

# LAG 25 2026-04-23

Note: Assume  $T \subseteq B \subseteq G$ ,  $B$  Borel.

Any character  $\chi \in X^*(T)$  extends uniquely to  $\chi: B \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$ .

$$B = T \ltimes B_u. \quad \chi(tu) = \chi(t).$$

Prop  $G$  semi-simple of rank 1,  $T \subseteq B \subseteq G$ ,  $B$  Borel,

$$L(B) = L(T) \oplus L(G)_\alpha.$$

Assume  $\chi \in X^*(T)$ ,  $0 \neq f \in k[G]$  satisfy:

$$\forall g \in G, b \in B: f(gb) = \chi(b) f(g). \quad \text{Then:}$$

$$(1) \quad \langle \chi, \alpha^\vee \rangle \geq 0.$$

$$(2) \quad \langle \chi, \alpha^\vee \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow f \text{ constant.}$$

Proof

$n B_u n^{-1} B \subseteq G$  dense subset  $\Rightarrow f$  not zero on  $n B_u n^{-1}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \underbrace{f(n u(\gamma) n^{-1})}_{\text{poly}(\gamma) \neq 0} &= f(u(-\gamma^{-1}) n \alpha^\vee(\gamma) u(-\gamma^{-1})) \\ &= \gamma^{\langle \chi, \alpha^\vee \rangle} \underbrace{f(u(-\gamma^{-1}) n)}_{\text{poly}(\gamma^{-1})}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \langle \chi, \alpha^\vee \rangle \geq 0.$$

$$\langle \chi, \alpha^\vee \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow f(n u(\gamma) n^{-1}) \text{ constant}$$

$$\Rightarrow f \text{ constant} \Rightarrow \langle \chi, \alpha^\vee \rangle = 0.$$

□

Assume  $\text{ssrank}(G) = 1$ :

$T \subset B \subset G$  max. torus, Borel.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 G & \xrightarrow{\pi} & \bar{G} = G/R_u(G) \\
 U & & U \\
 B & \longrightarrow & \bar{B} = B/R_u(G) \\
 U & & U \\
 T & \xrightarrow[\pi]{\cong} & \bar{T} \xrightarrow{\bar{\alpha}} \mathbb{G}_m \\
 & & \uparrow \bar{\alpha}^\vee \\
 & & \mathbb{G}_m
 \end{array}$$

$$R(\bar{G}, \bar{T}) = \{\pm \bar{\alpha}\}.$$

Def:  $R(G, T) = \{\pm \alpha\}$ ,  $\alpha = \bar{\alpha} \pi$ .

Note: Given  $\beta \in X^*(T)$ :

$$\beta \in R(G, T) \Leftrightarrow \beta \neq 0 \text{ and } L(G/R_u(G))_\beta \neq 0.$$

Note:  $\alpha^\vee = \pi^{-1} \bar{\alpha}^\vee \in X_*(T)$ .

## Roots

$G$  connected LAG.  $T \subseteq G$  max. torus.

Given  $\alpha \in X^*(T)$ :

$$T_\alpha = \text{Ker}(\alpha)^\circ \subseteq T, \quad G_\alpha = Z_G(T_\alpha), \quad R_\alpha = R_u(G_\alpha).$$

Recall:  $\text{ssrank}(G_\alpha) \leq 1$ .

Def:  $R(G, T) = \{\alpha \in X^*(T) \mid \alpha \neq 0 \text{ and } L(G_\alpha/R_\alpha)_\alpha \neq 0\}$ .

Lemma  $\alpha \neq \beta \in R(G, T) \Rightarrow \alpha^\vee \neq \beta^\vee$ .

Proof

Assume  $\alpha^\vee = \beta^\vee$ .

Let  $(-, -)$  be  $W$ -invariant, sym., pos. definite.

$$\frac{2(\alpha, \beta)}{(\beta, \beta)} = \langle \alpha, \beta^\vee \rangle = \langle \alpha, \alpha^\vee \rangle = 2 = \frac{2(\beta, \alpha)}{(\alpha, \alpha)}$$
$$\Rightarrow (\alpha, \alpha) = (\alpha, \beta) = (\beta, \beta).$$

$$(\alpha - \beta, \alpha - \beta) = (\alpha, \alpha) - 2(\alpha, \beta) + (\beta, \beta) = 0.$$

□

Root datum:  $\Psi = \Psi(G, T) = (X, R, X^\vee, R^\vee)$

$$X = X^*(T) \cong \mathbb{Z}^n \text{ lattice.}$$

$$R = R(G, T) \subseteq X.$$

$$X^\vee = X_*(T) \text{ dual lattice.}$$

$$R^\vee = \{\alpha^\vee \mid \alpha \in R\}$$

Implicit: Bijection  $R \leftrightarrow R^\vee, \alpha \leftrightarrow \alpha^\vee$ .

