

LUSZTIG'S a -FUNCTION FOR COXETER GROUPS OF RANK 3

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ABSTRACT. We show that Lusztig's a -function of a Coxeter group is bounded if the rank of the Coxeter group is 3.

0. INTRODUCTION

In [L2] Lusztig defined a -function for a Coxeter group and showed that a -function is bounded for affine Weyl groups. This boundness plays an important role in studying cells of affine Weyl groups. In [X], Xi showed that the a -function is bounded for Coxeter groups with complete Coxeter graph. He also gave some interesting applications of the boundness on cells of the Coxeter groups. In this paper, we show that Lusztig's a -function of a Coxeter group is bounded if the rank of the Coxeter group is 3. The present work was motivated by a question posed by Prof. Xi in his paper [X]. The author would like to thank Prof. Xi for his help in dealing with the problems in writing the paper.

1. PRELIMINARIES

1.1. We first recall some known facts, and refer to [KL, L2, L3, X] for more details. Let (W, S) be a Coxeter group. Denote l the length function and \leq the Bruhat order of W . The neutral element of W will be denoted by e .

Let q be an indeterminate. The Hecke algebra H of (W, S) is a free $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{Z}[q^{\frac{1}{2}}, q^{-\frac{1}{2}}]$ -module with a basis T_w , $w \in W$ and the multiplication relations are $(T_s - q)(T_s + 1) = 0$ if s is in S , $T_w T_u = T_{wu}$ if $l(wu) = l(w) + l(u)$.

For any $w \in W$ set $\tilde{T}_w = q^{-\frac{l(w)}{2}} T_w$. For any $w, u \in W$, write

$$\tilde{T}_w \tilde{T}_u = \sum_{v \in W} f_{w,u,v} \tilde{T}_v, \quad f_{w,u,v} \in \mathcal{A}.$$

The following fact is known and implicit in [L2, 8.3], see also [X] 1.1.(a).

(a) For any $w, u, v \in W$, $f_{w,u,v} \in \mathcal{A}$ is a polynomial in $q^{\frac{1}{2}} - q^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ with non-negative coefficients and $f_{w,u,v} = f_{u,v^{-1},w^{-1}} = f_{v^{-1},w,u^{-1}}$. Its degree is less than or equal to $\min\{l(w), l(u), l(v)\}$.

For any w, u, v in W , we shall regard $f_{w,u,v}$ as a polynomial in $\xi = q^{\frac{1}{2}} - q^{-\frac{1}{2}}$. The following fact is due to Lusztig [L3, 1.1 (c)].

(b) For any w, u, v in W we have $f_{w,u,v} = f_{u^{-1},w^{-1},v^{-1}}$.

We shall need the following facts.

(c) Let (W, S) be a Coxeter group and I is a subset of S . The following conditions are equivalent.

- (1) The subgroup W_I of W generated by I is finite.
- (2) There exists an element w of W such that $sw \leq w$ for all s in I .
- (3) There exists an element w of W such that $w \leq ws$ for all s in I .

As usual, we set $L(w) = \{s \in S \mid sw \leq w\}$ and $R(w) = \{s \in S \mid ws \leq w\}$ for any $w \in W$.

(d) Let w be in W and I is a subset of $L(w)$ (resp. $R(w)$). Then $l(w_I w) + l(w_I) = l(w)$ (resp. $l(w w_I) + l(w_I) = l(w)$), here w_I is the longest element of W_I .

1.2. For any $y, w \in W$, let $P_{y,w}$ be the Kazhdan-Lusztig polynomial. Then all the elements $C_w = q^{-\frac{l(w)}{2}} \sum_{y \leq w} P_{y,w} T_y$, $w \in W$, form a Kazhdan-Lusztig basis of H . It is known that $P_{y,w} = \mu(y, w) q^{\frac{1}{2}(l(w)-l(y)-1)}$ + lower degree terms if $y < w$ and $P_{w,w} = 1$.

For any w, u in W , Write

$$C_w C_u = \sum_{v \in W} h_{w,u,v} C_v, \quad h_{w,u,v} \in \mathcal{A}.$$

Following [L2], for any $v \in W$ we define

$$a(v) = \max\{i \in \mathbb{N} \mid i = \deg h_{w,u,v}, \quad w, u \in W\},$$

here the degree is in terms of $q^{\frac{1}{2}}$. Since $h_{w,u,v}$ is a polynomial in $q^{\frac{1}{2}} + q^{-\frac{1}{2}}$, we have $a(v) \geq 0$.

We are interested in the bound of the function $a : W \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$. Clearly, a is bounded if W is finite. The following fact is known (see [L3]).

The a -function is bounded by a constant c if and only if $\deg f_{w,u,v} \leq c$ for any $w, u, v \in W$.

Lusztig showed that for an affine Weyl group the a -function is bounded by the length of the longest element of the corresponding Weyl group. This fact is important in studying cells in affine Weyl groups. One consequence is that an affine Weyl group has a lowest two-sided cell [S1]. In general, Xi showed that the lowest two-sided cells exists for a Coxeter group with bounded a -function. (see [X,1.5])

2. COXETER GROUPS OF RANK 3

In this section (W, S) is a infinite Coxeter group of rank 3. Let $S = \{r, s, t\}$, we shall assume that $tr = rt$. By 1.1.(c), for $w \in W$, both $R(w)$ and $L(w)$ contain at most 2 elements. Let $|R(w)|$ (resp. $|L(w)|$) denote the number of elements in the set $R(w)$ (resp. $L(w)$). Let m_{sr} (resp. m_{st}) denote the order of sr (resp. st). Let w_{sr} (resp.

w_{st}) denote the longest element in the parabolic subgroup generated by s, r (resp. s, t).

Theorem 2.1. Let (W, S) be a Coxeter group of rank 3 and assume that $rt = tr$, $S = \{r, s, t\}$. Then Lusztig's a -function on W is bounded by the length of the longest element of certain finite parabolic subgroups of W in the following two cases:

- (a) $m_{sr} \geq 7$ and $m_{st} = 3$.
- (b) $m_{sr} \geq 5$ and $m_{st} \geq 4$.

The remaining of this paper is devoted to a proof of the theorem.

In section 3, we will deal with the case (a).

In section 4, we will deal with the case (b).

The notation, if $w = (w_1)(w_2) \cdots (w_i)$, means $w = w_1 w_2 \cdots w_i$ and $l(w) = l(w_1) + l(w_2) + \cdots + l(w_i)$.

The strong exchange condition will be need frequently in the proof, so we recall it.

Strong exchange condition. Let (W, S) be a Coxeter group. Let $w = s_1 \cdots s_r (s_i \in S)$, not necessarily a reduced expression. Suppose $t \in \bigcup_{w \in W} wSw^{-1}$, satisfies $l(wt) < l(w)$. Then there is an index i for which $wt = s_1 \cdots \hat{s}_i \cdots s_r$ (omitting s_i). If the expression for w is reduced, then i is unique.

3. THE CASE $m_{sr} \geq 7$ AND $m_{st} = 3$

Since $m_{st} = 3$, $m_{sr} \geq 7$, $w_{st} = sts = tst$ and $l(w_{sr}) \geq 7$.

Lemma 3.1. There is no element w in W such that $w = (w_1)(st) = (w_2)(sr)$.

Proof. We use induction on $l(w)$. When $l(w) = 0, 1, 2, 3$, the lemma is clear. Now assume that the lemma is true for u with $l(u) \leq l(w) - 1$. Since $r, t \in R(w)$, by 1.1.(d), $w = (w_3)(rt)$ for some $w_3 \in W$. So we get $w_1s = w_3r, w_2s = w_3t$. By 1.1.(d), $w_1s = w_3r = (w_4)(w_{sr})$ for some $w_4 \in W$, $w_2s = w_3t = (w_5)(w_{st})$ for some $w_5 \in W$. Since $m_{sr} \geq 7$, we have $\widetilde{w}_4 \in W$, such that $w_3 = (w_4)(w_{sr}r) = (\widetilde{w}_4)(sr sr s) = (w_5)(w_{stt}) = (w_5)(ts)$. Then there exists $w_6, w_7 \in W$, such that $w_7 = (\widetilde{w}_4)(sr) = (w_6)(st)$. By induction hypothesis, w_7 does not exist, hence w does not exist. The lemma is proved.

Corollary 3.2. There is no element w in W such that $w = (w_1)(sr s) = (w_2)(t)$.

Proof. Assume that w exists, by 1.1.(d), there exists $w_3 \in W$, such that $w = (w_3)(w_{st})$, hence $(w_1)(sr) = (w_3)(st)$, which contradicts Lemma 3.1.

Corollary 3.3. There is no element w in W such that $w = (w_1)(sr sr) = (w_2)(t)$.

Proof. Assume that w exists, there exists $w_3 \in W$, such that $w = (w_3)(tr)$, hence $(w_1)(srs) = (w_3)(t)$, which contradicts Corollary 3.2.

Lemma 3.4. There is no element w in W such that $w = (w_1)(ts) = (w_2)(r)$.

Proof. Assume that w exists, there exists $w_3 \in W$, such that $w = (w_3)(w_{sr})$, hence $(w_1)(t) = (w_3)(w_{sr}s)$, which contradicts Corollary 3.2.

Lemma 3.5. Let x, y be elements in W , and w be an element in the parabolic subgroup W_{sr} generated by r, s . Assume that $l(w) \geq 5$ and $r, s \notin R(x) \cup L(y)$. Then

- (a) $xwy = (x)(w)(y)$, i.e., $l(xwy) = l(x) + l(w) + l(y)$.
- (b) $R(xwy) = R(wy)$.
- (c) $L(xwy) = L(xw)$.

