

## SINGULAR LOCI OF SCHUBERT VARIETIES FOR CLASSICAL GROUPS

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In this note, we give an explicit description of the singular locus of a Schubert variety in the flag variety  $G/B$ , where  $G$  is a classical group, and  $B$  a Borel subgroup of  $G$ .

Let  $G$  be a classical group, and  $T$  a maximal torus in  $G$ . Let  $W$  be the Weyl group, and  $R$  the system of roots, of  $G$  relative to  $T$ . Let  $B$  be a Borel subgroup of  $G$ , where  $B \supset T$ . Let  $S$  (resp.  $R^+$ ) be the set of simple (resp. positive) roots of  $R$  relative to  $B$ . For  $\alpha \in R$ , let  $s_\alpha$  be the reflection with respect to  $\alpha$ , and  $X_\alpha$  the element in the Chevalley basis for the Lie algebra of  $G$ , associated to  $\alpha$ . For  $w \in W$ , let  $e(w)$  denote the point in  $G/B$  corresponding to  $w$ . The Schubert variety  $X(w)$ , where  $w \in W$ , is by definition the Zariski closure of  $B e(w)$  in  $G/B$ . ( $X(w)$  is understood to be endowed with the canonical reduced structure.) Let  $\succeq$  denote the Bruhat order in  $W$ . It is well known that for  $w_1, w_2 \in W$ ,

$$w_1 \succeq w_2 \quad \text{if and only if} \quad X(w_1) \supseteq X(w_2).$$

(For generalities on algebraic groups, one may refer to [1].)

The results on the singular locus of a Schubert variety are obtained as consequences of "standard monomial theory" as developed in *Geometry of  $G/P$* . I-V (cf. [11, 7, 4, 5, 8]). One of the consequences of standard monomial theory is the First Basis Theorem (cf. [5, 8, 6]) which gives a  $\mathbf{Z}$  basis

$$\{P(\lambda, \mu), (\lambda, \mu) \text{ an admissible pair}\}$$

for  $H^0(G_{\mathbf{Z}}/P_{\mathbf{Z}}, L_{\mathbf{Z}})$ , where  $P_{\mathbf{Z}}$  is a maximal parabolic subgroup scheme of  $G_{\mathbf{Z}}$  and  $L_{\mathbf{Z}}$  is the ample generator of  $\text{Pic}(G_{\mathbf{Z}}/P_{\mathbf{Z}})$ . For any field  $k$ , let us denote the canonical image of  $P(\lambda, \mu)$  in  $H^0(G_{\mathbf{Z}} \otimes k/P_{\mathbf{Z}} \otimes k, L_{\mathbf{Z}} \otimes k)$  by  $p(\lambda, \mu)$ . In [9], it is shown that over any field  $k$ , for  $w, \tau \in W$ , with  $w \succeq \tau$ , the Zariski tangent space  $T(w, \tau)$ , to  $X(w)$  at  $e(\tau)$  is spanned by

$$\left\{ X_{-\beta}, \beta \in \tau(R^+) \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{for all } (\lambda, \mu) \text{ such that } X_{-\beta} p(\lambda, \mu) = c p(\tau, \tau), c \in k^*, \\ p(\lambda, \mu)|_{X(w)} \neq 0 \end{array} \right\}.$$

Denoting by  $\{Q(\lambda, \mu)\}$  the basis for the  $\mathbf{Z}$ -dual of  $H^0(G_{\mathbf{Z}}/P_{\mathbf{Z}}, L_{\mathbf{Z}})$ , dual to the basis  $\{P(\lambda, \mu)\}$ , it can be seen easily that  $X_{-\beta} p(\lambda, \mu) = c p(\tau, \tau)$ ,  $c \in k^*$ , if and only if  $X_{-\beta} Q(\tau, \tau)$ , when written as a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -linear combination of the elements

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$Q(\theta, \delta)$ , involves  $Q(\lambda, \mu)$  with a coefficient that is nonzero in  $k$ . From this we obtain that  $T(w, \tau)$  is spanned by

$$\left\{ X_{-\beta}, \beta \in \tau(R^+) \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{for all } (\lambda, \mu) \text{ such that } Q(\lambda, \mu) \text{ occurs in } X_{-\beta}Q(\tau, \tau) \\ \text{with a coefficient that is nonzero in } k, w \succeq \lambda \end{array} \right. \right\}.$$

In [3], we have given an explicit description of  $Q(\lambda, \mu)$  for the case of a classical group. Using this description, we express  $X_{-\beta}Q(\tau, \tau)$  as a linear combination with integer coefficients of the  $Q(\theta, \delta)$ 's. This enables us to obtain an explicit description of the singular locus of  $X(w)$ .

