langle \alpha \rangle$ with respect to the given unitary inner product. Define $o_G : V \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$ by $o_G(v) = |G_{\langle v \rangle^\perp}|$ ($v \in V$). Then $o_G(v) > 1$ if and only if v is a root of G . In this case, $o_G(v)$ is the order of the cyclic group generated

by the reflections in G with root v . If α is a root of G , then the number $o_G(\alpha)$ is called the *order* of α .

Let $G(m, 1, n)$ be the *imprimitive complex reflection group* in V generated by reflections of order 2 with roots $e_1 - e_2, e_2 - e_3, \dots, e_{n-1} - e_n$ and the reflection of order m with root e_n . A root system for $G(m, 1, n)$ may be defined as follows (see [6]). Let $\mu_m = \{\xi^l \mid l \in \mathbf{N}, \xi \text{ be a primitive } m\text{-th root of unity}\}$. Put

$$R(m, 1, n) = \mu_m \{ \pm(e_i - \xi^l e_j), e_k \mid i, j, k, l \in \mathbf{N}, i \neq j, 1 \leq i, j, k \leq n \}$$

and let $f_{m,1,n} : R(m, 1, n) \rightarrow \mathbf{N} \setminus \{1\}$ be defined by

$$f_{m,1,n}(\alpha) = \begin{cases} m & \text{if } \alpha \in \mu_m \{e_k \mid 1 \leq k \leq n\}, \\ 2 & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$$

then we have that $\Phi = \Phi(m, 1, n) = (R(m, 1, n), f_{m,1,n})$ is a root system with $W(\Phi) = G(m, 1, n)$. The group $G(m, 1, n)$ has the following presentation (see [7]):

$$G(m, 1, n) = \langle r_1, \dots, r_{n-1}, w_1, \dots, w_n \mid r_i^2 = (r_i r_{i+1})^3 = (r_i r_j)^2 = 1, |i-j| \geq 2, w_i^m = 1, w_i w_j = w_j w_i, r_i w_i = w_{i+1} r_i, r_i w_j = w_j r_i, j \neq i, i+1 \rangle.$$

2. THE LENGTH FUNCTION

Let $W = G(m, 1, n)$ denote the imprimitive reflection group corresponding to $\Phi = \Phi(m, 1, n)$. In this section we introduce a length function for W and study its properties.

Now each element w in W can be expressed as a product of reflections $w = w_{a_1}^{s_1} \dots w_{a_k}^{s_k}$, where $a_i \in \Phi$ and $s_i \in \{1, \dots, m-1\}$. The *length* of w , denoted by $l(w)$ is the smallest value of $\sum_{i=1}^k s_i$ in any such expression for w . (Here if $o_W(a_i) = 2$, then $s_i = 1$, and if $o_W(a_i) = m$, then $s_i \in \{1, \dots, m-1\}$.) By convention, $l(1) = 0$. Clearly, $l(w) = 1$ if and only if $w = w_a$ where $a \in \Phi$. It is also clear that if $w = w_a^s$ with $o_W(a) = m$ and $s \in \{1, \dots, m-1\}$, then $l(w) = s$. We say that w is a product of k reflections if $l(w) = \sum_{i=1}^k s_i$.

Any element $\sigma \in W$ can be written uniquely (up to reordering) as the product of disjoint cycles $\sigma = \theta_1 \dots \theta_t$, where

$$\theta_i = \begin{pmatrix} b_{i1} & b_{i2} & \dots & b_{ik_i} \\ \xi^{s_{i1}} b_{i2} & \xi^{s_{i2}} b_{i3} & \dots & \xi^{s_{ik_i}} b_{i1} \end{pmatrix},$$

$b_{ij} \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, $s_{ij} \in \{1, \dots, m\}$, k_i is the length of the cycle θ_i , $i = 1, \dots, t$.

Let $f(\theta_i) = \sum_{j=1}^{k_i} s_{ij}$, and put $f(\sigma) = \sum_{i=1}^t f(\theta_i)$.

Now, define $a_{pq}(\sigma)$ to be the number of cycles θ_i of σ of length q such that $f(\theta_i) \equiv p \pmod{m}$ for $1 \leq p \leq m$, $1 \leq q \leq n$. The $m \times n$ matrix $(a_{pq}(\sigma))$ is called the *type* of σ , denoted by $Ty(\sigma)$ (see [9]). Then $\sigma, \pi \in W$ are conjugate in W if and only if $Ty(\sigma) = Ty(\pi)$ (see [8]).