Proof: It is clear that $xw = (x)(w)$, and $wy = (w)(y)$. Note that (b) and (c) are equivalent. We use induction on $l(y)$ to prove (a) and (b). The case $l(y) = 0$ is clear. If $l(y) = 1$, then $y = t$. By Corollaries 3.2 and 3.3, we see $xwt = (x)(w)(t)$. If $R(wt)$ contains two elements, we must have $R(xwt) = R(wt)$. Now assume that $R(wt) = \{t\}$. If $R(xwt) \neq R(wt)$, $R(xwt) = \{r, t\}$, or $\{s, t\}$. If $R(xwt) = \{r, t\}$, we have $r \in R(xw) = R(w)$, which contradicts that $R(wt) = \{t\}$. If $R(xwt) = \{s, t\}$, we have $xwt = (u)(tst)$, for some $u \in W$. Then $xw = (u)(ts)$, so $w = (w_1)(srsrs)$ for some $w_1 \in W_{sr}$. By Corollary 3.3, this is impossible. Hence $R(xwt) = R(wt)$.

If $l(y) = 2$, then $y = ts$. By what we have proved that $s \notin R(xwt)$, we see that $xwts = (x)(w)(ts)$. If $R(wts)$ contains two elements, we must have $R(xwts) = R(wts)$. Now assume that $R(wts) = \{s\}$. If $R(xwts) \neq R(wts)$, $R(xwts) = \{s, t\}$, or $\{s, r\}$. If $R(xwts) = \{s, t\}$, we have $s \in R(xw) = R(w)$, which contradicts that $R(wts) = \{s\}$. If $R(xwts) = \{s, r\}$, we have $xwts = (u)(w_{sr})$, for some $u \in W$. Then $xwt = (u)(w_{sr}s)$, since $w_{sr}s = (w_1)(srsrsr)$ for some $w_1 \in W_{sr}$, by Corollary 3.3, this is impossible. Hence $R(xwts) = R(wts)$.

Now assume that $k \geq 3$. Let $y = y_1y_2 \cdots y_k$ be a reduced expression of y . The induction hypothesis says that $R(xwy_1 \cdots y_i) = R(wy_1 \cdots y_i)$ and $l(xwy_1 \cdots y_i) = l(x) + l(w) + i$ for $i \leq k - 1$. We must have $y_k \notin R(xwy_1y_2 \cdots y_{k-1})$, since $wy = (w)(y)$, so $xwy = (x)(w)(y)$.

Assume that $|R(xwy_1y_2 \cdots y_{k-1})| = 2$. If $R(xwy)$ contains one element, it must be y_k , so $R(xwy) = R(wy) = \{y_k\}$. When $R(xwy)$ contains two elements, if $R(xwy_1y_2 \cdots y_{k-1}) = \{r, s\}$ or $\{t, s\}$, then $y_k = t$ or r , and $R(xwy) = R(wy) = \{t, r\}$. If $R(xwy_1y_2 \cdots y_{k-1}) = \{r, t\}$, then $y_k = s$. When $R(wy)$ contains two elements, we must have $R(xwy) = R(wy)$. When $R(wy) = \{s\}$, we need to show that $R(xwy) = \{s\}$. Otherwise $R(xwy) = \{s, r\}$, or $\{s, t\}$. By Lemma 3.4, $r \notin R(xwy)$, then $R(xwy) = \{s, t\}$. By 1.1.(d), we have $xwy_1 \cdots y_k = (u_1)(sts)$, for some $u_1 \in W$. Then $xwy_1 \cdots y_{k-2}y_{k-1} = (u_1)(st)$.

We discuss it in the following three conditions:

(1) $\{y_{k-2}, y_{k-1}\} = \{t, r\}$, under this condition, $xwy_1 \cdots y_{k-3}r = (u_1)(s)$. Hence $r, s \in R(wy_1 \cdots y_3r)$. By 1.1.(d), there exists $u_2 \in W$ and $wy_1 \cdots y_{k-3}r = (u_2)(w_{sr})$. Hence $R(wy_1 \cdots y_{k-3}rts) = \{s, t\}$, which contradicts to $R(wy) = \{s\}$.

(2) $\{y_{k-2}, y_{k-1}\} = \{s, r\}$. This is impossible since under this condition, $y_{k-1} = r, y_{k-2} = s$, from the above, we have $(xwy_1 \cdots y_{k-3})(sr) = (u_1)(st)$, which contradicts Lemma 3.1.

(3) $\{y_{k-2}, y_{k-1}\} = \{s, t\}$. Under this condition, it is easy to see that $R(wy) = \{s, t\}$, which contradicts to $R(wy) = \{s\}$.

Next assume that $|R(xwy_1y_2 \cdots y_{k-1})| = 1$, so $R(xwy_1y_2 \cdots y_{k-1}) = \{y_{k-1}\}$. If $R(wy)$ contains two elements, we must have $R(xwy) = R(wy)$. If $R(wy)$ contains one elements, we must have $R(wy) = \{y_k\}$. We need to prove that $R(xwy) = \{y_k\}$. Assume that $R(xwy) \not\supseteq R(wy)$. When $R(xwy) = \{t, r\}$, it is easy to see that $\{y_{k-1}, y_k\} = \{t, r\}$, so $R(wy) = \{t, r\}$, which contradicts to $R(wy) = \{y_k\}$.

When $R(xwy) = \{t, s\}$, it is easy to see that $y_{k-1} = t$ and $y_k = s$ (or $y_{k-1} = s$ and $y_k = t$), then $t \in R(wy_1 \cdots y_{k-2})$ (or $s \in R(wy_1 \cdots y_{k-2})$). So $R(wy) = \{s, t\}$, which is a contradiction.

When $R(xwy) = \{s, r\}$, then $\{y_{k-1}, y_k\} = \{s, r\}$. By 1.1.(d), there exists $u_1 \in W$, such that $xwy = (u_1)(w_{sr})$, write $wy_1 \cdots y_k = wy_1 \cdots y_i s^a (rs)^b r^c$, here i is minimal, such that $R(y_1 \cdots y_i) = \{y_i\} = \{t\}$, $a, c = 0$ or 1 , $b \geq 0$.

Obviously $a + 2b + c < m_{sr}$. Write $u_{sr} = w_{sr}r^c(rs)^{-b}s^a$, then $l(u_{sr}) > 0$, $xwy_1 \cdots y_i = (u_1)(u_{sr})$. Assume that $R(wy_1 \cdots y_i) = R(y_1 \cdots y_i) = \{y_i\}$, then $i = 0$. So $y \in W_{sr}$, W_{sr} is the parabolic subgroup generated by s, r . Then it contradicts to $s, r \notin L(y)$.

Next assume that $R(wy_1 \cdots y_i) \not\supseteq \{y_i\}$.

Only consider $a + 2b + c \leq m_{sr} - 2$, since when $a + 2b + c = m_{sr} - 1$, $R(wy) = \{s, r\}$, which contradicts the assumption.

By Corollary 3.2, if $R(u_{sr}) = \{s\}$, then $l(u_{sr}) \leq 2$, we must have $u_{sr} = rs$. Hence $R(wy_1 \cdots y_i) = \{t, s\}$. If i is large enough, suppose $i \geq 6$, we will show this is impossible.

By the assumption and easy calculation, we get $y_i = t, y_{i-1} = s, y_{i-2} = r, y_{i-3} = s$. Next we shall deal with the following two conditions:

1) $y_{i-4} = t$, then $y_{i-5} = r$. Hence $R(wy_1 \cdots y_{i-5}) = \{s, r\}$. By 1.1.(d), there exists $u_2 \in W$, such that $xwy_1 \cdots y_{i-5}tsrst = (xu_2)(w_{sr}tsrst) = (u_1)(rs)$. By what we have proved already and easy calculation, we see that there exists $u_3 \in W$, such that $(xu_2)(w_{sr}s)(t) = (u_3)(srsr)$, which contradicts Corollary 3.3.

2) $y_{i-4} = r$, and $y_{i-5} = s$, since $y_{i-5} = t$ is as same as condition 1). Hence $t \in R((xwy_1 \cdots y_{i-6})(srsr))$. But by Corollary 3.3, this is a contradiction.

When $i \leq 5$, there are two cases which satisfy the assumption.

1) $i = 2, y_1 = t, y_2 = s$, however it contradicts to fact that $y_i = t$, since $i = 2$.

2) $i = 5$, $y_5 = t$, $y_4 = s$, $y_3 = r$, $y_2 = s$, $y_1 = t$, and $s \in R(w)$. We will show that $xwtsrst = (u_1)(rs)$ is impossible. Otherwise, $(xws)(tsrst) = (u_1)(r)$, by 1.1.(d), there is $u_3 \in W$, such that $(xws)(tsrs) = (u_3)(r)$, by 1.1.(d) there exists $u_4 \in W$, such that $(xws)(t) = (u_4)(rsrs)$, which contradicts Corollary 3.3.

If $R(u_{sr}) = \{r\}$, then $l(u_{sr}) \leq 3$, $R(wy_1 \cdots y_i) = \{r, t\}$. Hence $r, s \in R(wy_1 \cdots y_{i-1})$. By 1.1.(d), there exists $u_5 \in W$, such that $wy_1 \cdots y_{i-1} = (u_5)(w_{sr})$. Then we get the formula $(x)(u_5)(w_{sr})(t) = (u_1)(u_{sr})$, here $u_{sr} = sr$ or $u_{sr} = rsr$, however the formula contradicts Lemma 3.1.

Until now, we see that the lemma is proved.

Recall that $\tilde{T}_x \tilde{T}_y = \sum_{z \in W} f_{x,y,z} \tilde{T}_z$. Here $f_{x,y,z}$ is a polynomial in ξ , where $\xi = (q^{\frac{1}{2}} - q^{-\frac{1}{2}})$.

Definition: $\deg \tilde{T}_x \tilde{T}_y = \max_{z \in W} \{ \deg f_{x,y,z} \}$.

Lemma 3.6. Let $x, y \in W$. Assume that $s, t \notin R(x) \cup L(y)$, then $\deg f_{xsts,y,z} \leq 1$ for all z in W .