Properties/Axioms

(1)  $\langle \alpha, \alpha^\vee \rangle = 2 \quad \forall \alpha \in R.$

(2)  $s_\alpha \cdot R = R$  and  $s_\alpha \cdot R^\vee = R^\vee.$

True since  $G_{s_\alpha \beta} = \dot{s}_\alpha G_\beta \dot{s}_\alpha^{-1}.$

$\Psi(R, T)$  is reduced:  $\alpha \in R \Rightarrow \mathbb{R}\alpha \cap R = \{\pm \alpha\}.$

True since  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}\alpha \Rightarrow T_\beta = T_\alpha \Rightarrow G_\beta = G_\alpha.$

Notes

- $R$  is a root system in  $\text{Span}_{\mathbb{R}}(R) \subseteq X^*(T)_{\mathbb{R}}.$
- Dual root datum  $(X^\vee, R^\vee, X, R)$  satisfies same axioms.
- Weyl group of  $(X, R, X^\vee, R^\vee)$ :  $W = \langle s_\alpha : \alpha \in R \rangle \subseteq \text{Aut}(X).$

## Positive roots

Let  $\alpha \in R$ .  $L(G_\alpha/R_\alpha) = L(T) \oplus k_\alpha \oplus k_{-\alpha}$

$$B(G_\alpha)^T = \{B_\alpha, B_{-\alpha}\}.$$

$B_\alpha \subseteq G_\alpha$  unique Borel s.t.  $T \subseteq B_\alpha$  and  $L(B_\alpha/R_\alpha)_\alpha \neq 0$ .

Let  $B \subseteq G$  Borel,  $T \subseteq B \subseteq G$ .

$$R^+(B) = \{\alpha \in R \mid B_\alpha \subseteq B\}, \quad R^-(B) = \{\alpha \in R \mid B_{-\alpha} \subseteq B\}.$$

Note:  $\cdot R(G, T) = R^+(B) \sqcup R^-(B)$

$$\cdot \alpha \in R^+(B) \Leftrightarrow B_\alpha = G_\alpha \cap B \Leftrightarrow L(G_\alpha \cap B/R_\alpha)_\alpha \neq 0.$$

Prop  $R^+(B) \subseteq R(G, T)$  is a system of positive roots:

$$\exists \chi \in \chi^*(T) : R^+(B) = \{\alpha \in R \mid \langle \chi, \alpha^\vee \rangle > 0\}.$$

### Proof

$G/B \subseteq \mathbb{P}(V)$  equiv. proj. embedding.

$G \rightarrow GL(V)$  nat. rep.,  $1.B = [v] \in \mathbb{P}(V)^B$ .

$$\exists \chi : B \rightarrow G_m : b.v = \chi(b)v \quad \forall b \in B.$$

Choose  $\ell : V \rightarrow k$  linear such that

$$\ell(n_\alpha.v) \neq \ell(v) \quad \forall \alpha \in R \quad \text{where } n_\alpha \in (G_\alpha, G_\alpha) - B.$$

Def.  $F : G \rightarrow k$ ,  $F(g) = \ell(g.v)$ .

$$F \in k[G] \text{ and } F(gb) = \chi(b)F(g) \quad \forall g \in G, b \in B.$$

Let  $\alpha \in R^+(B)$ .  $\bar{G}_\alpha = G_\alpha/R_\alpha$  reductive,  $\text{ssrank}(\bar{G}_\alpha) = 1$ .

$$\chi(R_\alpha) = 1 \Rightarrow F|_{G_\alpha} \in k[G_\alpha]^{R_\alpha} = k[\bar{G}_\alpha].$$

$$B_\alpha \subseteq B \Rightarrow F(gb) = \chi(b)F(g) \quad \forall g \in \bar{G}_\alpha, b \in \bar{B}_\alpha.$$

$$F(n_\alpha) \neq F(e) \Rightarrow F|_{G_\alpha} \text{ not constant on } (\bar{G}_\alpha, \bar{G}_\alpha).$$

$$\therefore \langle \chi, \alpha^\vee \rangle > 0.$$

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## Two roots

$(X, R, X^V, R^V)$  root datum.

Assume  $\alpha, \beta \in R$  not parallel.

$$\sigma = s_\alpha s_\beta \in GL(V), \quad V = \text{Span}_{\mathbb{R}} \{ \alpha, \beta \}.$$

$$\sigma \neq 1 \text{ and } \det(\sigma) = 1 \Rightarrow \chi_\sigma(1) \neq 0.$$

$$a = \langle \alpha, \beta^V \rangle \langle \beta, \alpha^V \rangle \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Prop  $a \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $\text{ord}(\sigma) \in \{2, 3, 4, 6\}$ ,

$$\text{and } \langle \alpha, \beta^V \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow \langle \beta, \alpha^V \rangle = 0.$$

Proof

$$\sigma \cdot \alpha = s_\alpha(\alpha - \langle \alpha, \beta^V \rangle \beta) = (a-1)\alpha - \langle \alpha, \beta^V \rangle \beta$$

$$\sigma \cdot \beta = -s_\alpha \cdot \beta = \langle \beta, \alpha^V \rangle \alpha - \beta$$

$$\chi_\sigma(\lambda) = (\lambda+1-a)(\lambda+1) + a = (\lambda+1)^2 - a(\lambda+1) + a.$$

$$\chi_\sigma(\lambda) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{2}a - 1 \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{a^2 - 4a}.$$

$\sigma \in W$  has finite order  $\Rightarrow \sigma$  diagonalizable /  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Eigenvalues are roots of unity  $\neq 1$ .

$a < 0$  or  $a \geq 4$ : Real eigenvalue  $\neq -1$ .  $\nexists$

$$a = 0: \quad \lambda = -1, \quad \sigma = -1. \quad \langle \alpha, \beta^V \rangle = \langle \beta, \alpha^V \rangle = 0.$$

$$a = 1: \quad \lambda = -\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{-3}. \quad \text{ord}(\sigma) = 3.$$

$$a = 2: \quad \lambda = \pm\sqrt{-1} \quad \text{ord}(\sigma) = 4.$$

$$a = 3: \quad \lambda = \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{-3}. \quad \text{ord}(\sigma) = 6.$$

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