

The Unit Group In Certain Hecke Algebras

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Abstract: In this paper, we introduce some properties of unit group in the degenerate Hecke algebra.

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Introduction

A Coxeter System is a pair (W, S) consisting of a group W and a set of generators S , subject only to relations of the form $(ss')^{m(s,s')} = 1$, where $m(s, s') = 1, m(s, s') = m(s', s) \geq 2$ for $s \neq s'$ in S .

An arbitrary $w \in W$ can be written as a product of elements in S , say $w = s_1 \cdots s_r$ (where $s_i \in S$). Define the length $l(w)$ of w to be the smallest r for which such an expression exists, and call the expression reduced.

We begin with a very general construction of associative algebras over a commutative ring A (with 1). Such an algebra will have a free A -basis parametrized by the element of W , together with a multiplication law which reflects in a certain way the multiplication in W . The algebra will also depend on some parameters $a_s, b_s \in A$ ($s \in S$), subject only to the requirement that $a_s = b_t$ and $b_s = a_t$ whenever s and t are conjugate in W . The starting point for the construction is a free A -module \mathcal{E} on the set W , with basis elements denoted T_w ($w \in W$).

THEOREM 1.1(see [1]) Given elements a_s, b_s as above, there exists a unique structure of associative A -algebra on the free A -module \mathcal{E} , with T_1 acting as the identity, such that the identity, such that the following conditions hold for all $s \in S, w \in W$:

$$T_s T_w = T_{sw} \quad \text{if } l(sw) > l(w), \quad (1)$$

$$T_s T_w = a_s T_w + b_s T_{sw} \quad \text{if } l(sw) < l(w). \quad (2)$$

The algebra described by the theorem, denoted $\mathcal{E}_A(a_s, b_s)$, is called a generic algebra. Having constructed generic algebras $\mathcal{E}_A(a_s, b_s)$ over an arbitrary commutative ring A . Now let A be the ring $Z[q, q^{-1}]$ of Laurent polynomials over Z in the indeterminate q . With the further convention that $a_s = q - 1$ and $b_s = q$ for all $s \in S$, we write H for the resulting generic algebra and call it the Hecke algebra of W . In particular, we call it the degenerate Hecke algebra of W if $q = 0$. The relations (1) and (2) become:

$$T_s T_w = T_{sw} \quad \text{if } l(sw) > l(w),$$

$$T_s T_w = -T_w \quad \text{if } l(sw) < l(w).$$

For the right-handed version, we have the relations as follows

$$T_w T_s = T_{ws} \quad \text{if } l(ws) > l(w),$$

$$T_w T_s = -T_w \quad \text{if } l(ws) < l(w).$$

Main Result and Their Proofs

PROPOSITION 2.1 Let $w_1 \in W$, If there exists $w_2 \in W$ such that $T_{w_1} T_{w_2} = T_1$, then $w_1 = w_2 = 1$.

Proof. Suppose that $T_{w_1} T_{w_2} = \pm T_w$ it is clear that $l(w) \geq l(w_1)$ and $l(w) \geq l(w_2)$. Moreover, by the hypothesis $T_{w_1} T_{w_2} = T_1$, so we can get $w_1 = w_2 = 1$.

Given W , with $|W| = n < \infty$, say $W = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$, where $l(w_1) \leq l(w_2) \leq \dots \leq l(w_n)$ and w_1 is the identity element.

PROPOSITION 2.2 Let $h = a_1 T_{w_1} + a_2 T_{w_2} + \dots + a_n T_{w_n}$, $h_1 = b_1 T_{w_1} + b_2 T_{w_2} + \dots + b_n T_{w_n}$ ($l(w_1) \leq l(w_2) \leq \dots \leq l(w_n)$), if $hh_1 = T_1$, then $w_1 = 1$, $a_1 b_1 = 1$ and $T_{w_m} T_{w_n} = \pm T_{w_j}$, $T_{w_n} T_{w_m} = \pm T_{w_j}$, where $m \leq n \leq j$ and $j \neq 1$, all coefficients of these products in the sum is equal to 0.

Proof. According to $hh_1 = T_1$, it is clear to get these results.

Given $h = \sum_{w \in W} a_w T_w = a_1 T_{w_1} + a_2 T_{w_2} + \dots + a_n T_{w_n}$, $h_1 = \sum_{w \in W} b_w T_w = b_1 T_{w_1} + \dots + b_n T_{w_n}$, where $a_{w_i} = a_i, b_{w_i} = b_i$,

we denote $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)^T$ by B . Suppose that $hh_1 = T_1$, we will describe a method to compute b_1, \dots, b_n .