Lemma 2.1. *If $\sigma, \pi \in W$ are conjugate in W , then $l(\sigma) = l(\pi)$.*

Proof. Let $\sigma = w_{a_1}^{s_1} \cdots w_{a_k}^{s_k}$, where $a_i \in \Phi$ and $s_i \in \{1, \dots, m - 1\}$. Since σ is conjugate in W to π , $\pi = w\sigma w^{-1}$ for some $w \in W$. But $w\sigma w^{-1} = w_{b_1}^{s_1} \cdots w_{b_k}^{s_k}$ where $b_i = w(a_i)$ implies that $l(\sigma) = \sum_{i=1}^k s_i = l(\pi)$. □

The above lemma says that two conjugate elements in W have the same length and each of them is also the product of the same number of reflections.

The lemma below is a well-known property of reflection groups (see [10]).

Lemma 2.2. *Let G be a reflection group in an n -dimensional complex vector space V . If $g \in G$ and U is the subspace of V composed of all vectors fixed by g , then g is a product of the reflections corresponding to the roots in the orthogonal complement U^\perp of U .*

Lemma 2.3. *Let $w \in W$. Then $l(w)$ is a sum of the powers of eigenvalues of w on V which are not equal to 1.*

Proof. Suppose that $l(w) = \sum_{i=1}^k s_i$. Then w is a product of k reflections and has an expression of the form $w = w_{a_1}^{s_1} \cdots w_{a_k}^{s_k}$, where $a_i \in \Phi$ and $s_i \in \{1, \dots, m - 1\}$. Now, let H_{a_i} be the reflecting hyperplane of a_i in V and let

$$H = H_{a_1} \cap H_{a_2} \cap \cdots \cap H_{a_k}.$$

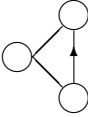
Then w acts trivially on H and $\dim H \geq n - k$. Thus w has at least $n - k$ eigenvalues equal to 1, and so at most k eigenvalues $\xi^{s_1}, \xi^{s_2}, \dots, \xi^{s_k}$ which are not equal to 1, by the definition of a reflection. Therefore, the sum of the powers of these eigenvalues is not more than $l(w)$.

Conversely, suppose w has k eigenvalues $\xi^{s_1}, \xi^{s_2}, \dots, \xi^{s_k}$ which are not equal to 1, where $s_i \in \{1, \dots, m - 1\}$. Let U be the subspace of V composed of all vectors fixed by w , and U^\perp be the orthogonal subspace. Then at once $\dim U = n - k$ and $\dim U^\perp = k$, and by Lemma 2.2 w is a product of the reflections corresponding to the roots in U^\perp .

Suppose that w fixes some vector in V . Then $k < n$ and so $\dim U^\perp < \dim V$. The roots in U^\perp form a root system in the subspace they generate which has dimension less than n , and w is an element of the reflection group associated with this root system. Thus, by induction, w is a product of at most k reflections, i.e., $w = w_{a_1}^{s_1} \cdots w_{a_k}^{s_k}$, and so $l(w) \leq \sum_{i=1}^k s_i$. □

An expression $w_{a_1}^{s_1} \cdots w_{a_k}^{s_k} \in W$ is called *reduced* if $l(w_{a_1}^{s_1} \cdots w_{a_k}^{s_k}) = \sum_{i=1}^k s_i$.

Lemma 2.4. *Let $a_1, \dots, a_k \in \Phi$ and $s_i \in \{1, \dots, m - 1\}$ for $i = 1, \dots, k$. Then $w_{a_1}^{s_1} \cdots w_{a_k}^{s_k}$ is reduced if and only if a_1, \dots, a_k are linearly independent.*

A *web* is a graph of the form  $\frac{1+\xi^s}{2}$, where $s \in \{1, \dots, m - 1\}$.

Any element $w = w_{a_1}^{s_1} \cdots w_{a_k}^{s_k} \in W$ with $l(w) = \sum_{i=1}^k s_i$ can be decomposed as follows (see [1] or [2]):

$$w = \tau w_{a_{i+1}}^{s_{i+1}} \cdots w_{a_k}^{s_k}, \quad \text{where } \tau = w_{a_1} \cdots w_{a_i} \in W(A_{n-1}).$$

For each such decomposition of w , we define the graph Γ as having k nodes, one corresponding to each of the roots a_1, \dots, a_k with the value $o_W(a_i)$. The nodes corresponding to distinct roots a_i, a_j are joined by a bond of weight (a_i, a_j) . If $o_W(a_i) = 2$, then the number 2 in the node corresponding to the root a_i is omitted, as in Cohen [6].