Let  $G$  be classical of rank  $n$ . Let  $S = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ , the order being as in [2]. Further, we follow the notation in [2] to denote the elements of  $R$ . For  $1 \leq d \leq n$ , we fix the following:

$$\begin{aligned} P_d &= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{the maximal parabolic subgroup of } G \\ \text{obtained by "omitting the simple root } \alpha_d", \end{array} \right. \\ W_{P_d} &= \text{Weyl group of } P_d, \\ W^{P_d} &= \text{the set of "minimal representatives" of } W/W_{P_d}. \end{aligned}$$

Recall (cf. [2, 4]) that

$$W^{P_d} = \{w \in W \mid l(ws_{\alpha_i}) = l(w) + 1, 1 \leq i \leq n, i \neq d\}.$$

It is known (cf. [2]) that

$$(1) \quad W = W_{P_d} \cdot W^{P_d}.$$

For  $w \in W$ , let  $w^{(d)}$  be the element in  $W^{P_d}$  corresponding to the coset  $wW_{P_d}$ . We have

$$(2) \quad w^{(d)} = wW_{P_d} \cap W^{P_d}.$$

Let

$$A = \{(a_1, \dots, a_d) \mid a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_d, a_i \in \mathbf{Z}\}.$$

We have a natural partial order  $\geq$  in  $A$ , namely,

$$(3) \quad (a_1, \dots, a_d) \geq (b_1, \dots, b_d), \quad \text{if } a_i \geq b_i, 1 \leq i \leq d.$$

This partial order among  $d$ -tuples will be used in the sequel in describing the Bruhat order in  $W^{P_d}$ . Further, for any  $d$ -tuple  $(z_1, \dots, z_d)$  of integers, we let

$$(4) \quad (z_1, \dots, z_d) \uparrow = (z_{i_1}, z_{i_2}, \dots, z_{i_d})$$

where  $j \rightarrow i_j$  is a permutation and  $z_{i_j} \leq z_{i_{j+1}}$ . Thus,  $(z_1, \dots, z_d) \uparrow$  is the  $d$ -tuple whose entries are obtained by arranging the entries  $(z_1, \dots, z_d)$  in increasing order. We shall denote the elements of the symmetric group  $S_m$ , where  $m \in \mathbf{N}$ , in the following way. Let  $\sigma \in S_m$  be such that

$$(5) \quad \sigma(i) = c_i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m.$$

We shall denote  $\sigma$  by  $(c_1 \dots c_m)$ . Let  $k$  be the base field. For any positive integer  $m$ , let  $\{e_1, \dots, e_m\}$  denote the standard basis of  $k^m$ .

**I. The symplectic group  $\mathrm{Sp}(2n)$ .** Let  $E = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & J \\ -J & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , where

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & 1 \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 1 & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{n \times n}.$$

Let  $(, )$  be the skew symmetric bilinear form on  $k^{2n}$ , represented by  $E$ , with respect to  $\{e_1, \dots, e_{2n}\}$ . Let

$$(6) \quad G = \mathrm{Sp}(2n) = \{A \in \mathrm{SL}(2n) \mid {}^t A E A = E\}.$$

Let  $\sigma$  be the involution on  $\mathrm{SL}(2n)$  defined by

$$(7) \quad \sigma(A) = E({}^t A)^{-1} E^{-1}, \quad A \in \mathrm{SL}(2n).$$

We see that

$$(8) \quad \mathrm{Sp}(2n) = \mathrm{SL}(2n)^\sigma.$$

In view of (8), we obtain an identification of  $W$ , the Weyl group of  $G$ , with a subgroup of  $S_{2n}$  (= the Weyl group of  $\mathrm{SL}(2n)$ ), namely

$$(9) \quad W = \{(a_1 \cdots a_{2n}) \mid a_i = 2n + 1 - a_{2n+1-i}, 1 \leq i \leq 2n\}.$$

See [7] for details.