For every $w_i \in W$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$), we define by T_{w_i} a linear transformation of H and $T_{w_i} : T_{w_i}(T_w) = T_{w_i} T_w$ ($w \in W$), let M_i be a matrix of a linear transformation T_{w_i} under the basis $\{T_{w_1}, T_{w_2}, \dots, T_{w_n}\}$, which show that M_i is a lower triangular matrix.

Remark: $W = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$, for all $h \in \sum_{w \in W} a_w T_w$, we write $h = a_1 T_{w_1} + a_2 T_{w_2} + \dots + a_n T_{w_n}$, where $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$. h can be written in $n!$ different way, but computing the final result of h_1 can not change, to simplify calculation, we seek a partial ordering $l(w_1) \leq l(w_2) \leq \dots \leq l(w_n)$ in W . some results are described in the below.

$$T_{w_i}(T_{w_1}, T_{w_2}, \dots, T_{w_n}) = (T_{w_1}, T_{w_2}, \dots, T_{w_n})M_i \quad (3)$$

Let a_i act on (3), then

$$a_i T_{w_i}(T_{w_1}, T_{w_2}, \dots, T_{w_n}) = (T_{w_1}, T_{w_2}, \dots, T_{w_n})a_i M_i$$

We can conclude

$$(a_1 T_{w_1} + a_2 T_{w_2} + \dots + a_n T_{w_n})(T_{w_1}, T_{w_2}, \dots, T_{w_n}) = (T_{w_1}, T_{w_2}, \dots, T_{w_n})(a_1 M_1 + \dots + a_n M_n)$$

$$(T_{w_1}, T_{w_2}, \dots, T_{w_n}) \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} (T_{w_1}, T_{w_2}, \dots, T_{w_n}) = (T_{w_1}, T_{w_2}, \dots, T_{w_n})(a_1 M_1 + \dots + a_n M_n)$$

$$hh_1 = (T_{w_1}, T_{w_2}, \dots, T_{w_n}) \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} (T_{w_1}, T_{w_2}, \dots, T_{w_n}) \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix} = (T_{w_1}, T_{w_2}, \dots, T_{w_n})(a_1 M_1 + \dots + a_n M_n) \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Suppose that $hh_1 = T_1$, the following condition is satisfied:

$$(T_{w_1}, T_{w_2}, \dots, T_{w_n})(a_1 M_1 + \dots + a_n M_n) \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix} = (T_{w_1}, T_{w_2}, \dots, T_{w_n}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let $h = \sum a_w T_w \in H$, there exists some $h_1 \in \sum b_w T_w \in H$ such that $hh_1 = T_1$. it implies that

$$(a_1 M_1 + \dots + a_n M_n)X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Write $V_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0)^T$, then $(a_1 M_1 + \dots + a_n M_n)X = V_1$. In particular, let $h = h_1, h_1^2 = T_1$, which satisfy $(a_1 M_1 + \dots + a_n M_n)B = V_1$.

Example

3.1. $W = A_1, T_{w_1} = T_1, T_{w_2} = T_{s_1}$. Obviously, $T_1 T_1 = T_1, T_1 T_{s_1} = T_{s_1}, T_{s_1} T_1 = T_{s_1}, T_{s_1} T_{s_1} = -T_{s_1}$. Thus

$$M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, M_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let $h = a_1 T_{w_1} + a_2 T_{w_2}$, $h = b_1 T_{w_1} + b_2 T_{w_2}$, then

$$(a_1 M_1 + a_2 M_2) \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Or, equivalently

$$\begin{cases} a_1 b_1 = 1 \\ a_2 b_1 + (a_1 - a_2) b_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

We can obtain

$a_1 = 1, b_1 = 1, a_2 = 0, b_2 = 0$; or $a_1 = -1, b_1 = -1, a_2 = 0, b_2 = 0$; or $a_1 = 1, b_1 = 1, a_2 = 2, b_2 = 2$;
or $a_1 = -1, b_1 = -1, a_2 = -2, b_2 = -2$;

Consider the case that $h = h_1$, we have

$$\begin{cases} a_1^2 = 1 \\ a_2 a_1 + (a_1 - a_2) a_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

We can get

$$\begin{cases} a_1 = 1 \\ a_2 = 0 \end{cases} \begin{cases} a_1 = -1 \\ a_2 = 0 \end{cases} \begin{cases} a_1 = 1 \\ a_2 = 2 \end{cases} \begin{cases} a_1 = -1 \\ a_2 = -2 \end{cases}$$