Proof. Write $y = y_1 \cdots y_k$, reduced decomposition. Let $w = sts = tst$. There are two cases to consider.

Case 1: There is no $x' \in W$, such that $x = (x')(w_{sr}s)$, we claim that $R(xwu) = R(wu)$, with $L(u) = \{r\}$, hence the corollary, $l(xstsy) = l(x) + 3 + l(y)$. Hence $\deg f_{xsts,y,z} = 0$, for all $z \in W$.

We use induction on $l(y)$ to prove the claim. When $l(y) = 0, 1, 2$, it is easy to see that $R(xwy) = R(wy)$. When $k \geq 3$, now assume that the claim is true for $u \in W$, with $l(u) < k$, $t, s \notin L(u)$. From the proof of Lemma 3.5, we only need to prove the lemma when $R(wy_1 \cdots y_{k-1}) = \{y_{k-1}\}$ and $R(xwy) = \{s, r\}$. It is easy to check that $R(wy) \subset R(xwy)$, when $R(wy)$ contains two elements, we must have $R(wy) = R(xwy)$, nothing needs to prove. Assume that $R(wy) \subsetneq R(xwy)$. It is easy to check that $\{y_{k-1}, y_k\} = \{s, r\}$. Write $xwy = (u_1)(w_{sr})$ by 1.1.(d), $u_1 \in W$. Write $wy = wy_1 \cdots y_i s^a (rs)^b r^c$, $0 \leq i \leq k-2$, i minimal such that $R(y_1 \cdots y_i) = \{y_i\} = \{t\}$, $a + 2b + c < m_{sr}$, then we have $xwy_1 \cdots y_i = (u_1)(u_{sr})$, $u_{sr} = w_{sr} r^c (rs)^{-b}$. From the proof of Lemma 3.5, we only have to check the case $R(wy_1 \cdots y_i) = \{s, t\}$ and $i \leq 5$, $u_{sr} = rs$. By calculation only $i = 3$, $y_1 = r$, $y_2 = s$, $y_3 = t$ satisfies the assumption $R(wy_1 y_2 y_3) = \{s, t\}$ and $R(y_1 y_2 y_3) = \{t\}$. However, $xwrst = (u_1)(rs)$ is impossible. Otherwise, we will get $(x)(t) = (u_2)(srsr)$, $u_2 \in W$, which contradicts Corollary 3.3. Hence the claim.

Case 2: When there exists $x' \in W$, such that $x = (x')(w_{sr}s)$, $xsts = (x')(w_{sr})(ts)$. We claim that $\deg \tilde{T}_{xsts} \tilde{T}_y = 1$. If $l(xstsy) = l(x) + 3 + l(y)$, then nothing needs to prove. We calculate $\tilde{T}_{w_{sr}ts} \tilde{T}_y$ firstly. Assume that there is an $i < k$, which is minimal, such that $l(w_{sr}tsy_1 \cdots y_i) < l(w_{sr}tsy_1 \cdots y_{i-1})$. By strong exchange condition, and $l(stsy) = 3 + l(y)$, we get $rsy_1 \cdots y_{i-1} = sy_1 \cdots y_{i-1} y_i$, $l(rsy_1 \cdots y_{i-1}) = i + 1$. By 1.1.(d), there exists $u_1 \in W$, such that $sy_1 \cdots y_{i-1} y_i = (w_{sr})(u_1)$. Since $l(sy) =$

$l(y) + 1$, $rsy_1 \cdots y_{i-1} = sy_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_i$, hence $rsy_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_{i+1} \cdots y_k$ is a reduced decomposition, and so is $sy_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_{i+1} \cdots y_k$.

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{T}_{w_{sr}ts}\tilde{T}_y &= \tilde{T}_{w_{sr}ts}\tilde{T}_{y_1 \cdots y_{i-1}}\tilde{T}_{y_i}\tilde{T}_{y_{i+1} \cdots y_k} \\ &= \xi\tilde{T}_{w_{sr}rt}\tilde{T}_{sy_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_i}\tilde{T}_{y_{i+1} \cdots y_k} + \tilde{T}_{w_{sr}rt}\tilde{T}_{sy_1 \cdots y_{i-1}}\tilde{T}_{y_{i+1} \cdots y_k} \\ &= \xi\tilde{T}_{w_{sr}rt}\tilde{T}_{sy} + \tilde{T}_{w_{sr}rt}\tilde{T}_{sy_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_{i+1} \cdots y_k} \end{aligned}$$

Because $sy_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_i = (w_{sr})(u_1)$, $sy = (w_{sr})(u_1)(y_{i+1} \cdots y_k)$, $sy_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_{i+1} \cdots y_k = (rw_{sr})(u_1)(y_{i+1} \cdots y_k)$.

Since $l(w_{sr})$, $l(rw_{sr}) \geq 5$ and $R(w_{sr}rt) = \{t\}$, $\tilde{T}_{w_{sr}rt}\tilde{T}_{sy} = \tilde{T}_{w_{sr}rtsy}$, by Lemma 3.5.

By Lemma 3.5, $\tilde{T}_{w_{sr}rt}\tilde{T}_{sy_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_{i+1} \cdots y_k} = \tilde{T}_{w_{sr}rtsy_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_{i+1} \cdots y_k}$.

Since $l(w_{sr}r) \geq 6$, then by Lemma 3.5, $\tilde{T}_{x'}\tilde{T}_{w_{sr}rtsy} = \tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}rtsy}$, $\tilde{T}_{x'}\tilde{T}_{w_{sr}rtsy_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_{i+1} \cdots y_k} = \tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}rtsy_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_{i+1} \cdots y_k}$.

Hence the lemma is proved.

Lemma 3.7. Let $x, y \in W$. Assume that $t, r \notin R(x) \cup L(y)$, then $\deg f_{xtr,y,z} \leq 2$ for all z in W .

Proof. There are four cases:

Case 1: When there is no $x' \in W$, such that $x = (x')(w_{sr}r)$, or $x = (x')(w_{st}t)$, or $x = (x')(w_{sr}sr)$. Claim that $R(xtru) = R(tru)$, with $t, r \notin L(u)$, $u \in W$. Then we have the corollary, $xtry = (x)(tr)(y)$. Hence $\deg f_{xtr,y,z} = 0$. We use induction on $l(y)$ to prove the claim. When $l(y) = 0, 1, 2$, it is easy to see the claim is true. When $l(y) \geq 3$, write $y = y_1y_2 \cdots y_k$, reduced decomposition. Now assume that the claim is true for u with $l(u) < k$, $r, t \notin L(u)$. By the proof of Lemma 3.5, we only have to prove that when $R(wy_1 \cdots y_{k-1}) = \{y_{k-1}\}$ and $R(xtry) = \{s, r\}$, $R(try) = \{s, r\}$. Assume that $R(try) \subsetneq R(xwy)$. It is easy to see that $\{y_{k-1}, y_k\} = \{s, r\}$. Write $xtry = (u_1)(w_{sr})$ by 1.1.(d), for $u_1 \in W$. Write $try = try_1 \cdots y_i s^a (rs)^b r^c$, $0 \leq i \leq k-2$, i minimal such that $R(y_1 \cdots y_i) = \{y_i\} = \{t\}$, $a + 2b + c < m_{sr}$, then we have $xtry_1 \cdots y_i = (u_1)(u_{sr})$, where $u_{sr} = w_{sr}r^c(rs)^{-b}$. From the proof of Lemma 3.5, we only have to consider the case $R(try_1 \cdots y_i) = \{s, t\}$ and $i \leq 5$, $u_{sr} = rs$.

If $i = 5$, $y_5 = t$, $y_4 = s$, $y_3 = r$, $y_2 = s$, contradicts to $y_1 = s$, and $y_1y_2 \cdots y_5$ is a reduced decomposition.

If $i = 4$, then $y_4 = t$, $y_3 = s$, $y_2 = r$, $y_1 = s$, this contradicts to the assumption $R(try_1 \cdots y_i) = \{s, t\}$.

If $i = 3$, then $y_3 = t$, $y_2 = s$, which contradicts to $sy_2 \cdots y_i$ is a reduced decomposition.

It is easy to see that $i = 1$ is impossible.

If $i = 2$, $y_2 = t$, $y_1 = s$, which satisfies $R(trst) = \{s, t\}$ and $R(st) = \{t\}$. That is $y_3 \cdots y_k = srw_{sr}$, $ty_1 \cdots y_k = rstrw_{sr}$. However the equality $xtrst = (u_1)(rs)$ is failed to hold, since there is no $x' \in W$, such that $x = (x')(w_{sr}sr)$.

Hence the claim.

Case 2: When $x = (x')(w_{sr}r)$, then $xtr = (x')(w_{sr})(t)$. If $l(xtry) = l(x) + 2 + l(y)$, then nothing needs to prove. First we calculate $\tilde{T}_{w_{sr}t}\tilde{T}_y$. Assume that there is an $i < k$, which is minimal, such that $l(w_{sr}ty_1 \cdots y_i) < l(w_{sr}ty_1 \cdots y_{i-1})$. By strong exchange condition, and $l(try) = 2 + l(y)$, we get $sty_1 \cdots y_{i-1} = ty_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_i$, $l(sty_1 \cdots y_{i-1}) = i + 1$.

Since $l(try) = l(y) + 2$ and $sty_1 \cdots y_{i-1} = ty_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_i$, it is easy to see $sty_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_{i+1} \cdots y_k$ and $ty_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_{i+1} \cdots y_k$ are reduced decompositions. Let $\xi = (q^{\frac{1}{2}} - q^{-\frac{1}{2}})$.

