

# Monster Roots

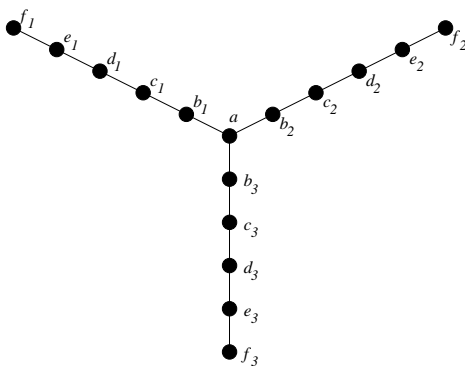
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## 1. Introduction

It is now known [Nor] [Iva] that the *Bimonster*, or wreathed square  $\mathbb{M}\wr 2$  of the Monster group  $\mathbb{M}$ , is presented by the single relation

$$(ab_1c_1ab_2c_2ab_3c_3)^{10} = 1 \tag{1}$$

in addition to the Coxeter relations of the  $\mathbb{M}_{666}$  diagram (Figure 1).



**Figure 1:**  $\mathbb{M}_{666}$  diagram.

In the Atlas [Co1] and previous papers on this subject the group generated by  $a$  together with

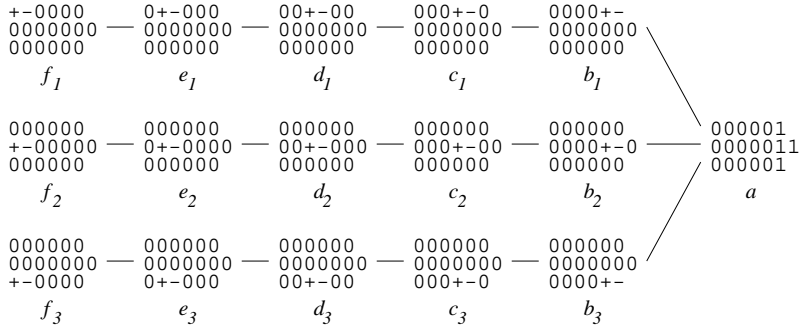
- the first  $p$  of  $b_1, c_1, d_1, e_1, f_1$
- the first  $q$  of  $b_2, c_2, d_2, e_2, f_2$
- the first  $r$  of  $b_3, c_3, d_3, e_3, f_3$

is called  $Y_{pqr}$ . However, since this group appears to be more naturally associated with the parameters  $p + 1, q + 1, r + 1$ , we introduce the alternate notation  $\mathbb{M}_{p+1, q+1, r+1}$ .

The Coxeter group  $c\mathbb{M}_{666}$  defined by the  $\mathbb{M}_{666}$  diagram is a hyperbolic reflection group (a group generated by reflections in hyperplanes containing the origin in a Lorentzian space), so the Norton-Ivanov theorem [Nor] [Iva] shows that the Bimonster is a homomorphic image of this very concretely geometrical group.

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**Figure 2: The fundamental Monster roots in System 1.**

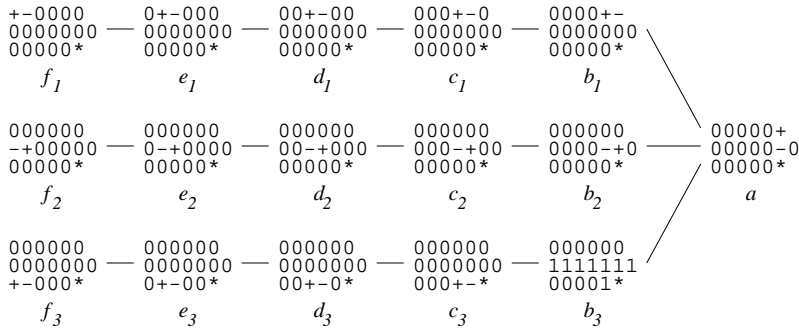
In this system the fundamental Monster roots are as indicated in Figure 3. All the vectors satisfy the following relations.

$$a + b + c + d + e + f + g + h + i + j + k + l = 6s$$

$$m + n + o + p + q = s$$

Thus  $s$  is redundant, and we shall sometimes omit it. We call  $s$  the *size*. On occasion we use the notation

$$a \ b \ c \ d \ e \ f \ l \ k \ j \ i \ h \ g \ | \ m \ n \ o \ p \ q .$$



**Figure 3: The fundamental Monster roots in System 2.**

The two systems are linearly equivalent. Just let

$$\begin{matrix} a & b & c & d & e & f & & a & b & c & d & e & f \\ g & h & i & j & k & l & t = & g' & h' & i' & j' & k' & l' & s \\ m & n & o & p & q & r & & m & n & o & p & q & * \end{matrix} \quad (4)$$

where

$$g + g' = h + h' = i + i' = j + j' = k + k' = l + l' = s$$

$$m + n + o + p + q = s = t - r.$$

There really are 36 different System 2 coordinate systems determined by placement of the star and choice of row to be inverted in equation (4). We can indicate this choice of row to be inverted by replacing  $*$  by  $\uparrow$  or  $\downarrow$  which (cyclically) points at the row to be inverted. As a convention we choose  $*$  to have the same meaning as  $\uparrow$ . In  $\mathbb{M}_{666}$  this choice has no effect. Looking at roots from the point of view of different coordinate systems is of great use for our computations.

We are now able to consider the (practical) enumeration of Monster roots. This theory is briefly discussed in [Co2], but we shall provide a more detailed treatment of it.