The above identification (cf. (9)) of  $W$ , and straightforward calculations using the definitions of [2] allow us to identify  $W^{P_d}$  as

$$(10) \quad W^{P_d} = \left\{ (a_1, \dots, a_d) \left| \begin{array}{l} (1) 1 \leq a_1 < a_2 < \cdots < a_d \leq 2n, \\ (2) \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq 2n, \text{ if } i \in \{a_1, \dots, a_d\}, \\ \text{then } 2n + 1 - i \notin \{a_1, \dots, a_d\} \end{array} \right. \right\}.$$

For  $w \in W$ , say  $w = (c_1 \cdots c_{2n})$ , we see easily that

$$(11) \quad w^{(d)} = (c_1, \dots, c_d) \uparrow.$$

Under the above identification of  $W^{P_d}$ , we have (cf. [10]), given two elements  $(a_1, \dots, a_d), (b_1, \dots, b_d)$  in  $W^{P_d}$ ,

$$(12) \quad (a_1, \dots, a_d) \succeq (b_1, \dots, b_d) \quad \text{if and only if} \quad (a_1, \dots, a_d) \geq (b_1, \dots, b_d).$$

Thus, the Bruhat order in  $W^{P_d}$  coincides with the natural order (cf. equation (3)) on  $d$ -tuples.

**PROPOSITION C.1.** *Let  $G = \mathrm{Sp}(2n)$ . For  $1 \leq i \leq 2n$ , let  $i' = 2n + 1 - i$  and  $|i| = \min\{i, i'\}$ . Let  $w, \tau \in W$ , with  $w \succeq \tau$ . Let  $\tau = (a_1 \cdots a_{2n})$ . Then the tangent space  $T(w, \tau)$  to  $X(w)$  at  $e(\tau)$  is spanned by the set of root vectors  $\{X_{-\beta}, \beta \in N(w, \tau)\}$ , where  $N(w, \tau)$  is the subset of  $\tau(R^+)$  consisting of roots  $\beta$  which satisfy criteria (a) and (b) below. Let  $\beta = \tau(a)$ ,  $\alpha \in R^+$ . We follow the notation of [2] for elements of  $R^+$ .*

(a) Let  $\alpha = \varepsilon_j - \varepsilon_k$ ,  $1 \leq j < k \leq n$  or  $2\varepsilon_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . Then

$$w \succeq s_\beta \tau.$$

(b) Let  $\alpha = \varepsilon_j + \varepsilon_k$ ,  $1 \leq j < k \leq n$ . Let  $s$  (resp.  $r$ ) be the  $\min\{|a_j|, |a_k|\}$  (resp.  $\max\{|a_j|, |a_k|\}$ ). Then

$$w^{(j)} \succeq (a_1, \dots, a_{j-1}, a'_k) \uparrow$$

and

$$w^{(k)} \succeq (a_1, \dots, \hat{a}_j, \dots, a_{k-1}, r, s') \uparrow.$$

**II. The special orthogonal group  $\text{So}(2n + 1)$ .** Let

$$E = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & 1 \\ & \ddots & \\ 1 & & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{2n+1 \times 2n+1},$$

and let  $(, )$  be the symmetric bilinear form on  $k^{2n+1}$ , represented by  $E$ , with respect to  $\{e_1, \dots, e_{2n+1}\}$ . Let

$$(13) \quad G = \text{So}(2n + 1) = \{A \in \text{SL}(2n + 1) \mid {}^t AEA = E\}.$$

Let  $\sigma$  be the involution on  $\text{SL}(2n + 1)$  defined by

$$(14) \quad \sigma(A) = E({}^t A)^{-1}E, \quad A \in \text{SL}(2n + 1).$$

As in §I, we have

$$(15) \quad \text{So}(2n + 1) = \text{SL}(2n + 1)^\sigma.$$

In view of (15), we obtain identifications for the Weyl group  $W$ , and also for  $W^{Pa}$  similar to (9) and (10), namely

$$(16) \quad W = \{(a_1 \cdots a_{2n+1}) \in S_{2n+1} \mid a_i = 2n + 2 - a_{2n+2-i}, 1 \leq i \leq 2n + 1\}$$

and

$$(17) \quad W^{Pa} = \left\{ (a_1, \dots, a_d) \left| \begin{array}{l} (1) 1 \leq a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_d \leq 2n + 1, \\ (2) a_i \neq n + 1, 1 \leq i \leq d, \\ (3) \text{ For } 1 \leq i \leq 2n + 1, \text{ if } i \in \{a_1, \dots, a_d\} \\ \text{ then } 2n + 2 - i \notin \{a_1, \dots, a_d\} \end{array} \right. \right\}.$$

For  $w \in W$ , say  $w = (c_1 \cdots c_{2n+1})$ , we have

$$(18) \quad w^{(d)} = (c_1, \dots, c_d) \uparrow.$$

As in §I, we have (cf. [10]) that the Bruhat order in  $W^{Pa}$  coincides with the natural order (cf. equation (3)) on  $d$ -tuples.