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{T}_{w_{sr}t}\tilde{T}_y &= \tilde{T}_{w_{sr}s}\tilde{T}_{sty_1 \cdots y_{i-1}}\tilde{T}_{y_i}\tilde{T}_{y_{i+1} \cdots y_k} \\ &= \xi\tilde{T}_{w_{sr}s}\tilde{T}_{ty} + \tilde{T}_{w_{sr}s}\tilde{T}_{ty_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_{i+1} \cdots y_k} \end{aligned}$$

We have showed that $L(ty) = \{s, t\}$. If there exists $u_1 \in W$, such that $ty = (st)(w_{sr})(u_1)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \xi\tilde{T}_{w_{sr}s}\tilde{T}_{ty} &= \xi\tilde{T}_{w_{sr}s}\tilde{T}_{(srt)(rw_{sr})(u_1)} \\ &= \xi^2\tilde{T}_{w_{sr}}\tilde{T}_{(t)(rw_{sr})(u_1)} + \xi\tilde{T}_{w_{srr}}\tilde{T}_{(t)(rw_{sr})(u_1)} \end{aligned}$$

Since $w_{sr}trw_{sr} = (w_{sr})(t)(rw_{sr})$, $w_{srr}trw_{sr} = (w_{srr})(t)(rw_{sr})$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\xi^2\tilde{T}_{w_{sr}}\tilde{T}_{(t)(rw_{sr})(u_1)} + \xi\tilde{T}_{w_{srr}}\tilde{T}_{(t)(rw_{sr})(u_1)} \\ &= \xi^2\tilde{T}_{(w_{sr})(t)(rw_{sr})(u_1)} + \xi\tilde{T}_{(w_{srr})(t)(rw_{sr})(u_1)} \end{aligned}$$

Meanwhile, since $ty = sty_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_{i+1} \cdots y_k$ and $ty = (st)(w_{sr})(u_1)$, we have

$$ty_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_{i+1} \cdots y_k = (t)(w_{sr})(u_1)$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{T}_{w_{sr}s}\tilde{T}_{ty_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_{i+1} \cdots y_k} &= \tilde{T}_{w_{sr}s}\tilde{T}_{(t)(w_{sr})(u_1)} \\ &= \xi\tilde{T}_{(w_{sr}s)(t)(rw_{sr})(u_1)} + \tilde{T}_{(w_{sr}sr)(t)(rw_{sr})(u_1)} \end{aligned}$$

If there is no $u_1 \in W$, such that $ty = (st)(w_{sr})(u_1)$, i.e, $ty = (st)(u_2)$ and $L(u_2) = \{s\}$, then $ty_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_{i+1} \cdots y_k = (t)(u_2)$.

$$\xi\tilde{T}_{w_{sr}s}\tilde{T}_{ty} + \tilde{T}_{w_{sr}s}\tilde{T}_{ty_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_{i+1} \cdots y_k} = \xi\tilde{T}_{w_{sr}sty} + \tilde{T}_{w_{sr}s}\tilde{T}_{tu_2}$$

By the assumption $L(u_2) = \{s\}$ and $s \notin L(tu_2)$, it is easy too see that $w_{sr}stu_2 = (w_{sr}s)(t)(u_2)$. Hence

$$\tilde{T}_{w_{sr}s}\tilde{T}_{tu_2} = \tilde{T}_{w_{sr}stu_2}$$

By Lemma 3.5, in case 2, $\deg \tilde{T}_{xtr}\tilde{T}_y \leq 2$.

Case 3: When $x = (x')(w_{st}t)$, then $xtr = (x')(w_{st})(r)$. If $l(xtry) = l(x) + 2 + l(y)$, then nothing needs to prove.

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{T}_{xtr}\tilde{T}_y &= \tilde{T}_{x'w_{st}r}\tilde{T}_y \\ &= \tilde{T}_{x'w_{st}}\tilde{T}_{ry}\end{aligned}$$

We calculate this in the following two conditions:

Condition 1: $R(x') = L(ry) = \{r\}$, here $R(x') = \{r\}$ and $t \notin L(ry)$, since $l(try) = l(y) + 2$. By Lemma 3.6, we have $\deg f_{xtr,y,z} \leq 1$.

Condition 2: $L(r, y) = \{s, r\}$. By 1.1.(d), there exists $u_1 \in W$, such that $ry = (w_{sr})(u_1)$.

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{T}_{x'w_{st}}\tilde{T}_{ry} &= \tilde{T}_{x'w_{st}}\tilde{T}_{w_{sr}u_1} \\ &= \xi\tilde{T}_{x'w_{st}}\tilde{T}_{sw_{sr}u_1} + \tilde{T}_{x'w_{st}s}\tilde{T}_{sw_{sr}u_1}\end{aligned}$$

Since then $R(x') = L(sw_{sr}u_1) = \{r\}$, by Lemma 3.6, we have $\deg \xi\tilde{T}_{x'w_{st}}\tilde{T}_{sw_{sr}u_1} \leq 2$.

As to the part $\tilde{T}_{x'w_{st}s}\tilde{T}_{sw_{sr}u_1}$, $s \notin R(x'w_{st}s)$, then $R(x'w_{st}s) = \{t\}$ or $\{r, t\}$. In the first case, it is easy to check that $x'stw_{sr} = (x')(st)(sw_{sr})$, then by Lemma 3.5, $x'stw_{sr}u_1 = (x')(st)(sw_{sr})(u_1)$. Hence

$$\tilde{T}_{x'w_{st}s}\tilde{T}_{sw_{sr}u_1} = \tilde{T}_{x'stw_{sr}u_1}$$

In the second case, by 1.1.(d), there exists $x'' \in W$, such that $x's = (x'')(w_{sr})$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{T}_{x'w_{st}s}\tilde{T}_{sw_{sr}u_1} &= \tilde{T}_{x''w_{sr}t}\tilde{T}_{sw_{sr}u_1} \\ &= \xi\tilde{T}_{x''w_{sr}t}\tilde{T}_{rsw_{sr}u_1} + \tilde{T}_{x''w_{sr}rt}\tilde{T}_{rsw_{sr}u_1} \\ &= \xi\tilde{T}_{x''w_{sr}trsw_{sr}u_1} + \tilde{T}_{x''w_{sr}rtrsw_{sr}u_1}\end{aligned}$$

The last equality follows from Lemma 3.5.

Hence in Case 3, we have $\deg f_{xtr,y,z} \leq 2$, for all $z \in W$.

Case 4: When $x = (x')(w_{sr}sr)$, then $xtr = (x')(w_{sr}s)(t)$. If $l(xtry) = l(x) + 2 + l(y)$, then nothing needs to prove. We first calculate $\tilde{T}_{w_{sr}st}\tilde{T}_y$. Assume that there is an $i < k$, which is minimal, such that $l(w_{sr}sty_1 \cdots y_i) < l(w_{sr}sty_1 \cdots y_{i-1})$. By strong exchange condition, and $l(try) = 2 + l(y)$, we get $srsty_1 \cdots y_{i-1} = ty_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_i$, or $rsrty_1 \cdots y_{i-1} = ty_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_i$. $l(ty_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_i) = i + 1$. Since $l(srty_1 \cdots y_{i-1}) = i + 2$, then $r \in L(srty_1 \cdots y_{i-1})$, by 1.1.(d), there exists $u_1 \in W$, s.t $srtty_1 \cdots y_{i-1} = (w_{sr})(u_1)$, then $(t)(y_1 \cdots y_{i-1}) = (rsw_{sr})(u_1)$, which contradicts Corollary 3.2. Hence $rsrty_1 \cdots y_{i-1} = ty_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_i$ is impossible.

Then we get $srsty_1 \cdots y_{i-1} = ty_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_i$. By the proof of Case 1 in this Lemma, we see that in fact $ty_1 \cdots y_i = (w_{st})(sw_{sr})$. By Lemma

3.5,

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}st}\tilde{T}_y &= \tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}s}\tilde{T}_{ty_1\cdots y_i}\tilde{T}_{y_{i+1}\cdots y_k} \\
&= \tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}}\tilde{T}_{(t)(w_{sr})}\tilde{T}_{y_{i+1}\cdots y_k} \\
&= \xi\tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}}\tilde{T}_{trw_{sr}y_{i+1}\cdots y_k} + \tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}r}\tilde{T}_{trw_{sr}y_{i+1}\cdots y_k} \\
&= \xi\tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}rsty} + \tilde{T}_{(x')(w_{sr}r)(t)(rw_{sr})(y_{i+1}\cdots y_k)}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence in Case 4, $\deg \tilde{T}_{xtr}\tilde{T}_y = 1$.

In a word, $\deg f_{xtr,y,z} \leq 2$, for all $z \in W$.

Corollary 3.8. Let $x, y \in W$. Assume that $R(x) = \{r\}$, $L(y) = \{t\}$, then $\deg f_{xw_{st},w_{sr}y,z} \leq 2$ for all z in W .

Proof. By the proof of Condition 2 in Case 3 of Lemma 3.7.

Lemma 3.9. Let $x, y \in W$. Assume that $R(x) = \{s\}$, $L(y) = \{t\}$, then $\deg f_{xtr,w_{sr}y,z} \leq 3$ for all z in W .

Proof. $\tilde{T}_{xtr}\tilde{T}_{w_{sr}y} = \xi\tilde{T}_{xtr}\tilde{T}_{r(w_{sr})(y)} + \tilde{T}_{xt}\tilde{T}_{(rw_{sr})(y)}$. Obviously, $r \notin R(xt)$. Since $R(x) = L(rw_{sr}y) = \{s\}$, then $\deg \xi\tilde{T}_{xtr}\tilde{T}_{r(w_{sr})(y)} \leq 3$, by Lemma 3.7.