We start with the fundamental Monster roots  $r_1, \dots, r_{16}$ . These satisfy  $(r_i, r_i) = 2$  for all  $i$  and  $(r_i, r_j) = 0$  or  $-1$  for all  $i \neq j$ . Since every Monster root  $r$  has  $(r, r) = 2$  it follows that the formula for a reflection in  $r$  is  $x \rightarrow x - (x, r)r = x^r$ . This implies that every Monster root has integral coordinates in both systems.

By the theory of Coxeter groups [Hum, Section 5.13] we know that the reflecting hyperplanes of  $c\mathbb{M}_{666}$  divide the hyperbolic space into copies of what is called the fundamental region, which we take to be the intersection of the halfspaces defined by  $(r_i, x) < 0$ . We now choose a point  $w$  inside the fundamental region, so that  $(w, w) < 0$  and  $(r_i, w) < 0$  for all  $i$ . In hyperbolic space [Vin] the distance  $d$  between  $w$  and  $r^\perp$  can be defined such that

$$\sinh d = \frac{|(w, r)|}{\sqrt{|(w, w)||r, r)|}}. \tag{5}$$

Therefore we can use (5) as an indicator of distance between  $r^\perp$  and  $w$ . If a vector  $r$  is such that  $(r, w) < 0$  while for some  $i$   $(r, r_i) > 0$ , then  $r^{r_i^\perp}$  is necessarily closer to  $w$  than  $r^\perp$  is. Therefore  $|(w, r^{r_i})| < |(w, r)|$ . We can use induction on  $|(r, w)|$  (noting that  $w$  can be chosen to have rational coordinates) to obtain the following test for whether a given vector  $r$  is a Monster root.

**Test 2.1.** *First check if  $(r, r) = 2$  and that the coordinates of  $r$  are integral. Then repeat the following steps:*

1. *If  $r \in \{\pm r_1, \dots, \pm r_{16}\}$  then  $r$  is a Monster root.*
2. *Otherwise replace  $r$  by  $r^{r_i}$  for  $i$  such that  $(r, r_i)$  and  $(r, w)$  have opposite signs. If no such  $i$  exists then  $r$  is not a Monster root.*

In System 1, reflections in the fundamental Monster roots other than  $a$  just interchange two coordinates and therefore generate the *coordinate permutation group*  $S_6 \times S_6 \times S_6$  where each  $S_6$  permutes the coordinates within a row. The 18 coordinates  $a, \dots, r$  are divided into 3 *blocks* of 6 coordinates each. Since Monster roots are integral and of norm 2, the Monster roots of type  $t = 0$  or  $t = 1$  are precisely those of form

$$0^4 + -|0^6|0^6 \text{ or } 0^5 1|0^5 1|0^5 1.$$

To test an integral norm 2 vector  $v$  of type  $t > 1$  we first check that it satisfies the relations that follow equation (2). Taking for example  $w$  close to  $1^6|1^6|1^6$ , we find that if  $r$  is a type 1 Monster root then  $(w, r) < 0$ . So the above procedure enables us to replace  $v$  by its reflection in any such  $r$  with  $(v, r) > 0$ . This inner product cannot be

$\geq t$ , since supposing, for example, that

$$v = \begin{matrix} a & b & c & d & e & f \\ g & h & i & j & k & l \\ m & n & o & p & q & r \end{matrix} \text{ and } r = \begin{matrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix}$$

then by the following argument we have that the inner product  $c + k + n - t < t$ . We know that  $c^2 + k^2 + n^2 - t^2 \leq 2$ , and since all coordinates are integers  $t \geq 2$ . The equality  $c^2 + k^2 + n^2 - t^2 = 2$  is inconsistent with our other assumptions, therefore we have  $c^2 + k^2 + n^2 - t^2 \leq 1$ . This implies  $3c^2 + 3k^2 + 3n^2 - 3t^2 \leq 3$ , so that  $(c + k + n)^2 < 4t^2$ . Taking square roots we get  $c + k + n < 2t$  and this is equivalent to the desired inequality. Therefore replacing  $v$  by  $v^r$  reduces to a case of smaller positive type. Monster roots of negative type are precisely the negatives of those of positive type. As a bonus we can inductively show that in System 1 for nonzero type Monster roots, all coordinates have the same sign as their type.

Similar results hold in System 2. The reflections in the fundamental Monster roots other than  $b_3$  just interchange two coordinates and therefore generate the *coordinate permutation group*  $S_{12} \times S_5$  where the  $S_{12}$  acts on the coordinates in the first two rows and the  $S_5$  acts on the coordinates of the starred third row. The 17 coordinates  $a, \dots, q$  are divided into 2 *blocks*: one of 12 coordinates and the other of 5 coordinates. The Monster roots of size  $s = 0$  or  $s = 1$  are precisely of form

$$0^{10} + -|0^5 \text{ or } 0^{12}|0^3 + - \text{ or } 0^6 1^6|0^4 1$$

(where the  $|$  separates the two coordinate blocks). As in System 1, to test an integral norm 2 vector  $v$  of size  $s > 1$  we first check that that the relations following equation (3) are satisfied. We then simply replace  $v$  by its reflection in any root  $r$  of size  $s = 1$  with which it has positive inner product. It is easy to prove that this inner product is  $< s$ , so this test works and in System 2 for nonzero size Monster roots, all coordinates have the same sign as their type. Monster roots of negative size are precisely the negatives of those of positive size.