**PROPOSITION B.1.** (Assume  $\text{char } k \neq 2$ .) Let  $G = \text{So}(2n + 1)$ . For  $1 \leq i \leq 2n + 1$ , let  $i' = 2n + 2 - i$  and  $|i| = \min\{i, i'\}$ . Let  $w, \tau \in W$ , with  $w \succeq \tau$ , and let  $\tau = (a_1 \cdots a_{2n+1})$ . Then the tangent space  $T(w, \tau)$  to  $X(w)$  at  $e(\tau)$  is spanned by the set of root vectors  $\{X_{-\beta}, \beta \in N(w, \tau)\}$ , where  $N(w, \tau)$  is the subset of  $\tau(R^+)$  consisting of roots  $\beta$  which satisfy criteria (a), (b), and (c) below. Let  $\beta = \tau(\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha \in R^+$ .

(a) Let  $\alpha = \varepsilon_j - \varepsilon_k$ ,  $1 \leq j < k \leq n$ . Then

$$w \succeq s_\beta \tau.$$

(b) Let  $\alpha = \varepsilon_j + \varepsilon_k$ ,  $1 \leq j < k \leq n$ . Let  $s$  ( resp.  $r$ ) be the minimum ( resp. maximum) of  $\{|a_j|, |a_k|\}$ .

(i) Suppose precisely one of  $\{a_j, a_k\}$  does not exceed  $n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} w^{(j)} &\succeq (a_1, \dots, a_{j-1}, a'_k) \uparrow, \\ w^{(k)} &\succeq (a_1, \dots, \hat{a}_j, \dots, a_{k-1}, r, s') \uparrow, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$w^{(n)} \succeq (s\beta\tau)^{(n)}.$$

(ii) Suppose  $a_j, a_k$  either both exceed  $n$  or both do not exceed  $n$ . For  $k \leq d \leq n-1$ , let  $s_{c(d)}$  be the largest integer,  $r < s_{c(d)} \leq n$ , such that  $s_{c(d)} \notin \{|a_1|, \dots, |a_d|\}$  (if no such integer exists, we let  $s_{c(d)} = r$ ). Then

$$\begin{aligned} w^{(j)} &\succeq (a_1, \dots, a_{j-1}, a'_k) \uparrow, \\ w^{(d)} &\succeq (a_1, \dots, \hat{a}_j, \dots, \hat{a}_k, \dots, a_d, s'_{c(d)}, s') \uparrow, \quad k \leq d \leq n-1, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$w^{(n)} \succeq (s\beta\tau)^{(n)}.$$

(c) Let  $\alpha = \varepsilon_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . For  $j \leq d \leq n-1$ , let  $s_{m(d)}$  be the largest integer,  $|a_j| < s_{m(d)} \leq n$ , such that  $s_{m(d)} \notin \{|a_1|, \dots, |a_d|\}$  (if no such  $s_{m(d)}$  exists, we let  $s_{m(d)} = |a_j|$ ). Then

$$w^{(d)} \succeq (a_1, \dots, \hat{a}_j, \dots, a_d, s'_{m(d)}) \uparrow, \quad j \leq d \leq n-1,$$

and

$$w^{(n)} \succeq (s\beta\tau)^{(n)}.$$

**III. The special orthogonal group  $\text{So}(2n)$ .** Let

$$E = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & 1 \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 1 & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{2n \times 2n},$$

and let  $(, )$  be the symmetric bilinear form on  $k^{2n}$ , represented by  $E$ , with respect to  $\{e_1, \dots, e_{2n}\}$ . Let