If $w \in W$ has a decomposition with graph Γ , then any conjugate of w also has a decomposition with graph Γ . For if $w = w_{a_1} \cdots w_{a_i} w_{a_{i+1}}^{s_{i+1}} \cdots w_{a_k}^{s_k}$, where $w_{a_1} \cdots w_{a_i} \in W(A_{n-1})$, then we have $w'ww'^{-1} = w_{b_1} \cdots w_{b_i} w_{b_{i+1}}^{s_{i+1}} \cdots w_{b_k}^{s_k}$, where $b_j = w'(a_j)$ for $j = 1, \dots, k$.

Therefore we say that the graph Γ is associated with this conjugacy class. (Here, we assume that the conjugacy class containing the identity element is represented by the empty graph.) By Lemma 2.4 the nodes of Γ correspond to a set of linearly independent roots.

Now we can give our basic definition.

Definition 3.1. Let Γ be a graph, then Γ is called an *admissible diagram* if

- (i) the nodes of Γ correspond to a set of linearly independent roots of Φ ,
- (ii) each subgraph of Γ which is a cycle is equivalent to a web.

(A subgraph of Γ in this context is a subset of the nodes, together with the bonds joining the nodes in the subset. A cycle is a graph in which each node is connected only to two other nodes.)

Lemma 3.2. *Every admissible diagram associated with a conjugacy class of W is the Cohen (Dynkin) diagram of some reflection subgroup of W .*

Proof. Let Γ be such a graph. Let J be a set of the roots corresponding to the nodes of Γ . Denote by $W(J)$ the group generated by all reflections $w_{a, o_W(a)}$ with $a \in J$, then $W(J)$ is a subgroup of W and so is a finite reflection group. Furthermore, J is linearly independent by the definition of an admissible diagram. Thus, by (4.2) of Cohen [6], Γ is a root graph.

Now, put $S = W(J)J$, define a map $g : S \rightarrow \mathbf{N} \setminus \{1\}$ by $g(a) = o_{W(J)}(a)$ for all $a \in S$, then the pair $\Psi = (S, g)$ is the pre-root system corresponding to J with $W(\Psi) = W(J)$ by 1.2 (ii) of Can [3]. By 1.2 (iii) of Can [3], the pair $\Psi = (S, g)$ is a root system and so is a subsystem of Φ . Thus, $W(\Psi)$ is the reflection group of Ψ , and so Γ is the Cohen (Dynkin) diagram of the reflection subgroup $W(\Psi)$ of W , as desired. □

Now, recall that Γ may be a union of disconnected graphs Γ_i , which, say, satisfy the following: if Γ_i contains no web, then Γ_i is either of type A or B , and if Γ_i does contain a web, then Γ_i must be of type D .

The present author [3] has presented an algorithm for obtaining graphs which are Cohen (Dynkin) diagrams of reflection subgroups of W without any reference to extended diagrams. In [4], we interpreted this algorithm as a computer program written by using the Maple symbolic computation system.

We now show that admissible diagrams can be used to parametrize the conjugacy classes of W .

Theorem 3.3. *Let $W = G(m, 1, n)$. There is a one-to-one correspondence between conjugacy classes in W and admissible diagrams of the form*

$$\sum_{p=1}^m (B_{\lambda_1^{(p)}}^{m_p} + B_{\lambda_2^{(p)}}^{m_p} + \cdots + B_{\lambda_{s_p}^{(p)}}^{m_p}),$$

where

$$\sum_{p=1}^{m-1} \sum_{q=1}^{s_p} \lambda_q^{(p)} + \sum_{q=1}^{s_m} (\lambda_q^{(m)} + 1) = n \quad \text{and} \quad m_p = \frac{m}{(m, p)},$$

where (m, p) is the greatest common divisor of m and p .

Proof. The elements of W operate on the orthonormal basis e_1, \dots, e_n of V by permuting the basis vectors and multiplying arbitrary subsets of them by a power of ξ . Ignoring these multiples, each element w of W determines a permutation of $\{1, \dots, n\}$ which can be expressed in the usual way as a product of disjoint cycles. Let $(k_1 k_2 \cdots k_r)$ be such a cycle written as

$$e_{k_1} \rightarrow \xi^{p_1} e_{k_2} \rightarrow \xi^{p_1+p_2} e_{k_3} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \xi^{p_1+\cdots+p_{r-1}} e_{k_r} \rightarrow \xi^{p_1+\cdots+p_r} e_{k_1},$$

where $p_i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$. The cycle $(k_1 k_2 \cdots k_r)$ is said to be a (ξ^p, r) -cycle, denoted by $[r^{\xi^p}]$, if $w^r(e_{k_1}) = \xi^p e_{k_1}$, where $\sum_{i=1}^r p_i \equiv p \pmod{m}$. Then the lengths of the cycles together with their values $\sum p_i$ determine the type of w , and two elements of W are conjugate if and only if they have the same type, as in Kerber [8]. Thus there is a one-to-one correspondence between conjugacy classes and types. Now, consider the (ξ^p, r) -cycle