These facts allow us to enumerate the Monster roots by type in System 1 and by size in System 2. We define the *ancestor* of a Monster root  $r$  to be its reflection in a type or size 1 root vector  $v$  having maximal inner product  $(v, r)$ . The ancestor of a root is unique up to the coordinate permutation group. Therefore, after sorting by the coordinate permutation group, the Monster roots acquire tree structures for System 1 and System 2. These structures allow us to eliminate duplication from our enumeration algorithm. Appendix A contains an initial segment of the (infinite) enumerations of the Monster roots in both System 1 and System 2. Naming conventions are also introduced.

### 3. Axiomatics

In [Co2]  $\mathbb{M}_{666}$  was defined to be the minimal group other than  $S_{17}$  that possesses an  $S_5$ -subgroup  $S$  whose centralizer is a subgroup  $S_{12}$  in which a 7-point stabilizer is conjugate to  $S$ . We call this the  $S_{5,12}$  axiom. It has the appearance of being a very powerful and difficult axiom. We shall give a simpler, more geometric, axiom.

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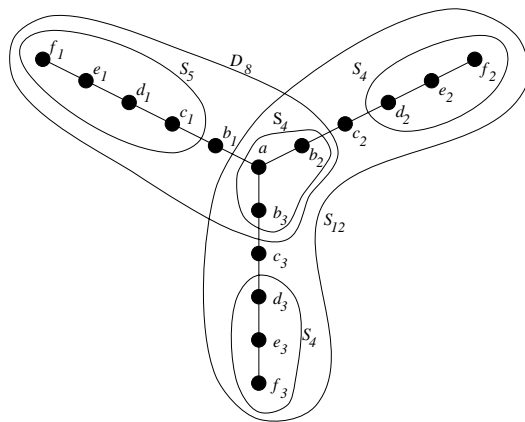
Let  $\delta_i$  be the central involution of the Coxeter group  $W(D_8)$  generated by  $a, b_1, b_2, b_3, c_i, d_i, e_i$  and  $f_i$ . On the space spanned by its  $D_8$  roots,  $\delta_i$  acts as negation.

**Axiom 3.1** ( $D_8$ ).  $\mathbb{M}_{666}$  is the Coxeter group determined by the  $\mathbb{M}_{666}$  diagram (Figure 1) with the added relations:  $1 = \delta_1 = \delta_2 = \delta_3$ .

In fact, by a result of Soicher [Soi] and some of the following results, it is known that the relation  $1 = \delta_1$  implies the other two. We assume that  $\mathbb{M}_{666}$  has order  $> 2$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *The  $S_{5,12}$  axiom implies the  $D_8$  axiom.*

*Proof.* This proof is drawn in Figure 4. Assume the  $S_{5,12}$  axiom. Conway and Pritchard [Co2] showed that the group obtained is necessarily a quotient of  $c\mathbb{M}_{666}$ . Without loss of generality take  $\delta$  to be  $\delta_1$ . Then  $\delta$  centralizes the  $S_5$  generated by  $f_1, e_1, d_1, c_1$  so lies in the  $S_{12}$  generated by  $f_2, e_2, d_2, c_2, b_2, a, b_3, c_3, d_3, e_3, f_3$ . But  $\delta$  centralizes the 3  $S_4$  subgroups  $\langle d_2, e_2, f_2 \rangle, \langle b_2, a, b_3 \rangle$  and  $\langle d_3, e_3, f_3 \rangle$ . It follows that  $\delta$  is the identity.  $\square$

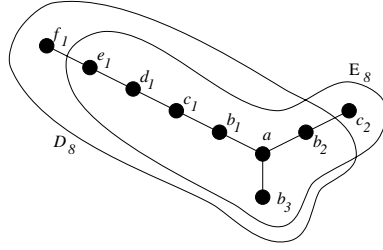


**Figure 4: Proof of theorem 3.1.**

We now deduce some further relations from the  $D_8$  axiom.

Let  $\delta$  be  $\delta_1$  and  $\varepsilon$  be the central involution of  $W(E_8)$ , where  $E_8$  is as indicated in Figure 5. We note that both live in the Weyl group of an extended  $E_8, \tilde{E}_8$  and that  $\varepsilon$  acts as negation on the space spanned by the  $E_8$  roots.

We consider the element  $\delta\varepsilon$ .

Figure 5:  $\tilde{E}_8$ .

Using the general theory of (affine) Coxeter groups [Hum] we introduce the following euclidean coordinates.

$$\begin{array}{rcccccccc}
 f_1 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\
 e_1 & - & + & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 d_1 & 0 & - & + & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 c_1 & 0 & 0 & - & + & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 b_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & - & + & 0 & 0 \\
 a & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & - & + & 0 \\
 b_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & - & + \\
 c_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & - \\
 b_3 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2}
 \end{array}$$

The element  $\delta\varepsilon$  clearly fixes the space spanned by the 7 roots in the generating sets of both  $D_8$  and  $E_8$ . How does  $\delta\varepsilon$  act on the remaining fundamental  $E_8$  root  $c_2$ ? Since the 7 other fundamental roots are fixed,  $c_2$  must go to a vector of the form

$$a \quad a \quad a \quad a \quad a \quad a \quad (a-1) \quad (3a+1).$$

However the norm must be 2 and  $a \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$ , so  $a = 0$  and  $c_2$  must be fixed. Recall that  $W(\tilde{E}_8) \cong \mathbb{Z}^8 : W(E_8)$ . Thus we have seen that the action of  $\delta\varepsilon$  in  $\mathbb{Z}^8 : W(E_8) / \mathbb{Z}^8$  is trivial. Therefore  $\delta\varepsilon$  is a translation.