Therefore

$$T_1^2 = T_1, (-T_1)^2 = T_1, (T_1 + 2T_{s_1})^2 = T_1, (-T_1 - 2T_{s_1})^2 = T_1.$$

Given W as above, let U be the unity group which consists of all invertible elements in H , we will know

that $T_1 \in U$, $-T_1 \in U$ and some $h = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i T_{w_i}$ may lie in U , assume that $h \in U$, it not only satisfies $hh_1 = T_1$, but also

$h_1 h = T_1$, where $h_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i T_{w_i}$, since T_{w_i} and T_{w_j} ($i \neq j$) may not commute. if $h \in U$ iff $hh_1 = h_1 h = T_1$, in

particular, if $h^2 = T_1$, then $h \in U$. When $W = A_1$, for any $h \in \sum a_w T_w$, $h_1 \in \sum a_w T_w$, h and h_1 can commute, since T_{w_i} and T_{w_j} ($i \neq j$) can commute. From the previous example, we can obtain that

$(T_1 + 2T_{s_1}) \in U$ and $(-T_1 - 2T_{s_1}) \in U$. Consider an example in the below, where not all T_{w_i} and T_{w_j} ($i \neq j$) can commute.

3.2. let $W = A_2, T_{w_1} = T_1, T_{w_2} = T_{s_1}, T_{w_3} = T_{s_2}, T_{w_4} = T_{s_1 s_2}, T_{w_5} = T_{s_2 s_1}, T_{w_6} = T_{s_1 s_2 s_1}$.

$$M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, M_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, M_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$M_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, M_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, M_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let $h = \sum_{i=1}^6 a_i T_{w_i}$, suppose that $h \in U$, then there exists $h_1 = \sum_{i=1}^6 b_i T_{w_i}$ such that $hh_1 = h_1h = T_1$, which satisfy

$$(a_1 M_1 + \dots + a_6 M_6) \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_6 \end{pmatrix} = V_1 \text{ and } (b_1 M_1 + \dots + b_6 M_6) \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_6 \end{pmatrix} = V_1$$

Thus, we can obtain

$$a_1 = 1, b_1 = 1, a_2 = 2, b_2 = 2, a_3 = 2, b_3 = 2, a_4 + b_4 = 4, a_5 + b_5 = 4,$$

$$16 - 3(a_6 + b_6) + (-a_4 - a_5 + a_6)(b_4 + b_5 - b_6) = 0;$$

Or

$$a_1 = 1, b_1 = 1, a_2 = 2, b_2 = 2, a_3 = 0, b_3 = 0, a_4 = b_4, a_5 = b_5,$$

$$2(a_4 + b_5) - (a_6 + b_6) + (-a_4 - a_5 + a_6)(b_4 + b_5 - b_6) = 0;$$

Or

$$a_1 = 1, b_1 = 1, a_2 = 0, b_2 = 0, a_3 = 2, b_3 = 2, a_4 = b_4, a_5 = b_5,$$

$$2(a_5 + b_4) - (a_6 + b_6) + (-a_4 - a_5 + a_6)(b_4 + b_5 - b_6) = 0;$$

$$\text{Or } a_1 = 1, b_1 = 1, a_2 = 0, b_2 = 0, a_3 = 0, b_3 = 0, a_4 + b_4 = 0, a_5 + b_5 = 0, a_6 + b_6 + (-a_4 - a_5 + a_6)(b_4 + b_5 - b_6) = 0;$$

$$\text{Or } a_1 = -1, b_1 = -1, a_2 = -2, b_2 = -2, a_3 = -2, b_3 = -2, a_4 + b_4 = -4, a_5 + b_5 = -4,$$

$$16 + 3(a_6 + b_6) + (-a_4 - a_5 + a_6)(b_4 + b_5 - b_6) = 0;$$

Or

$$a_1 = -1, b_1 = -1, a_2 = -2, b_2 = -2, a_3 = 0, b_3 = 0, a_4 = b_4, a_5 = b_5,$$

$$-2(a_4 + b_5) + (a_6 + b_6) + (-a_4 - a_5 + a_6)(b_4 + b_5 - b_6) = 0;$$

Or

$$a_1 = -1, b_1 = -1, a_2 = 0, b_2 = 0, a_3 = -2, b_3 = -2, a_4 = b_4, a_5 = b_5,$$

$$-2(a_5 + b_4) + (a_6 + b_6) + (-a_4 - a_5 + a_6)(b_4 + b_5 - b_6) = 0;$$

Or

$$a_1 = -1, b_1 = -1, a_2 = 0, b_2 = 0, a_3 = 0, b_3 = 0, a_4 + b_4 = 0, a_5 + b_5 = 0, -(a_6 + b_6) + (-a_4 - a_5 + a_6)(b_4 + b_5 - b_6) = 0;$$

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