Next consider the part $\tilde{T}_{xt}\tilde{T}_{(rw_{sr})(y)}$. We have $r \notin R(xt)$, since $R(x) = \{s\}$. If $R(xt) = \{t\}$, then $\tilde{T}_{xt}\tilde{T}_{(rw_{sr})(y)} = \tilde{T}_{xtrw_{sr}y}$, by lemma 3.5. If $R(xt) = \{s, t\}$, by 1.1.(d), there exists $x' \in W$, such that $xt = (x')(w_{st})$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{T}_{xt}\tilde{T}_{(rw_{sr})(y)} &= \tilde{T}_{x'w_{st}}\tilde{T}_{rw_{sr}y} \\
&= \xi\tilde{T}_{x'w_{st}}\tilde{T}_{srw_{sr}y} + \tilde{T}_{x'st}\tilde{T}_{srw_{sr}y}
\end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.6, $\deg \xi\tilde{T}_{x'w_{st}}\tilde{T}_{(srw_{sr})(y)} \leq 2$. As for the part $\tilde{T}_{x'st}\tilde{T}_{srw_{sr}y}$, $s \notin R(x'st)$, since $x'sts = (x')(sts)$, then there are two possibilities.

When $R(x'st) = \{t\}$, by Lemma 3.5, $\tilde{T}_{x'st}\tilde{T}_{srw_{sr}y} = \tilde{T}_{x'stsrw_{sr}y}$.

When $R(x'st) = \{r, t\}$, by 1.1.(d), there exists $x'' \in W$, such that $x'st = (x'')(w_{sr})(t)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{T}_{x'st}\tilde{T}_{(srw_{sr})(y)} &= \tilde{T}_{x''w_{sr}t}\tilde{T}_{srw_{sr}y} \\
&= \xi\tilde{T}_{x''w_{sr}rt}\tilde{T}_{srw_{sr}y} + \tilde{T}_{x''w_{sr}r}\tilde{T}_{trsrw_{sr}y}
\end{aligned}$$

Since $R(x''w_{sr}rt) = \{t\}$, by Lemma 3.5,

$$\xi\tilde{T}_{x''w_{sr}rt}\tilde{T}_{srw_{sr}y} = \xi\tilde{T}_{x''w_{sr}rtsrw_{sr}y}$$

It is easy to see $r \notin L((t)(rsrw_{sr})(y))$, otherwise it contradicts to the fact $L(y) = \{t\}$. When $L(trsrw_{sr}y) = \{t\}$, by Lemma 3.5,

$$\tilde{T}_{x''w_{sr}r}\tilde{T}_{trsrw_{sr}y} = \tilde{T}_{x''w_{sr}rtrsrsrw_{sr}y}$$

When $L(trsrw_{sr}y) = \{s, t\}$, meanwhile $m_{sr} = 7$ and there exists $y' \in W$, such that $y = (t)(rw_{sr})(y')$. Then $trsrw_{sr}y' = tstrstsw_{sr}y''$,

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{T}_{x''w_{sr}r}\tilde{T}_{(trsrw_{sr})(y)} &= \tilde{T}_{x''w_{sr}r}\tilde{T}_{tstrstsw_{sr}y''} \\ &= \xi\tilde{T}_{x''w_{sr}r}\tilde{T}_{tstrstsw_{sr}y''} + \tilde{T}_{x''w_{sr}rs}\tilde{T}_{tstrstsw_{sr}y''}\end{aligned}$$

Since $L(tstrstsw_{sr}y'') = \{t\}$, by Lemma 3.5,

$$\xi\tilde{T}_{x''w_{sr}r}\tilde{T}_{tstrstsw_{sr}y''} + \tilde{T}_{x''w_{sr}rs}\tilde{T}_{tstrstsw_{sr}y''} = \xi\tilde{T}_{x''w_{sr}rtsrsw_{sr}y''} + \tilde{T}_{x''w_{sr}rststrstsw_{sr}y''}$$

In a word, $\deg f_{xtr, w_{sr}y, z} \leq 3$, for all z in W .

Lemma 3.10. Let $x, y \in W$. Assume that $R(x) = \{s\}$, $L(y) = \{r\}$, then $\deg f_{xtr, w_{st}y, z} \leq 4$ for all z in W .

Proof. $\tilde{T}_{xtr}\tilde{T}_{(tst)(y)} = \xi\tilde{T}_{xtr}\tilde{T}_{sty} + \tilde{T}_{xr}\tilde{T}_{sty}$. Obviously, $t, r \notin L(sty)$. $R(x) = L(sty) = \{s\}$, $\deg \xi\tilde{T}_{xtr}\tilde{T}_{sty} \leq 3$, by Lemma 3.7. As to part $\tilde{T}_{xr}\tilde{T}_{sty}$, since $L(y) = \{r\}$, write $y = ry_1$, $L(y_1) = \{s\}$. $\tilde{T}_{xr}\tilde{T}_{sty} = \tilde{T}_{xr}\tilde{T}_{stry_1}$.

When $R(xr) = \{r\}$, it is easy to check that $t \notin R(xrs)$.

1) $R(xrs) = \{s\}$, by Lemma 3.7, $\deg \tilde{T}_{xr}\tilde{T}_{sty} \leq 2$.

2) $R(xrs) = \{s, r\}$, by Lemma 3.9, $\deg \tilde{T}_{xr}\tilde{T}_{sty} \leq 3$

When $R(xr) = \{s, r\}$, there exists $x' \in W$, such that $xr = (x')(w_{sr})$,

$$\tilde{T}_{xr}\tilde{T}_{sty} = \tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}}\tilde{T}_{stry_1} = \xi\tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}}\tilde{T}_{try_1} + \tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}s}\tilde{T}_{try_1}$$

By Lemma 3.9, $\deg \xi\tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}}\tilde{T}_{try_1} \leq 4$.

$$\tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}s}\tilde{T}_{try_1} = \xi\tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}sr}\tilde{T}_{try_1} + \tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}sr}\tilde{T}_{ty_1}$$

Since $R(x'w_{sr}sr) = \{s\} = L(y_1)$, $\deg \xi\tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}sr}\tilde{T}_{try_1} \leq 3$, by Lemma 3.7.

Finally we consider the part $\tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}sr}\tilde{T}_{ty_1}$. Obviously, $r \notin L(ty_1)$.

If $L(ty_1) = \{t\}$, by Lemma 3.5, $\tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}sr}\tilde{T}_{ty_1} = \tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}srty_1}$.

If $L(ty_1) = \{s, t\}$, by 1.1.(d), there exists $y_2 \in W$, $L(y_2) = \{r\}$, such that $ty_1 = (w_{st})(y_2)$.

$$\tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}sr}\tilde{T}_{ty_1} = \tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}sr}\tilde{T}_{w_{st}y_2} = \xi\tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}sr}\tilde{T}_{tsy_2} + \tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}sr}s\tilde{T}_{tsy_2}$$

Obviously $s \notin L(tsy_2)$. If $L(tsy_2) = \{t\}$, then it is easy to check that $L(sy_2) = \{s\}$. By Lemma 3.5, $\xi\tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}sr}\tilde{T}_{tsy_2} = \xi\tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}srtsy_2}$. Since $R(x'w_{sr}sr) = \{s\}$, $\tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}sr}s\tilde{T}_{tsy_2} = \tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}sr}sr\tilde{T}_{tsy_2}$ then by Lemma 3.7, $\deg \tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}sr}s\tilde{T}_{tsy_2} \leq 2$. If $L(tsy_2) = \{t, r\}$, by 1.1.(d), there exists $y_3 \in W$, such that $sy_2 = (w_{sr})(y_3)$. Since $\xi\tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}sr}\tilde{T}_{tsy_2} = \xi\tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}sr}t\tilde{T}_{w_{sr}y_3}$, and $R(x'w_{sr}sr) = \{s\}$, by Lemma 3.5, $\xi\tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}sr}\tilde{T}_{tsy_2} = \xi\tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}sr}tsy_2$. Since $\tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}sr}s\tilde{T}_{tsy_2} = \tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}sr}s\tilde{T}_{tw_{sr}y_3} = \tilde{T}_{(x'w_{sr}sr)(rt)}\tilde{T}_{w_{sr}y_3}$, by Lemma 3.9, $\deg \tilde{T}_{x'w_{sr}sr}s\tilde{T}_{tsy_2} \leq 3$.

Hence we can conclude that $\deg f_{xtr, w_{st}y, z} \leq 4$ for all z in W .

Let P be the parabolic subgroup of W generated by s and r .

Lemma 3.11. Assume that w, u are elements of P . Then $\deg f_{w, u, v} \leq l(v)$ for $v \in P$ and $\deg f_{w, u, v} = 0$ if $v \notin P$.

Proof. Refer to [X].

Lemma 3.12. Let $x, y \in W$. Let x_1 (resp. y_1) be the element in the coset xP (resp. Py) with minimal length. Let $w, u \in P$ be such that $x = x_1w$, $y = uy_1$. When $l(w), l(u) \geq 1$ and $l(w) + l(u) \geq 3$, then $\deg f_{x,y,z} \leq m_{sr}$ for all z in W .

Proof. We use induction on $\min \{l(x), l(y)\}$. When $\min \{l(x), l(y)\} \leq m_{sr}$, the lemma is clear. Next assume that $k > m_{sr}$. By the assumption, we have

$$\tilde{T}_x \tilde{T}_y = \sum_{v \in P} f_{w,u,v} \tilde{T}_{x_1v} \tilde{T}_{y_1}.$$

By Lemma 3.11, $\deg f_{w,u,v} \leq l(v)$ and $v \in P$ if $f_{w,u,v} \neq 0$. If $l(v) \geq 5$, by Lemma 3.5, $l(x_1vy_1) = l(x_1v) + l(y_1)$. Hence $\tilde{T}_{x_1v} \tilde{T}_{y_1} = \tilde{T}_{x_1vy_1}$.