$$(19) \quad G = \text{So}(2n) = \{A \in \text{SL}(2n) \mid {}^t A E A = E\}.$$

Let  $\sigma$  be the involution on  $\text{SL}(2n)$  defined by

$$(20) \quad \sigma(A) = E({}^t A)^{-1} E, \quad A \in \text{SL}(2n).$$

We have

$$(21) \quad \text{So}(2n) = \text{SL}(2n)^\sigma.$$

As in §§I and II, we obtain, in view of (21), identifications (described below) for  $W$  and  $W^{Pa}$ . We have

$$(22) \quad W = \left\{ (a_1 \cdots a_{2n}) \in S_{2n} \left| \begin{array}{l} (1) a_i = 2n + 1 - a_{2n+1-i}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq 2n, \\ (2) \#\{i, 1 \leq i \leq n \mid a_i > n\} \text{ is even} \end{array} \right. \right\}.$$

For  $1 \leq d \leq n$ , let

$$(23) \quad Z_d = \left\{ (a_1, \dots, a_d) \left| \begin{array}{l} (1) \quad 1 \leq a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_d \leq 2n, \\ (2) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq 2n, \text{ if } i \in \{a_1, \dots, a_d\}, \text{ then} \\ \quad 2n + 1 - i \notin \{a_1, \dots, a_d\} \end{array} \right. \right\}.$$

We have for  $d \neq n - 1$

$$(24) \quad W^{P_d} = Z_d.$$

For  $d = n - 1$ , if  $w \in W^{P_d}$ , then

$$(25) \quad w \equiv wu_i \pmod{W_{P_{n-1}}}, \quad 0 \leq i \leq n, \quad i \neq n - 1,$$

where

$$(26) \quad u_i = \begin{cases} s_{\alpha_n} & \text{if } i = n, \\ \text{Id} & \text{if } i = 0, \\ s_{\alpha_i} s_{\alpha_{i+1}} \cdots s_{\alpha_{n-2}} s_{\alpha_n} & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq n - 2. \end{cases}$$

(Here Id denotes the identity element in  $W$ .) In particular, for  $w_1, w_2 \in W$ , say  $w_1 = (a_1 \cdots a_{2n})$ ,  $w_2 = (b_1 \cdots b_{2n})$ , we can have  $w_1^{(n-1)} = w_2^{(n-1)}$  without  $(a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) \uparrow$  and  $(b_1, \dots, b_{n-1}) \uparrow$  being the same. Thus  $W^{P_{n-1}}$  gets identified with a *proper* subset of  $Z_{n-1}$  (cf. Definition (23)). For  $w \in W$ , say  $w = (c_1 \cdots c_{2n})$ , we have

$$(27) \quad w^{(d)} = (c_1, \dots, c_d) \uparrow, \quad d \neq n - 1.$$

To describe  $w^{(n-1)}$ , we let, for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $i \neq n - 1$ ,

$$(28) \quad (y_1^{(i)}, \dots, y_{n-1}^{(i)}) = \begin{cases} \text{the } (n-1)\text{-tuple given by the first } (n-1) \\ \text{entries in } wu_i \end{cases}$$

and

$$(29) \quad Y = \{(y_1^{(i)}, \dots, y_{n-1}^{(i)}) \uparrow, 0 \leq i \leq n, i \neq n - 1\}.$$

We observe that  $Y$  is totally ordered under  $\geq$  (cf. (3)). We have

$$(30) \quad w^{(n-1)} = \text{the smallest (under } \geq) \text{ element in } Y.$$

Unlike the cases of  $\text{Sp}(2n)$  (resp.  $\text{So}(2n + 1)$ ), the Bruhat order in  $W$ , the Weyl group of  $\text{So}(2n)$ , is not induced from the Bruhat order in  $S_{2n}$ . Hence the Bruhat order in  $W^{P_d}$  does not coincide with the natural order on  $d$ -tuples (cf. (3)). We now describe the Bruhat order in  $W^{P_d}$ .

For  $1 \leq i \leq 2n$ , let

$$i' = 2n + 1 - i \quad \text{and} \quad |i| = \min\{i, i'\}.$$

Under the above identification, given two elements  $(a_1, \dots, a_d), (b_1, \dots, b_d)$  in  $W^{P_d}$ ,  $1 \leq d \leq n$ , we have (cf. [10])

$$(a_1, \dots, a_d) \geq (b_1, \dots, b_d)$$

if and only if the following two conditions hold:

$$(A) \quad (a_1, \dots, a_d) \geq (b_1, \dots, b_d).$$

(B) Suppose for some  $r$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq d$ , and some  $i$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq d - r$ ,

$$(|a_{i+1}|, \dots, |a_{i+r}|) \uparrow = (|b_{i+1}|, \dots, |b_{i+r}|) \uparrow = \{n + 1 - r, \dots, n\}.$$

Then

$$\#\{j, i + 1 \leq j \leq i + r \mid a_j > n\}$$

and

$$\#\{j, i + 1 \leq j \leq i + r \mid b_j > n\}$$

should both be odd or both even.