$$e_1 \rightarrow e_2 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow e_{r-1} \rightarrow e_r \rightarrow \xi^p e_1,$$

where $p \in \{1, \dots, m\}$. If $p = m$, then this can be expressed as the product of elements $(12)(23) \cdots (r-1 r)$. These factors form a complete set of simple reflections of the Weyl subgroup of type A_{r-1} , and so this $(1, r)$ -cycle, denoted by $[r]$, is represented by an admissible diagram A_{r-1} , as in type A_n (see Carter [5]). If $p \in \{1, \dots, m-1\}$, then this can be expressed as the product of elements $(12)(23) \cdots (r-1 r)w_r^p$, where w_r^p changes e_r into $\xi^p e_r$ and fixes all other e_i . Thus these factors form a complete set of simple reflections of the reflection subgroup of type $B_r^{m_p}$, where $m_p = \frac{m}{(m, p)}$ where (m, p) is the g.c.d. of m and p , and so this (ξ^p, r) -cycle is represented by an admissible diagram

As an application of Theorem 3.3, we now give the following example.

Example 3.5. Consider the group $G(3, 1, 3)$. Then we have

Cycle type	Conjugacy class	Admissible diagram
[1 1 1]	1	\emptyset
[1 $^\xi$ 1 $^\xi$ 1 $^\xi$]	$w_1 w_2 w_3$	$\begin{matrix} w \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} w \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} w \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix}$
[1 $^{\xi^2}$ 1 $^{\xi^2}$ 1 $^{\xi^2}$]	$w_1^2 w_2^2 w_3^2$	$\begin{matrix} w^2 \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} w^2 \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} w^2 \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix}$
[1 1 $^\xi$ 1 $^{\xi^2}$]	$w_1^2 w_2$	$\begin{matrix} w^2 \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} w \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix}$
[1 1 1 $^\xi$]	w_1	$\begin{matrix} w \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix}$
[1 $^{\xi^2}$ 1 $^\xi$ 1 $^\xi$]	$w_1^2 w_2 w_3$	$\begin{matrix} w^2 \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} w \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} w \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix}$
[1 1 $^{\xi^2}$ 1 $^{\xi^2}$]	$w_2^2 w_3^2$	$\begin{matrix} w^2 \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} w^2 \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix}$
[1 1 1 $^{\xi^2}$]	w_1^2	$\begin{matrix} w^2 \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix}$
[1 1 $^\xi$ 1 $^\xi$]	$w_2 w_3$	$\begin{matrix} w \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} w \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix}$
[1 $^\xi$ 1 $^{\xi^2}$ 1 $^{\xi^2}$]	$w_1 w_2^2 w_3^2$	$\begin{matrix} w \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} w^2 \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} w^2 \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix}$
[2 1]	(12)	\bigcirc
[2 $^\xi$ 1]	(12) w_2	$\bigcirc \text{---} \begin{matrix} w \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix}$
[2 $^{\xi^2}$ 1]	(12) w_2^2	$\bigcirc \text{---} \begin{matrix} w^2 \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix}$
[2 $^{\xi^2}$ 1 $^\xi$]	(12) $w_2^2 w_3$	$\bigcirc \text{---} \begin{matrix} w^2 \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} w \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix}$
[2 1 $^\xi$]	(12) w_3	$\bigcirc \quad \begin{matrix} w \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix}$
[2 $^\xi$ 1 $^\xi$]	(12) $w_2 w_3$	$\bigcirc \text{---} \begin{matrix} w \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} w \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix}$
[2 $^\xi$ 1 $^{\xi^2}$]	(12) $w_2 w_3^2$	$\bigcirc \text{---} \begin{matrix} w \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} w^2 \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix}$
[2 $^{\xi^2}$ 1 $^{\xi^2}$]	(12) $w_2^2 w_3^2$	$\bigcirc \text{---} \begin{matrix} w^2 \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} w^2 \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix}$
[2 1 $^{\xi^2}$]	(12) w_3^2	$\bigcirc \quad \begin{matrix} w^2 \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix}$
[3]	(12)(23)	$\bigcirc \text{---} \bigcirc$
[3 $^\xi$]	(12)(23) w_3	$\bigcirc \text{---} \bigcirc \text{---} \begin{matrix} w \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix}$
[3 $^{\xi^2}$]	(12)(23) w_3^2	$\bigcirc \text{---} \bigcirc \text{---} \begin{matrix} w^2 \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix}$

The elements in column 2 are representatives of the conjugacy classes of $G(3, 1, 3)$.

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