Looking at the fundamental chamber of the affine  $\tilde{E}_8$  we see that this translation is a translation by twice  $r$  where  $r$  is such that  $(r, f_1) = 1$  and all inner products with other fundamental  $D_8$  roots are 0. It follows that  $r$  is  $-\frac{1}{4}^7 - \frac{3}{4}$ . Therefore  $\delta\varepsilon$  is a translation by a norm 4 vector. We have proven the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.1.** *We have  $\delta\varepsilon = t_{v_4}$  where  $t_{v_4}$  is a translation by a norm 4 vector,  $v_4$ , of  $E_8$ .*

**Theorem 3.2.** *The  $D_8$  axiom implies that the  $E_8$  central involution and all translations in  $E_8$  are trivial in  $\mathbb{M}_{666}$ .*

*Proof.* From the  $D_8$  axiom we have  $\delta = 1$  and so  $\varepsilon = t_{v_4}$ . But the norm 4 vectors of  $E_8$  are all conjugate [Co3]. So for any norm 4 vector,  $v$ , of  $E_8$  we have  $\varepsilon = t_v$ . Choose norm 4  $E_8$  vectors  $v$ ,  $v'$ , and  $v''$  such that  $v + v' + v'' = 0$ . We have  $\varepsilon = t_v$ ,  $\varepsilon = t_{v'}$  and  $\varepsilon = t_{v''}$ , so  $\varepsilon^3 = t_v t_{v'} t_{v''} = 1$ . Hence  $\varepsilon = 1$ . This also implies that

the translation by any norm 4  $E_8$  vector is trivial. The norm 4 vectors of  $E_8$  span  $E_8$  [Co3]. Therefore all translations by  $E_8$  vectors are trivial.  $\square$

Obviously the above results hold for all the  $D_8$  and  $E_8$  subdiagrams of the  $M_{666}$  diagram.

Using the general theory of affine and hyperbolic groups and since

$$\omega = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

spans the radical,  $\tilde{E}_8^\perp$ , of its  $\tilde{E}_8$  lattice, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.3.** *If  $r$  is any root vector of the  $\tilde{E}_8$  corresponding to  $\omega$  then  $r \equiv r + m\omega \equiv -r$  for all  $m$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ . In particular,  $r \equiv \omega - r$ .*

As an example we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 & \equiv & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

In fact this relation (together with the five other ones corresponding to different choices of  $\tilde{E}_8$ ) suffices for the computations in [Co2].

### 4. Conjugacy Classes

We briefly discuss conjugacy in  $M \wr 2$  and  $M_{666}$ .

$M \wr 2$ . We reduce the problem of conjugacy in  $M \wr 2$  to that of conjugacy in  $M$ . It is easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned} (x, y)\tau \sim (x', y')\tau & \text{ just if } xy \sim x'y' \\ (x, y) \sim (x', y') & \text{ just if } x \sim x', y \sim y' \text{ or } x \sim y', y \sim x'. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that the conjugacy classes of  $M \wr 2$  are determined by

1. a single conjugacy class of  $M$  or
2. an unordered pair of conjugacy classes of  $M$ .

In the first case (the *odd* case) we may take an element of the form  $(c, 1)\tau$  as representative. In the second case (the *even* case) we may take an element of the form  $(c_1, c_2)$  as representative.

$M_{666}$ . We identify some conjugacy classes of  $M_{666}$  which we call 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A.

We define 1A to be the class of the identity element. 2A is the class of the product of the two reflection elements

$$\begin{pmatrix} + & - & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

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3A is the class of the product of the two reflection elements

$$\begin{array}{cccccccccccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & + & - & & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdot & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \quad (9)$$

4A is the class of the product of the two reflection elements

$$\begin{array}{cccccccccccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & \cdot & 2 & \cdot & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \quad (10)$$

5A is the class of the product of the two reflection elements

$$\begin{array}{cccccccccccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & \cdot & 4 & \cdot & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \quad (11)$$

6A is the class of the product of the two reflection elements

$$\begin{array}{cccccccccccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & \cdot & 4 & \cdot & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \quad (12)$$

In fact only 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A are required for the purposes of this paper, but 5A and 6A are defined here for general reference.

We note immediately that any product of two orthogonal fundamental reflection elements is in 2A and any product of any two nonorthogonal fundamental reflection elements is in 3A. This follows since in  $c\mathbb{M}_{666}$  any two fundamental roots act as transpositions in some  $S_{12}$ . We extend this to all pairs of roots.

**Theorem 4.1.** *In  $c\mathbb{M}_{666}$  any two roots with inner product  $\pm 1$  or 0 are roots of the same fundamental region.*

**Corollary 4.1.** *If two roots have inner product 0 then the product of their reflections is in 2A. If two roots have inner product  $\pm 1$  then the product of their reflections is in 3A.*

*Proof of theorem.* Let  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  be the two roots and  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  the corresponding walls. The two walls meet in a space of codimension 2 which is a facet of some fundamental region. The angle between  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  is filled with (say)  $m$  copies of the fundamental region. By our hypothesis this angle must be  $\pi/3$  or  $\pi/2$ . But any two walls of the fundamental region meet at one of these two angles, so  $m = 1$ .  $\square$

This proves that the elements of 2A have order 2 and that the elements of 3A have order 3. It is possible to show, using the root and alias tables (Appendices A and B) with a few elementary calculations, that 4A is of order 4. We are using our assumption that  $\mathbb{M}_{666}$  is of order  $> 2$ .