If $l(v) = 0$

$R(x_1) = L(y_1) = \{t\}$. Write $x_1 = (x_2)(t)$, $y_1 = (t)(y_2)$, here $R(x_2) = L(y_2) = \{s\}$.

$$\tilde{T}_{x_1} \tilde{T}_{y_1} = \tilde{T}_{x_2t} \tilde{T}_{ty_2} = \xi \tilde{T}_{x_2t} \tilde{T}_{y_2} + \tilde{T}_{x_2} \tilde{T}_{y_2}$$

Write $x_2 = x_3s$, $y_2 = sy_3$, then it is easy to check that $R(x_3) = L(y_3) = \{r\}$. Hence, by Lemma 3.6,

$$\xi \tilde{T}_{x_2t} \tilde{T}_{y_2} = \xi \tilde{T}_{x_3sts} \tilde{T}_{y_3}$$

$\deg \xi \tilde{T}_{x_3sts} \tilde{T}_{y_3} \leq 2$. $\tilde{T}_{x_2} \tilde{T}_{y_2} = \tilde{T}_{x_3s} \tilde{T}_{sy_3}$, by induction hypotheses, $\deg \tilde{T}_{x_2} \tilde{T}_{y_2} \leq m_{sr}$. Hence $\deg \tilde{T}_{x_1} \tilde{T}_{y_1} \leq m_{sr}$.

Write $x_1 = x_2rst$, $y_1 = tsry_2$, since $R(x_1) = L(y_1) = \{t\}$. It is to check that $R(x_2rs) = L(sry_2) = \{s\}$, $R(x_2r) = L(ry_2) = \{r\}$, $R(x_2) = L(y_2) = \{s\}$.

If $l(v) = 1$

1) $v = r$.

$$\tilde{T}_{x_1r} \tilde{T}_{y_1} = \tilde{T}_{x_2rstr} \tilde{T}_{tsry_2} = \xi \tilde{T}_{x_2rstr} \tilde{T}_{sry_2} + \tilde{T}_{x_2rsr} \tilde{T}_{sry_2}$$

By lemma 3.7, $\deg \xi \tilde{T}_{x_2rstr} \tilde{T}_{sry_2} \leq 3$. Since $\xi \tilde{T}_{x_2rsr} \tilde{T}_{sry_2} = \tilde{T}_{x_2rsr} \tilde{T}_{rsry_2} - \tilde{T}_{x_2rs} \tilde{T}_{sry_2}$. Here $l(x_1) = l(x_2) + 3$, $l(y_1) = l(y_2) + 3$, and $l(x_1) \leq l(x) - 1$, $l(y_1) \leq l(y) - 1$, hence we can use induction hypotheses to $\xi \tilde{T}_{x_2rsr} \tilde{T}_{sry_2}$, and the lemma is true then.

2) $v = s$. It is easy to check that $R(x_1s) = \{s, t\}$, by 1.1.(d), write $x_1s = (x_3)(w_{st})$, $x_3 = x_2r$, $R(x_3) = \{r\}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{T}_{x_1s} \tilde{T}_{y_1} &= \tilde{T}_{x_3w_{st}} \tilde{T}_{tsry_2} \\ &= \xi \tilde{T}_{x_3st} \tilde{T}_{sry_2} + \tilde{T}_{x_3ts} \tilde{T}_{sry_2} \\ &= \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x_3sts} \tilde{T}_{ry_2} + \xi \tilde{T}_{x_3st} \tilde{T}_{ry_2} + \xi \tilde{T}_{x_3ts} \tilde{T}_{ry_2} + \tilde{T}_{x_3t} \tilde{T}_{ry_2} \end{aligned}$$

Since $R(x_3) = L(ry_2) = \{r\}$, by Lemma 3.6, $\deg \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x_3sts} \tilde{T}_{ry_2} \leq 3$. Since $R(x_2rs) = L(sry_2) = \{s\}$, $\xi \tilde{T}_{x_3st} \tilde{T}_{ry_2} = \xi \tilde{T}_{x_2rst} \tilde{T}_{ry_2} = \xi \tilde{T}_{x_2rstr} \tilde{T}_{y_2}$. Since $R(x_2rs) = L(y_2) = \{s\}$, by Lemma 3.7, $\deg \xi \tilde{T}_{x_3st} \tilde{T}_{ry_2} \leq 3$. Since

$\xi \tilde{T}_{x_3ts} \tilde{T}_{ry_2} = \xi \tilde{T}_{x_2rt} \tilde{T}_{sry_2}$, $R(x_2) = L(sry_2) = \{s\}$, then by Lemma 3.7, $\deg \xi \tilde{T}_{x_3ts} \tilde{T}_{ry_2} \leq 3$.

As for the part $\tilde{T}_{x_3t} \tilde{T}_{ry_2}$, $\xi \tilde{T}_{x_3t} \tilde{T}_{ry_2} = \xi \tilde{T}_{x_2rt} \tilde{T}_{ry_2} = \tilde{T}_{x_2rt} \tilde{T}_{try_2} - \tilde{T}_{x_2r} \tilde{T}_{ry_2}$. Apply induction hypotheses, we see that $\deg \tilde{T}_{x_2r} \tilde{T}_{ry_2} \leq m_{sr}$. Then we deal with the following,

$$\tilde{T}_{x_2rt} \tilde{T}_{ry_2} = \xi \tilde{T}_{x_2rt} \tilde{T}_{y_2} + \tilde{T}_{x_2t} \tilde{T}_{y_2}$$

By Lemma 3.7, we have $\deg \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x_2rt} \tilde{T}_{y_2} \leq 4$.

Finally, claim that $\deg \tilde{T}_{x_2t} \tilde{T}_{y_2} \leq m_{sr} - 1$, i.e., $\deg \xi \tilde{T}_{x_2t} \tilde{T}_{y_2} \leq m_{sr}$, when $R(x_2) = L(y_2) = \{s\}$. (**Notice** The claim here will be used in the proof of Lemma 3.13.) Choose suitable $x', y' \in W$, $R(x') = L(y') = \{r\}$.

$$1) \ x_2t = (x')(w_{st}), \ y_2 = sty'$$

$$\begin{aligned} \xi \tilde{T}_{x_2t} \tilde{T}_{y_2} &= \xi \tilde{T}_{x'w_{st}} \tilde{T}_{sty'} \\ &= \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x'w_{st}} \tilde{T}_{ty'} + \xi \tilde{T}_{x'st} \tilde{T}_{ty'} \\ &= \xi^3 \tilde{T}_{x'w_{st}} \tilde{T}_{y'} + \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x'ts} \tilde{T}_{y'} + \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x'st} \tilde{T}_{y'} + \xi \tilde{T}_{x's} \tilde{T}_{y'} \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.6, $\deg \xi^3 \tilde{T}_{x'w_{st}} \tilde{T}_{y'} \leq 4$. $\xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x'ts} \tilde{T}_{y'} = \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x't} \tilde{T}_{sy'}$, since $t \notin L(sy')$, $s \in Lsy'$, by Lemma 3.6, or Lemma 3.9, $\deg \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x'ts} \tilde{T}_{y'} \leq 5$. As the same reason, $\deg \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x'st} \tilde{T}_{y'} \leq 5$. then apply induction hypotheses to the left part $\xi \tilde{T}_{x's} \tilde{T}_{y'}$, which is equal to $\tilde{T}_{x's} \tilde{T}_{sy'} - \tilde{T}_{x'} \tilde{T}_{y'}$.

$$2) \ x_2t = (x')(w_{st}), \ y_2 = sy'$$

$$\begin{aligned} \xi \tilde{T}_{x_2t} \tilde{T}_{y_2} &= \xi \tilde{T}_{x'w_{st}} \tilde{T}_{sy'} \\ &= \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x'w_{st}} \tilde{T}_{y'} + \xi \tilde{T}_{x'st} \tilde{T}_{y'} \\ &= \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x'w_{st}} \tilde{T}_{y'} + \xi \tilde{T}_{x't} \tilde{T}_{sy'} \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.6, $\deg \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x'w_{st}} \tilde{T}_{y'} \leq 3$. By Lemma 3.7, $\deg \xi \tilde{T}_{x't} \tilde{T}_{sy'} \leq 2$.

$$3) \ x_2t = (x')(st), \ y_2 = sty'$$

$$\begin{aligned} \xi \tilde{T}_{x_2t} \tilde{T}_{y_2} &= \xi \tilde{T}_{x'st} \tilde{T}_{sty'} \\ &= \xi \tilde{T}_{x'w_{st}} \tilde{T}_{ty'} \\ &= \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x'w_{st}} \tilde{T}_{y'} + \xi \tilde{T}_{x'ts} \tilde{T}_{y'} \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.6, $\deg \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x'w_{st}} \tilde{T}_{y'} \leq 3$. $\xi \tilde{T}_{x'ts} \tilde{T}_{y'} = \xi \tilde{T}_{x't} \tilde{T}_{sy'}$, $t \notin L(sy')$, $s \in L(sy')$, by Lemma 3.7 or Lemma 3.9 $\deg \xi \tilde{T}_{x'ts} \tilde{T}_{y'} \leq 4$.

$$4) \ x_2t = (x')(st), \ y_2 = sy'$$

$$\xi \tilde{T}_{x_2t} \tilde{T}_{y_2} = \xi \tilde{T}_{x'st} \tilde{T}_{sy'} = \xi \tilde{T}_{x'sts} \tilde{T}_{y'}$$

By Lemma 3.6, $\deg \xi \tilde{T}_{x'sts} \tilde{T}_{y'} \leq 1$.

Hence $\deg \xi \tilde{T}_{x_2t} \tilde{T}_{y_2} \leq m_{sr}$.

If $l(v) = 2$, $v = sr$ or $v = rs$.

$$\tilde{T}_{x_1sr} \tilde{T}_{y_1} = \tilde{T}_{x_2rst} \tilde{T}_{rtsry_2}$$

By Lemma 3.10, $\deg \tilde{T}_{x_1sr} \tilde{T}_{y_1} \leq 4$. As the same, $\deg \tilde{T}_{x_1rs} \tilde{T}_{y_1} \leq 4$.

