

# The exceptional group $G_4$

## 1 Presentation

Let  $R := \mathbb{Z}[a, b, c^{\pm 1}]$ . The Hecke algebra associated with  $G_4$  admits the following presentation:

$$H_{G_4} = \langle s, t \mid sts = tst, \quad s^3 = as^2 + bs + c, \quad t^3 = at^2 + bt + c \rangle.$$

## 2 Relations

**Braid relation :**  $sts = tst$ .

**Positive Hecke relations :**  $s^3 = as^2 + bs + c$  and  $t^3 = at^2 + bt + c$

**Inverse Hecke relations :**  $s^{-1} = c^{-1}s^2 - ac^{-1}s - bc^{-1}$  and  $t^{-1} = c^{-1}t^2 - ac^{-1}t - bc^{-1}$ .

## 3 The basis $\mathcal{B}_4$

$b_1 = 1$	$b_{13} = st^2$
$b_2 = s$	$b_{14} = st$
$b_3 = s^2$	$b_{15} = st^2s$
$b_4 = ststst$	$b_{16} = sts$
$b_5 = stststs$	$b_{17} = st^2s^2$
$b_6 = stststs^2$	$b_{18} = sts^2$
$b_7 = t^2$	$b_{19} = s^2t^2$
$b_8 = t$	$b_{20} = s^2t$
$b_9 = t^2s$	$b_{21} = s^2t^2s$
$b_{10} = ts$	$b_{22} = s^2ts$
$b_{11} = t^2s^2$	$b_{23} = s^2t^2s^2$
$b_{12} = ts^2$	$b_{24} = s^2ts^2$

## 4 Special cases

We denote by  $eq_t(m)$ , where  $m$  is an element of the image of the corresponding braid group inside  $H_{G_4}$ , an element  $m'$  which can transform into  $m$  by applying the braid relation and which ends with  $t$ .

**Case 1 :**  $sts^m t$  with  $m \in \{2, 3\}$ .

$$sts^m t = eq_t(sts^m t s^{-1}).$$

**Case 2 :** An element that contains 3 cubes in a row.

We give an example here. Let  $s^2t^2s^2t^2$ . We write  $s^2t^2s^2t^2 = (s^2t^2s^2ts) \cdot s^{-1}t$ . We apply now the braid relation to the element  $s^2t^2s^2ts$  until we transform it to an element that ends with  $t$  and contains a cube. In this example we have:  $(s^2t^2s^2ts) \cdot s^{-1}t = s^2t^3st^2s^{-1}t$ . We now apply the positive Hecke relation and we have:  $s^2t^3st^2s^{-1}t = as^2t^2st^2s^{-1}t + bs^2tst^2s^{-1}t + cs^3t^2s^{-1}t$ . We now check if by applying the braid relation, we can omit the negative power. We have:  $s^2t^2st^2s^{-1}t = ts^2t^2$  and  $s^2tst^2s^{-1}t = s^4t^2$ . If this is not the case, we apply the inverse Hecke relation.

**Case 3 :**  $ts^2t^2x$  with  $x$  an element of the image of the corresponding braid group inside  $H_{G_4}$ .

$$ts^2t^2x = s^{-1}t^2st^3x.$$

**Case 4 :**  $st^2s^2tx$  with  $x$  an element of the image of the corresponding braid group inside  $H_{G_4}$ .

$$st^2s^2tx = \text{eq}_t(st^2s^2ts)s^{-1}x.$$

**Case 5 :**  $s^2t^2x$  and  $t^2s^2x$  with  $x$  an element of the image of the corresponding braid group inside  $H_{G_4}$ .

We write for example,  $s^2t^2x = s^2t^2x \cdot s \cdot s^{-1}$  or  $s^2t^2x = s^2t^2x \cdot t \cdot t^{-1}$ , depending on  $x$ .

## 5 The extra condition

Let  $z$  be the central element  $ststst$ . We recall that  $|Z(G_4)| = 2$ . In order to prove the extra condition, we will write  $\tau(z^2b_i^{-1})$  for all  $b_i \in \mathcal{B}_4 \setminus \{1\}$  as  $\mathbb{Z}[a, b, c^{\pm 1}]$ -linear combinations of elements of the form  $\tau(b_jb_l)$  with  $b_j, b_l \in \mathcal{B}_8$  and elements of the form  $\tau(z^2b_r^{-1})$  with  $r \neq i$  that have already been calculated. Therefore, we can show that  $\tau(z^4b_i^{-1}) = 0$  for all  $b_i \in \mathcal{B}_4 \setminus \{1\}$  using the entries of the matrix  $A$ , which are computed by the C++ program.