We intend to use the Atlas [Co1] notation, of the form  $nX$ , for the conjugacy classes of  $\mathbb{M}$  and also for the corresponding classes  $(nX, nX^{-1})$  of  $\mathbb{M} \wr 2$ . Using the fact that  $\mathbb{M}_{666} = \mathbb{M} \wr 2$ , we can verify that 2A and 3A are appropriately named. We do this by using the Monster power maps [Co1] to map conjugacy classes of  $\frac{1}{2}(S_{12} \times S_5)$  to conjugacy classes of  $\mathbb{M}$ .

### 5. Alias Groups

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In equation (7) we saw two root vectors whose reflections are equivalent in  $M_{666}$ ,

$$\begin{matrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 & \equiv & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & & & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \end{matrix}$$

We say that each of these roots is an *alias* for the other. This equivalence can be conjugated by elements of the coordinate permutation group  $S_6 \times S_6 \times S_6$  to obtain further equivalences, for example we have

$$\begin{matrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & \equiv & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & & & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix}$$

This family of equivalences can be summarized as  $0^3 1^3 | 0^3 1^3 | 0^4 1 2 \equiv 1^3 0^3 | 0^3 1^3 | 0^4 2 1$ . We express this by saying that the digit permutation  $(01) | \sim | (12)$  preserves the root vector.

For Appendix B one needs to compute similar equivalences for other roots, such as  $0^2 1 2^2 4^2 6^2 7 8^2 | 0^3 4^2$ . These are the interchange of 1 and 7, and the alternating group  $A_6$  on 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, {1,7}. As an example, an equivalent root vector is  $2^2 8 0^2 4^2 6^2 8 1 7 | 0^3 4^2$ .

It is therefore natural to define a *digit* of a root to be the equivalence class of coordinate points in the same block with the property that any pair can be interchanged without changing the corresponding reflection element of  $M_{666}$ . We define the (*small*) *alias group* of the root to be the group of block preserving digit permutations which preserve the root in  $M_{666}$ . The *large* alias group is the small alias group extended by those permutations of the blocks which preserve the root in  $M_{666}$ . In System 2 the large alias group coincides with the small alias group. We will often just use the term *alias group*.

As a final example of the terminology we state that the alias group of  $0^{10} + - | 0^5$  is of order 1 and that + and - are the same digit. The negation of a root is necessarily an alias of the root.

We shall quote [Co2] for the alias groups that appear there (they are for roots of  $M_{663}$  in System 2). However it was not there proved that the alias groups could not be larger than those stated. We need a method to establish such assertions.

We illustrate by computing the alias group of

$$r = \begin{matrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{matrix}$$

The relations of the form of equation (7) show that the group is at least

$$\langle (01) | \sim | (12), \sim | (01) | (12) \rangle.$$

Can it be larger?



transforms  $r$  into its reflection under

$$s = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & + & - \end{pmatrix},$$

but we know that  $r$  and  $s$  do not commute. The alias group is therefore the group  $\langle (01) | \sim |(12), \sim |(01)|(12) \rangle$  of order 4.

In practice we work with a collapsed graph obtained by identifying all nodes joined by  $1A$  edges or  $2A$  edges as in Figure 7. Since  $3A$  edges are then the most common type, we usually omit them (or draw them in ‘invisible ink’). This makes the graph for our example very simple indeed (Figure 8).

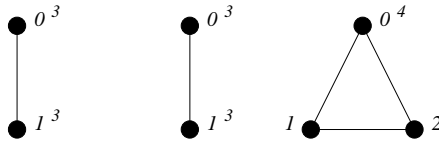


Figure 7: A collapsed graph.

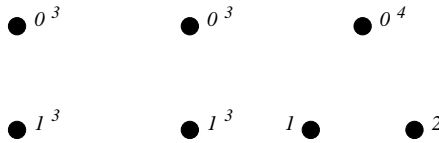


Figure 8: A very collapsed graph.

The above example is done in System 1. We can, of course, make similar alias computations in System 2.

We have identified the Monster roots of small type or size with their associated reflection elements. The alias groups of these reflection elements have also been computed. These are done simultaneously for System 1 and System 2 using an inductive process. To find the elements of the (visible) alias group of a root  $r$ , our main tools are conjugations by reflections in fundamental Monster roots  $r_i$  where  $r^{r_i}$  has known alias group and change of coordinate systems such that  $r$  then has known alias group. Similar techniques determine the reductions of Monster roots to reflection elements. The methods of this section are used to verify that the visible alias groups are the entire alias groups. The results of these computations are presented in Appendices A and B.

## Appendix A: Monster Root Reduction Tables

The first column of these tables names a family of roots equivalent under the coordinate permutation group. The second gives the standard root vector of this family. The third column gives the root vector’s ancestor. When there is a simpler root vector that yields the same reflection element of  $M_{666}$ , it is described in the fourth column. The root vectors of smallest type or size associated with a reflection element are called the *reduced root*

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vectors. The fifth column gives the *reduced family name*, which takes account of such equivalences.

*Family names* (first column) have the form  $n_{sm}$  where  $n$  is the type or size of the root vector and  $m$  of the reduced root vector, while  $s$  is a tag letter (lower case for System 1 and upper case for System 2). To make the equivalences more visible, we sometimes use letters  $a, b, c, \dots$  for the distinct digits of certain reduced root vectors. When  $n = m$ , we say that that  $n_{sm}$  is *irreducible*. To make the system explicit, we can prefix the reduced family names by  $+$  for System 1 and  $-$  for System 2. We define the *type* or *size* of a reflection element to be the type or size of one of its reduced root vectors.

**System 1.** We list all Monster roots of type  $\leq 8$ . For type 9, only those roots reducing to reflection elements of type  $\geq 5$  are listed. For types 10, 11, 12 and 13 we list the irreducible roots. This table is complete up to (and including) type 11, after which there is the (remote) possibility of omission.