If $l(v) = 3$

1) $v = srs$

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{T}_{x_1srs}\tilde{T}_{y_1} &= \tilde{T}_{x_2rststs}\tilde{T}_{tsry_2} \\
&= \tilde{T}_{x_2rstsr}\tilde{T}_{ststry_2} \\
&= \xi\tilde{T}_{x_2rtsr}\tilde{T}_{ststry_2} + \tilde{T}_{x_2rtsr}\tilde{T}_{stry_2} \\
&= \xi\tilde{T}_{x_2rt}\tilde{T}_{srststry_2} + \tilde{T}_{x_2rt}\tilde{T}_{srststry_2} \\
&= \xi\tilde{T}_{x_2rtsrsr}\tilde{T}_{ststry_2} + \tilde{T}_{x_2rt}\tilde{T}_{srststry_2}
\end{aligned}$$

It is easy to check $L(srststry_2) = L(srststry_2) = \{s\}$, then by Lemma 3.7, $\deg \xi\tilde{T}_{x_2rt}\tilde{T}_{srststry_2} \leq 3$, $\deg \tilde{T}_{x_2rt}\tilde{T}_{srststry_2} \leq 2$. Or since $R(x_2rtsrsr) = L(ry_2) = \{r\}$, by Lemma 3.5, $\deg \xi\tilde{T}_{x_2rt}\tilde{T}_{srststry_2} \leq 2$.

2) $v = rsr$

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{T}_{x_1rsr}\tilde{T}_{y_1} &= \tilde{T}_{x_2rststs}\tilde{T}_{tsry_2} \\
&= \tilde{T}_{x_2rstsr}\tilde{T}_{ststry_2}
\end{aligned}$$

When $R(x_2rststs) = \{s, t\}$, then $R(x_2rsr) = \{s, r\}$, by 1.1.(d), write $x_2rsr = (x_4)(w_{sr})$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{T}_{x_1rsr}\tilde{T}_{y_1} &= \tilde{T}_{x_2rststs}\tilde{T}_{tsry_2} \\
&= \xi\tilde{T}_{x_4w_{sr}ts}\tilde{T}_{rsry_2} + \tilde{T}_{x_4w_{sr}sts}\tilde{T}_{rsry_2}
\end{aligned}$$

Since $R((x_4)(w_{sr}s)) = \{r\}$, $L(rsry_2) = \{r\}$ or $\{s, r\}$, then by Lemma 3.6, or Corollary 3.8, $\deg \xi\tilde{T}_{x_4w_{sr}ts}\tilde{T}_{rsry_2} \leq 3$.

When $L(rsry_2) = \{r\}$, $\tilde{T}_{x_4w_{sr}sts}\tilde{T}_{rsry_2} = \tilde{T}_{x_4w_{sr}st}\tilde{T}_{srststry_2}$, by Lemma 3.6, $R(x_4w_{sr}sr) = \{s\}$, $L(srststry_2) = \{s\}$, or $\{s, r\}$, then by Lemma 3.7, or 3.9, $\deg \tilde{T}_{x_4w_{sr}st}\tilde{T}_{srststry_2} \leq 3$.

When $L(rsry_2) = \{s, r\}$, write $rsry_2 = (w_{sr})(y_3)$, by Lemma 1.3.

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{T}_{x_4w_{sr}sts}\tilde{T}_{rsry_2} &= \tilde{T}_{(x_4)(w_{sr}s)(ts)}\tilde{T}_{w_{sr}y_3} \\
&= \xi\tilde{T}_{(x_4)(w_{sr}s)(t)}\tilde{T}_{w_{sr}y_3} + \tilde{T}_{x_4w_{sr}st}\tilde{T}_{sw_{sr}y_3} \\
&= \xi^2\tilde{T}_{(x_4)(w_{sr}sr)(t)}\tilde{T}_{w_{sr}y_3} + \xi\tilde{T}_{(x_4)(w_{sr}sr)(t)}\tilde{T}_{(rw_{sr})(y_3)} \\
&\quad + \xi\tilde{T}_{(x_4)(w_{sr}s)(t)}\tilde{T}_{(rsw_{sr})(y_3)} + \tilde{T}_{(x_4)(w_{sr}sr)(t)}\tilde{T}_{(rsw_{sr})(y_3)}
\end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.5, we see that $\deg \tilde{T}_{x_4w_{sr}sts}\tilde{T}_{rsry_2} = 2$.

If $l(v) = 4$, $v = srsr$ or $rsrs$. When $v = srsr$,

$$\tilde{T}_{x_1srsr}\tilde{T}_{y_1} = \tilde{T}_{x_2rststs}\tilde{T}_{tsry_2}$$

It is easy to check that $R(x_2rststs) = L(sry_2) = \{s\}$, hence by Lemma 3.7, $\deg \tilde{T}_{x_1srsr}\tilde{T}_{y_1} \leq 2$. As the same reason, $\deg \tilde{T}_{x_1}\tilde{T}_{rsrsy_1} \leq 2$.

Hence the lemma is proved.

Theorem 3.13. (W, S) is a Coxeter group, $S = \{r, s, t\}$, $m_{sr} \geq 7$, $m_{st} = 3$, $rt = tr$. Then $\deg f_{x,y,z} \leq m_{sr}$ for all x, y, z in W .

Proof. $\forall x, y \in W$, we discuss it in the following 6 cases.

1) $R(x) = \{t\}$

When $L(y) = \{t\}$, write $x = (x_0)(st)$, $y = (ts)(y_0)$, here $R(x_0) = L(y_0) = \{r\}$, $R(x_0s) = L(sy_0) = \{s\}$.

$$\tilde{T}_x \tilde{T}_y = \tilde{T}_{x_0st} \tilde{T}_{tsy_0} = \xi \tilde{T}_{x_0st} \tilde{T}_{sy_0} + \tilde{T}_{x_0s} \tilde{T}_{sy_0}$$

By the notice in the proof of Lemma 3.12, $\deg \xi \tilde{T}_{x_0st} \tilde{T}_{sy_0} \leq m_{sr}$. By Lemma 3.12, $\deg \tilde{T}_{x_0s} \tilde{T}_{sy_0} \leq m_{sr}$.

When $L(y) = \{s, t\}$, write $y = (w_{st})(y_1)$, $L(y_1) = \{r\}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{T}_x \tilde{T}_y &= \tilde{T}_{x_0st} \tilde{T}_{stsy_1} \\ &= \xi \tilde{T}_{x_0s} \tilde{T}_{tsty_1} + \tilde{T}_{x_0s} \tilde{T}_{sty_1} \\ &= \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x_0} \tilde{T}_{stsy_1} + \xi \tilde{T}_{x_0} \tilde{T}_{tsty_1} + \xi \tilde{T}_{x_0} \tilde{T}_{sty_1} + \tilde{T}_{x_0} \tilde{T}_{ty_1} \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.6, $\deg \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x_0} \tilde{T}_{stsy_1} \leq 3$. By Lemma 3.7 or Lemma 3.9, $\deg \xi \tilde{T}_{x_0} \tilde{T}_{tsty_1} \leq 4$, $\deg \xi \tilde{T}_{x_0} \tilde{T}_{sty_1} \leq 4$. As for $\tilde{T}_{x_0} \tilde{T}_{ty_1}$, it will be proved later.

When $L(y) = \{s, r\}$, by Lemma 3.6, it is done.

When $L(y) = \{t, r\}$, this will be proved in 2).

When $L(y) = \{s\}$, this will be proved in 3).

When $L(y) = \{r\}$, by Lemma 3.7, it is done.

2) $R(x) = \{t, r\}$, write $x = (x_2)(tr)$.

When $L(y) = \{s\}$, by Lemma 3.7, $\deg f_{x,y,z} \leq 2$, hence $\deg f_{x,y,z} \leq m_{sr}$.

When $L(y) = \{s, t\}$, by Lemma 3.10, $\deg f_{x,y,z} \leq 4$.

When $L(y) = \{s, r\}$, by Lemma 3.12, this is done.

When $L(y) = \{r\}$, write $y = (rs)(y_2)$, here $L(sy_2) = \{s\}$. Hence by Lemma 3.12, this is done. So is $\tilde{T}_{x_0} \tilde{T}_{ty_1}$ in 1).

When $L(y) = \{r, t\}$, write $y = (tr)(y_4)$, $L(y_4) = \{s\}$.

$$\tilde{T}_x \tilde{T}_y = \tilde{T}_{x_2tr} \tilde{T}_{try_4} = \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x_2tr} \tilde{T}_{y_4} + \xi \tilde{T}_{x_2t} \tilde{T}_{y_4} + \xi \tilde{T}_{x_2r} \tilde{T}_{y_4} + \tilde{T}_{x_2} \tilde{T}_{y_4}$$

By Lemma 3.7, $\deg \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x_2tr} \tilde{T}_{y_4} \leq 4$. By the proof of Lemma 3.12, $\deg \xi \tilde{T}_{x_2t} \tilde{T}_{y_4} \leq m_{sr}$. Since $\xi \tilde{T}_{x_2r} \tilde{T}_{y_4} + \tilde{T}_{x_2} \tilde{T}_{y_4} = \tilde{T}_{x_2r} \tilde{T}_{ry_4}$, by Lemma 3.12 $\deg \tilde{T}_{x_2r} \tilde{T}_{ry_4} \leq m_{sr}$.

When $L(y) = \{t\}$, write $y = (ts)(y_5)$, $L(y_5) = \{r\}$, $L(sy_5) = \{s\}$.

$$\tilde{T}_x \tilde{T}_y = \tilde{T}_{x_2tr} \tilde{T}_{tsy_5} = \xi \tilde{T}_{x_2tr} \tilde{T}_{sy_5} + \tilde{T}_{x_2r} \tilde{T}_{sy_5}$$

By Lemma 3.7, $\deg \xi \tilde{T}_{x_2tr} \tilde{T}_{sy_5} \leq 3$. By Lemma 3.12, $\deg \tilde{T}_{x_2r} \tilde{T}_{sy_5} \leq m_{sr}$.