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(z^2b_2^{-1}) &= \tau(z^2s^{-1}) = c^{-1}\tau(z^2s^2) - ca^{-1}\tau(z^2s) - cb^{-1}\tau(z^2) = c^{-1}\tau(b_4b_6) - ca^{-1}\tau(b_4b_5) - cb^{-1}\tau(b_4b_4) = \\ &= c^{-1}(a^2c^4 + bc^4) - ca^{-1}(ac^4) - cb^{-1}(c^4) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\tau(z^2b_3^{-1}) = \tau(zts^2t) = \tau(zs^2t^2) = \tau(b_6b_7) = 0.$$

$$\tau(z^2b_4^{-1}) = \tau(z) = \tau(b_4) = 0.$$

$$\tau(z^2b_5^{-1}) = \tau(t^2st^2) = \tau(b_7b_{13}) = 0.$$

$$\tau(z^2b_6^{-1}) = \tau(tst^2t) = \tau(b_{12}b_8) = 0.$$

$$\tau(z^2b_7^{-1}) = \tau(zst^2s) = \tau(b_4b_{15}) = 0.$$

$$\tau(z^2b_8^{-1}) = \tau(zs^2ts^2) = \tau(b_4b_{24}) = 0.$$

$$\tau(z^2b_9^{-1}) = \tau(zt^2s) = \tau(b_4b_9) = 0.$$

$$\tau(z^2b_{10}^{-1}) = \tau(zsts^2) = \tau(b_4b_{18}) = 0.$$

$$\tau(z^2b_{11}^{-1}) = \tau(zs^{-1}t^2s) = \tau(zt^2) = \tau(b_4b_7) = 0.$$

$$\tau(z^2b_{12}^{-1}) = \tau(zts^2) = \tau(b_4b_{12}) = 0.$$

$$\tau(z^2b_{13}^{-1}) = \tau(z^2t^{-2}s^{-1}) = \tau(z^2s^{-1}t^{-2}) = \tau(z^2b_9^{-1}) = 0.$$

$$\tau(z^2b_{14}^{-1}) = \tau(z^2t^{-1}s^{-1}) = \tau(z^2s^{-1}t^{-1}) = \tau(z^2b_{10}^{-1}) = 0.$$

$$\tau(z^2b_{15}^{-1}) = \tau(z^2s^{-1}t^{-2}s^{-1}) = \tau(z^2s^{-2}t^{-2}) = \tau(z^2b_{11}^{-1}) = 0.$$

$$\tau(z^2b_{16}^{-1}) = \tau(z^2s^{-1}t^{-1}s^{-1}) = \tau(z^2s^{-2}t^{-1}) = \tau(z^2b_{12}^{-1}) = 0.$$

$$\tau(z^2b_{17}^{-1}) = \tau(sts^4t) = \tau(b_{18}b_{20}) = 0.$$

$$\tau(z^2b_{18}^{-1}) = \tau(t^2s^2ts) = \tau(b_7b_{22}) = 0.$$

$$\tau(z^2b_{19}^{-1}) = \tau(z^2t^{-2}s^{-2}) = \tau(z^2s^{-2}t^{-2}) = \tau(z^2b_{11}^{-1}) = 0.$$

$$\tau(z^2b_{20}^{-1}) = \tau(z^2t^{-1}s^{-2}) = \tau(z^2s^{-2}t^{-1}) = \tau(z^2b_{12}^{-1}) = 0.$$

$$\tau(z^2b_{21}^{-1}) = \tau(z^2s^{-1}t^{-2}s^{-2}) = \tau(z^2s^{-2}t^{-2}s^{-1}) = \tau(z^2b_{17}^{-1}) = 0.$$

$$\tau(z^2b_{22}^{-1}) = \tau(z^2s^{-1}t^{-1}s^{-2}) = \tau(z^2s^{-2}t^{-1}s^{-1}) = \tau(z^2b_{18}^{-1}) = 0.$$

$$\tau(z^2b_{23}^{-1}) = \tau(zs^{-1}t^2s^{-1}) = \tau(zs^{-2}t^2) = \tau(ts^2t^3) = \tau(t^2s^2t^2) = \tau(b_{11}b_7) = 0.$$

$$\tau(z^2b_{24}^{-1}) = \tau(zt) = \tau(b_4b_8) = 0.$$