$0_a$	000000 000000 0000+-			0
$1_a$	000001 000001 000001			1
$2_a$	000011 000011 000011	$1_a$		2
$3_a$	000111 000111 000012	$2_a$		3
$4_a$	000112 000112 000112	$2_a$		4
$4_{a2}$	001111 000112 000022	$3_a$	110000 000110 000011	2
$4_{b2}$	001111 001111 000013	$3_a$	110000 110000 000011	2
$5_{a4}$	001112 000113 000122	$3_a$	110002 000112 000211	4
$5_{b4}$	000122 000122 000122	$4_a$	000211 000211 000211	4
$5_{a3}$	001112 001112 000023	$3_a$	110001 001110 000012	3
$5_{a1}$	011111 000122 000023	$4_{a2}$	100000 000100 000010	1
$5_{b1}$	011111 011111 000014	$4_{b2}$	100000 100000 000010	1
$6_a$	001122 000123 000123	$4_a$		6
$6_b$	001122 001122 000114	$4_a$		6'
$6_{a4}$	001113 001113 000123	$3_a$	110002 110002 000121	4
$6_{a3}$	001113 000123 000222	$4_{a2}$	110001 000102 000111	3
$6_{b3}$	011112 000114 000222	$4_{a2}$	100002 000111 000111	3
$6_{c3}$	000222 000222 000123	$5_{b4}$	000111 000111 000210	3
$6_{a2}$	011112 001113 000033	$4_{b2}$	100001 110000 000011	2
$6_{b2}$	011112 001122 000024	$4_{a2}$	100001 001100 000011	2
$6_{c2}$	001122 001122 000033	$5_{a3}$	001100 001100 000011	2
$6_{a0}$	011112 000222 000033	$5_{a1}$	+0000- 000000 000000	0
$6_{b0}$	111111 000123 000033	$5_{a1}$	000000 000+0- 000000	0
$6_{c0}$	111111 000222 000024	$5_{a1}$	000000 000000 0000+-	0
$6_{d0}$	111111 111111 000015	$5_{b1}$	000000 000000 0000+-	0
$7_a$	001123 001123 000124	$4_a$		7
$7_{a4}$	001114 001123 000223	$4_{a2}$	110002 001120 000112	4
$7_{b4}$	001123 000133 000223	$5_{a4}$	001120 000211 000112	4
$7_{c4}$	011122 000133 000124	$5_{a4}$	200011 000211 000121	4
$7_{d4}$	001114 000133 001222	$5_{a4}$	110002 000211 112000	4
$7_{e4}$	001222 000223 000124	$5_{b4}$	112000 000112 000121	4