**PROPOSITION D.1.** (Assume  $\text{char } k \neq 2, 3$ .) Let  $G = \text{So}(2n)$ . Let  $w, \tau \in W$ , with  $w \succeq \tau$ , and let  $\tau = (a_1 \cdots a_{2n})$ . Then the tangent space  $T(w, \tau)$  to  $X(w)$  at  $e(\tau)$  is spanned by the set of root vectors  $\{X_{-\beta}, \beta \in N(w, \tau)\}$ , where  $N(w, \tau)$  is the subset of  $\tau(R^+)$  consisting of roots  $\beta$  which satisfy criteria (a) and (b) below. Let  $\beta = \tau(\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha \in R^+$ .

(a) Let  $\alpha = \varepsilon_j - \varepsilon_k$ ,  $1 \leq j < k \leq n$ . Then

$$w \succeq s_\beta \tau.$$

(b) Let  $\alpha = \varepsilon_j + \varepsilon_k$ ,  $1 \leq j < k \leq n$ . Let  $s$  (resp.  $r$ ) be the minimum (resp. maximum) of  $\{|a_j|, |a_k|\}$ .

(i) Suppose precisely one of  $\{a_j, a_k\}$  does not exceed  $n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} w^{(j)} &\succeq (a_1, \dots, a_{j-1}, a'_k) \uparrow, \\ w^{(k)} &\succeq (a_1, \dots, \hat{a}_j, \dots, a_{k-1}, r, s') \uparrow, \\ w^{(n-1)} &\succeq (s_\beta \tau)^{(n-1)}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$w^{(n)} \succeq (s_\beta \tau)^{(n)}.$$

(ii) Suppose  $a_j, a_k$  either both exceed  $n$  or both do not exceed  $n$ . For  $k \leq d \leq n - 2$ , let  $s_{-l(d)}, \dots, s_{-1}, s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{c(d)}$  be the integers

$$s < s_{-l(d)} < s_{-l(d)+1} < \cdots < s_{-1} < s_0 = r < s_1 < \cdots < s_{c(d)} \leq n$$

such that

$$s_i \notin \{|a_1|, \dots, |a_d|\}, \quad -l(d) \leq i \leq c(d), \quad i \neq 0.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} w^{(j)} &\succeq (a_1, \dots, a_{j-1}, a'_k) \uparrow, \\ w^{(d)} &\succeq \begin{cases} (a_1, \dots, \hat{a}_j, \dots, \hat{a}_k, \dots, a_d, s'_{c(d)-1}, s') \uparrow & \text{if } (l(d), c(d)) \neq (0, 0), \\ (a_1, \dots, \hat{a}_j, \dots, \hat{a}_k, \dots, a_d, r', s') \uparrow & \text{if } (l(d), c(d)) = (0, 0), \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

and for  $d = n - 1$  or  $n$ ,

$$w^{(d)} \succeq (s_\beta \tau)^{(d)}.$$

#### IV. Concluding remarks.

**COROLLARY.** *Let  $G$  be of type  $B_n$ ,  $C_n$ , or  $D_n$  and let  $w \in W$ . Then  $X(w)$  is smooth if and only if  $\#N(w, \text{Id}) = l(w)$ , where  $N(w, \text{Id})$  is given by Proposition C.1, B.1, or D.1 according as  $G$  is of type  $C_n$ ,  $B_n$ , or  $D_n$ , with  $\tau = \text{Id}$ , the identity element of  $W$ .*

**REMARK 1.** For  $G$  of type  $A_n$ , similar results as above are described in [9].

**REMARK 2.** Even if  $\text{char } k = 2$  or  $3$  (in the case of special orthogonal groups), using the explicit computations of  $X_{-\beta}Q(\tau, \tau)$ , one can still describe  $T(w, \tau)$  in a way similar to Propositions B.1 and D.1.

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