$7_{f4}$	011122 000115 001222	$5_{a4}$	200011 000112 112000	4
$7_{g4}$	001222 000133 000133	$6_a$	112000 000211 000211	4
$7_{a3}$	011113 001114 000133	$4_{b2}$	100002 110001 000111	3
$7_{b3}$	011122 001123 000034	$5_{a3}$	011100 001101 000012	3
$7_{c3}$	011122 011122 000025	$5_{a3}$	100011 011100 000012	3
$7_{a2}$	011113 000124 000223	$4_{a2}$	100001 000101 000110	2
$7_{b2}$	000223 000223 000223	$5_{b4}$	000110 000110 000110	2
$7_{a1}$	011113 011113 000034	$4_{b2}$	100000 100000 000010	1
$7_{b1}$	111112 000223 000034	$5_{a1}$	000001 000001 000001	1
$7_{c1}$	011113 001222 000034	$5_{a1}$	100000 001000 000001	1
$7_{d1}$	111112 001222 000025	$5_{a1}$	000001 001000 000010	1
$7_{e1}$	001222 001222 000034	$6_{c2}$	001000 001000 000010	1
$8_a$	001124 001124 001124	$4_a$		8
$8_{a7}$	001124 000134 001223	$5_{a4}$	110023 000124 002113	7
$8_{b7}$	001223 001223 000125	$5_{b4}$	002113 002113 000214	7
$8_{a6}$	011123 001133 000125	$5_{a4}$	100023 001122 000213	6
$8_{b6}$	001124 001133 000224	$5_{a4}$	110022 001122 000114	6'
$8_{c6}$	001115 001133 001223	$5_{a4}$	110004 001122 002112	6'
$8_{d6}$	001133 001133 000134	$6_{a4}$	110022 110022 000114	6'
$8_{a4}$	011123 000134 000224	$5_{a4}$	100021 000121 000112	4
$8_{b4}$	001124 001124 000233	$5_{a3}$	001102 001102 000211	4
$8_{c4}$	001223 000224 000224	$5_{b4}$	002110 000112 000112	4
$8_{d4}$	011123 001115 000233	$5_{a3}$	100012 110002 000211	4
$8_{e4}$	001223 000233 000134	$6_a$	002110 000211 000121	4
$8_{f4}$	001124 000233 000233	$6_a$	110020 000211 000211	4
$8_{g4}$	011222 000233 000125	$6_a$	211000 000211 000211	4
$8_{h4}$	011222 011222 000116	$6_b$	211000 211000 000112	4
$8_{i4}$	011222 000134 000134	$6_a$	211000 000121 000121	4
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$8_{c2}$	001133 000233 000224	$6_{a3}$	001100 000011 000110	2
$8_{d2}$	011123 001223 000044	$6_{b2}$	100010 001001 000011	2
$8_{e2}$	001133 000125 002222	$6_{a3}$	001100 000101 110000	2
$8_{f2}$	001115 000233 002222	$6_{a3}$	110000 000011 110000	2
$8_{g2}$	111122 001133 000035	$6_{a2}$	000011 110000 000011	2
$8_{h2}$	011222 001223 000035	$6_{c2}$	011000 001001 000011	2
$8_{i2}$	111122 011222 000026	$6_{b2}$	000011 011000 000011	2
$8_{j2}$	111122 000116 002222	$6_{b3}$	000011 000110 110000	2
$8_{k2}$	011114 011222 000044	$6_{b2}$	100001 011000 000011	2
$8_{l2}$	111122 001124 000044	$6_{b2}$	000011 001100 000011	2
$8_{m2}$	002222 000224 000134	$6_{c3}$	110000 000110 000101	2
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$8_{o2}$	111122 000233 000044	$7_{b1}$	000011 000011 000011	2
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$8_{b1}$	111113 000125 000233	$5_{a1}$	000001 000100 000100	1
$8_{c1}$	000233 000233 000233	$7_{b2}$	000100 000100 000100	1
$8_{a0}$	111113 011114 000044	$5_{b1}$	000000 +0000- 000000	0
$8_{b0}$	111113 001223 000035	$5_{a1}$	000000 00+00- 000000	0
$8_{c0}$	011123 002222 000035	$6_{a0}$	+000-0 000000 000000	0
$8_{d0}$	002222 001223 000044	$7_{e1}$	000000 00+00- 000000	0
$8_{e0}$	002222 002222 000035	$7_{e1}$	000000 000000 0000+-	0
$9_a$	001224 001224 000144	$6_b$	<i>aabccd aabccd 000144</i>	9
$9_b$	011223 001125 000144	$6_b$	<i>baaccd aaccbd 000144</i>	9
$9_c$	001233 001134 000144	$7_a$	<i>aabdcc ccaabd 000144</i>	9
$9_{a8}$	001125 001134 001224	$5_{a4}$	110024 001124 002114	8
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$9_{b7}$	001224 001233 000135	$6_a$	112003 003211 000124	7
$9_{c7}$	001125 001233 000234	$6_a$	001123 003211 000124	7
$9_{d7}$	011223 001233 000126	$6_a$	200113 002311 000124	7
$9_{a6}$	011124 000135 001224	$5_{a4}$	100023 000123 002112	6
$9_{b6}$	001224 000234 000234	$6_a$	002112 000132 000132	6
$9_{c6}$	011223 000234 000135	$6_a$	200112 000312 000132	6
$9_{d6}$	001224 001224 000225	$5_{b4}$	002112 002112 000114	6'
$10_a$	001225 001225 001144	$6_b$	<i>aabccd aabccd 001144</i>	10
$10_b$	011224 001126 001144	$6_b$	<i>baaccd aaccbd 001144</i>	10
$10_c$	001126 001234 001234	$6_a$		10'
$10_d$	001234 001234 000145	$7_a$		10''
$10_e$	001144 001144 001144	$8_a$		10'''
$11_a$	001235 001136 001244	$7_a$	<i>aab23c 0011de 00fg44</i>	11
$11_b$	011234 001127 001244	$7_a$	<i>baa23c 0011de 00gf44</i>	11
$11_c$	001244 001145 001145	$8_a$		11'
$12_a$	002244 002217 000444	$9_a$	<i>aabbcc ddeeff 000444</i>	12
$12_b$	001155 112206 000444	$9_b$	<i>aabbcc ddeeff 000444</i>	12
$12_c$	112233 001128 000444	$9_b$	<i>aabbcc ddeeff 000444</i>	12
$12_d$	110046 003315 000444	$9_c$	<i>aabbcc ddeeff 000444</i>	12
$12_e$	003324 110037 000444	$9_c$	<i>aabbcc ddeeff 000444</i>	12
$12_f$	001155 002415 000444		<i>aabbcc ddeeff 000444</i>	12
$12_g$	001236 001236 001245	$7_a$		12'
$12_h$	001245 001245 001146	$8_a$		12''
$13_a$	001246 001246 000445	$9_a$	<i>00abcd 00abcd 000445</i>	13
$13_b$	001237 001345 000445	$9_c$	<i>00cabd 00bcad 000445</i>	13
$13_c$	001246 001246 001246	$8_a$		13'

**System 2.** We list all Monster roots of size  $\leq 4$ . For size 5, only those roots reducing to reflection elements of size  $\geq 3$  are listed. For sizes 6, 7, 8 and 9 we list the irreducible roots. This table is complete up to (and including) size 6, after which there is the possibility of omission.

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4 <sub>G1</sub>	000013333344 01111	3 <sub>B2</sub>	000011111100 10000	1
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4 <sub>E0</sub>	111111114444 00013	3 <sub>B1</sub>	000000000000 000+-	0'
4 <sub>F0</sub>	000033333333 00013	3 <sub>C1</sub>	000000000000 000+-	0'
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5 <sub>E3</sub>	000122244555 01112	3 <sub>B2</sub>	000211122333 10002	3
6 <sub>A</sub>	001122345666 00123	3 <sub>A</sub>	<i>aabbccde fggg</i>  00123	6

$6_B$	000123445566 00123	$3_A$	$gggfedcbbaa 00123$	6
$6_C$	001122445566 00114	$2_A$		$6'$
$7_A$	001123456677 00124	$3_A$		7
$8_A$	001224466788 00044		$aabccddeebff 00044$	8
$8_B$	001125566778 00044		$aacbbddeeffb 00044$	8
$8_C$	011223367788 00044		$bffeeddbccaa 00044$	8
$8_D$	001134556788 00044		$ccaabdeebff 00044$	8
$8_E$	001233457788 00044		$ffbdeedbacc 00044$	8
$8_F$	001124467788 01124		$aabbc44deeff ghh2i$	$8'$
$8_G$	001224457788 00125		$aacbb44deeff hhg2i$	$8'$
$8_H$	001134466788 00125		$ffeed44bbcaa hhg2i$	$8'$
$8_I$	001234456788 00116			$8''$
$9_A$	001224577899 00144		$aabccdeffghh 00144$	9
$9_B$	011223478899 00144		$baaccdegff99 00144$	9
$9_C$	001125677889 00144		$aacbbdeffhhg 00144$	9
$9_D$	001233568899 00144		$aabdceeghhff 00144$	9
$9_E$	001134667899 00144		$ccaabdfeghh 00144$	9
$9_F$	001144558899 00144			$9'$
$9_G$	001234567899 00045			$9''$
$9_H$	001234567899 00126			$9'''$

### Appendix B: Alias Tables

In the following alias tables we describe the alias groups of the Monster roots appearing in appendix A. The first column is the reduced family name. The second column gives the reduced root vector. The third column describes the associated (small) alias group, often by listing the group generators. The fourth column is the order of the small alias group. The large alias group is obvious, except that for 12 of System 1 we must adjoin  $(ad)(be)(cf)|(04)$ .

When describing the groups we write  $\{ab\dots c\}$  to mean the symmetric group on the digits  $a, b, \dots, c$ . We use  $\frac{1}{2}(G)$  to designate the even part of  $G$ . The dihedral group of order  $2n$  on the letters  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}$  in this cyclic order is denoted by  $D_{2*n}(a_0a_1\dots a_{n-1})$ , and  $PGL_2(n)(a_0a_1\dots a_n)$  is the 2-dimensional projective linear group over  $\mathbb{F}_n$  where  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n$  are acted upon as  $0, 1, \dots, n-1, \infty$ .

**System 1.** We list alias groups for System 1.

0	000000 000000 0000+-	$\sim   \sim   \sim$	1
1	000001 000001 000001	$\sim   \sim   \sim$	1
2	000011 000011 000011	$\sim   \sim   \sim$	1
3	000111 000111 000012	$01   \sim   12, \sim   01   12$	4
4	000112 000112 000112	$\sim   \sim   \sim$	1
6	001122 000123 000123	$210   123   \sim, 12   12   12,$ $210   \sim   123$	18
$6'$	001122 001122 000114	$012   210   \sim, 02   02   \sim$	6

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10	<i>abcccd abcccd 001144</i>	<i>ac ac </i> $\sim$ , <i>bd bd </i> $\sim$ , <i>bd ac 04</i>	8
10'	001126 001234 001234	01 23 12, 01 12 23	6
10''	001234 001234 000145	1234 4321  $\sim$ , 12.34 13 45	8
10'''	001144 001144 001144	{04} {04} {04}	8
11	<i>ab23c 0011de 00fg44</i>	<i>bc 01 04, 23 01 fg</i>	4
11'	001244 001145 001145	12 01.45  $\sim$ , 12  $\sim$  01.45, 04  $\sim$   $\sim$	8
12	<i>aabbcc ddeeff 000444</i>	$\frac{1}{2}(\{abc\} \{def\} \{04\})$	36
12'	001236 001236 001245	12 12 12.45	2
12''	001245 001245 001146	15 15  $\sim$	2
13	00 <i>abcd 00abcd 000445</i>	<i>ad.bc ab.cd </i> $\sim$ , <i>ab.cd ad.bc </i> $\sim$ , <i>bcd dcb </i> $\sim$	12
13'	001246 001246 001246	$\sim   \sim   \sim$	1

**System 2.** We list alias groups for system 2.

0	0000000000+ - 00000	$\sim   \sim   \sim$	1
0'	000000000000 000+ -	$\sim   \sim   \sim$	1
1	000000111111 00001	01  $\sim$	2
2	000011112222 00011	{012}  $\sim$	6
3	000111222333 00012	$\frac{1}{2}(\{0123\} \{12\})$	24
4	000112233444 00112	$\frac{1}{2}(\{04\} \{123\} \{01\})$	12
5	001122334455 00014	$\text{PGL}_2(5)(023451) \equiv$ 01.34  $\sim$ , 12.45  $\sim$ , 01.23.45  $\sim$	120
6	<i>aabbcde fggg 00123</i>	<i>bc.ef 12, fed 123, cba 123</i>	18
6'	001122445566 00114	012.456  $\sim$ , 01.45  $\sim$ , 04  $\sim$	48
7	001123456677 00124	01.45 12, 07.16.25.34  $\sim$	8
8	<i>aabbcdddeeff 00044</i>	$\frac{1}{2}\{abcdef\}$	360
8'	<i>aabbc44deeff ghh2i</i>	$\frac{1}{2}(D_{2*5}(ab4ef)\{cd\} \{04\})$	20
8''	001234456788 00116	12.56 01, 15.48 01, 08.17.26.35  $\sim$	144
9	<i>aabccde fffghh 00144</i>	<i>bd.eg.fh </i> $\sim$ , <i>ah.bg.cf.de </i> $\sim$ , <i>be.fh 04</i>	32
9'	001144558899 00144	{048} {159} {04}, 09.18.45  $\sim$	144
9''	001234567899 00045	$\frac{1}{2}(\text{PGL}_2(7)(12634578) \{45\}), 09 $ $\sim$	672
9'''	001234567899 00126	12.45.78 12, 123.678  $\sim$ , 09.18.27.36.45  $\sim$	12

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