3) $R(x) = \{s\}$, we deal this in two conditions.

Condition 1: $x = (x_3)(ts)$, $R(x_3) = \{r\}$.

When $L(y) = \{r\}$, or $y = (sr)(y_6)$, including $L(y) = \{s, r\}$, by Lemma 3.12, they are done.

When $L(y) = \{s, t\}$, and write $y = (w_{st})(y_7)$, $L(y_7) = \{r\}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{T}_x \tilde{T}_y &= \tilde{T}_{x_3ts} \tilde{T}_{stsy_7} \\ &= \xi \tilde{T}_{x_3t} \tilde{T}_{stsy_7} + \tilde{T}_{x_3t} \tilde{T}_{tsy_7} \\ &= \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x_3} \tilde{T}_{stsy_7} + \xi \tilde{T}_{x_3} \tilde{T}_{tsy_7} + \xi \tilde{T}_{x_3t} \tilde{T}_{sy_7} + \tilde{T}_{x_3} \tilde{T}_{sy_7}\end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.6, $\deg \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x_3} \tilde{T}_{stsy_7} \leq 3$. By Lemma 3.7, or Lemma 3.9, $\deg \xi \tilde{T}_{x_3t} \tilde{T}_{tsy_7} \leq 4$. By Lemma 3.7, or Lemma 3.9, $\deg \xi \tilde{T}_{x_3t} \tilde{T}_{sy_7} \leq 4$. By Lemma 3.12, $\deg \tilde{T}_{x_3} \tilde{T}_{sy_7} \leq m_{sr}$.

When $L(y) = \{s\}$ and $y = (st)(y_8)$, $L(y_8) = \{r\}$

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{T}_x \tilde{T}_y &= \tilde{T}_{x_3ts} \tilde{T}_{sty_8} \\ &= \xi \tilde{T}_{x_3t} \tilde{T}_{sty_8} + \tilde{T}_{x_3t} \tilde{T}_{ty_8} \\ &= \xi \tilde{T}_{x_3} \tilde{T}_{tsty_8} + \xi \tilde{T}_{x_3} \tilde{T}_{ty_8} + \tilde{T}_{x_3} \tilde{T}_{y_8}\end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.6, $\deg \xi \tilde{T}_{x_3} \tilde{T}_{tsty_8} \leq 2$. $\xi \tilde{T}_{x_3} \tilde{T}_{ty_8} = \tilde{T}_{x_3t} \tilde{T}_{ty_8} - \tilde{T}_{x_3} \tilde{T}_{y_8}$ Since $R(x_3t) = L(ty_8) = \{t, r\}$, by what we have proved before, its degree is less than m_{sr} . Since $R(x_3) = L(y_8) = \{r\}$, by Lemma 3.12, this is done.

When $L(y) = \{t\}$, write $y = (ts)(y_9)$, $L(y_9) = \{r\}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{T}_x \tilde{T}_y &= \tilde{T}_{x_3ts} \tilde{T}_{tsy_9} \\ &= \tilde{T}_{x_3tst} \tilde{T}_{sy_9} \\ &= \xi \tilde{T}_{x_3sts} \tilde{T}_{y_9} + \tilde{T}_{x_3s} \tilde{T}_{ty_9}\end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.6, $\deg \xi \tilde{T}_{x_3sts} \tilde{T}_{y_9} \leq 2$ By Lemma 3.7, or Lemma 3.9, $\deg \tilde{T}_{x_3s} \tilde{T}_{ty_9} \leq 3$.

When $l(y) = \{t, r\}$, which has been already done in 2).

Condition 2: When $x = (x_4)(srs)$, $R(x_4sr) = \{r\}$ It can be dealt with Lemma 3.12. Hence it is done.

4) $R(x) = \{r\}$

It is easy to check that by Lemma 3.12, $L(y) = \{r\}$, $\{s, r\}$, $\{s, t\}$, $\{r, t\}$, and $\{s\}$ are done.

When $L(y) = \{t\}$, it is done in 1).

5) $R(x) = \{s, r\}$

For all $y \in W$, this is done by Lemma 3.12.

6) $R(x) = \{s, t\}$

It is easy to check that by Lemma 3.12, $L(y) = \{r\}$ and $\{s, r\}$ are done.

When $L(y) = \{t\}$, it is done in 1).

When $L(y) = \{r, t\}$, it is done in 2).

When $L(y) = \{s\}$, it is done in 3).

When $L(y) = \{s, t\}$. Write $x = (x_5)(w_{st})$, $y = (w_{st})(y_{10})$.

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{T}_x \tilde{T}_y &= \tilde{T}_{x_5 sts} \tilde{T}_{stsy_{10}} \\ &= \xi^3 \tilde{T}_{x_5 sts} \tilde{T}_{y_{10}} + \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x_5 ts} \tilde{T}_{y_{10}} + \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x_5 st} \tilde{T}_{y_{10}} \\ &\quad + \xi \tilde{T}_{x_5 s} \tilde{T}_{y_{10}} + \xi \tilde{T}_{x_5 t} \tilde{T}_{y_{10}} + \xi \tilde{T}_{x_5 sts} \tilde{T}_{y_{10}} + \tilde{T}_{x_5} \tilde{T}_{y_{10}} \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.6, $\deg \xi^3 \tilde{T}_{x_5 sts} \tilde{T}_{y_{10}} \leq 4$, $\deg \xi \tilde{T}_{x_5 sts} \tilde{T}_{y_{10}} \leq 2$. By Lemma 3.7, or Lemma 3.9, $\deg \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x_5 ts} \tilde{T}_{y_{10}} \leq 5$, $\deg \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x_5 st} \tilde{T}_{y_{10}} \leq 5$. By Lemma 3.12, $\deg \tilde{T}_{x_5} \tilde{T}_{y_{10}} \leq m_{sr}$.

Hence the theorem is proved.

4. THE CASE $m_{sr} \geq 5$ AND $m_{st} \geq 4$

In this section (W, S) is a Coxeter group of rank 3, $S = \{s, t, r\}$, $rt = tr$. Firstly, we assume that $m_{sr} \geq 4$ and $m_{st} \geq 4$.

Lemma 4.1. Keep the assumptions and notations above. There is no element w in W such that $w = (w_1)(r) = (w_2)(ts)$.

Proof. We use induction on $l(w)$. When $l(w) = 0, 1, 2, 3$, the lemma is clear. Now assume that the lemma is true for u with $l(u) \leq l(w) - 1$. Since $r, s \in R(w)$. By 1.1.(d), $w = (w_3)(w_{sr})$ for some $w_3 \in W$. So we get $w_1 = (w_3)(w_{sr}r)$, $w_2t = (w_3)(w_{sr}s)$. Then $r, t \in R(w_2t)$. By 1.1.(d), $w_2t = w_3w_{sr}s = (w_4)(tr)$ for some $w_4 \in W$. $w_2 = w_4r$, $(\tilde{w}_3)(rs) = (w_4)(t)$ for some $\tilde{w}_3 \in W$, since $m_{sr} \geq 4$. By calculation, there exists $w_5 \in W$, such that $(\tilde{w}_3)(rs) = (w_4)(t) = (w_5)(w_{st})$, by Lemma 1.3. That is $(\tilde{w}_3)(r) = \tilde{w}_5(tst)$, here $\tilde{w}_5tst = w_5w_{st}s$. Then there exists $w_6 \in W$, such that $(\tilde{w}_5)(tst) = (w_6)(tr)$, by Lemma 1.3. Hence $(\tilde{w}_5)(ts) = (w_6)(r)$, which by induction hypothesis is impossible. The lemma is proved.

Corollary 4.2. There is no element w in W such that $w = (w_1)(t) = (w_2)(rs)$.

Proof. From the proof of Lemma 4.1.

Lemma 4.3. There is no element w in W such that

- (a) $w = (w_1)(r) = (w_2)(sts)$.
- (b) $w = (w_1)(r) = (w_2)(tst)$.
- (c) $w = (w_1)(t) = (w_2)(srs)$.
- (d) $w = (w_1)(t) = (w_2)(rsr)$.

Proof. We only have to deal with (a) and (b).

By Lemma 4.1, (a) is done.

We use induction on $l(w)$. When $l(w) = 0, 1, 2, 3$, the lemma is clear. Now assume that the lemma is true for u with $l(u) \leq l(w) - 1$. Since $r, t \in R(w)$. By 1.1.(d), $w = (w_3)(tr)$ for some $w_3 \in W$. So we get $w_1 = (w_3)(t)$, $(w_2)(ts) = (w_3)(r)$, which contradicts Lemma 4.1. Hence (b) is proved.

Lemma 4.4. There is no element w in W such that $w = (w_1)(sr) = (w_2)(st)$.

Proof. We use induction on $l(w)$. When $l(w) = 0, 1, 2, 3$, the lemma is clear. Now assume that the lemma is true for u with $l(u) \leq l(w) - 1$. Since $r, t \in R(w)$. By 1.1.(d), $w = (w_3)(tr)$ for some $w_3 \in W$. So we get $(w_1)(s) = (w_3)(t), (w_2)(s) = (w_3)(r)$. Then by 1.1.(d), $w_3 = (w_4)(w_{stt})$ for some $w_4 \in W$. $w_3 = (w_5)(w_{srr})$ for some $w_4 \in W$. Hence $(\tilde{w}_4)(sts) = (\tilde{w}_5)(srs)$, since $m_{sr}, m_{st} \geq 4$. Here $(\tilde{w}_4)(sts) = (w_4)(w_{stt}), (\tilde{w}_5)(srs) = (w_5)(w_{srr})$. By induction hypothesis, $(\tilde{w}_4)(st) = (\tilde{w}_5)(sr)$ is impossible, the lemma is proved.

The Notation, let $\{\alpha, \beta\} = \{t, r\}$.

Lemma 4.5. Let x, y be elements in W , and w be an element in the parabolic subgroup generated by the two simple reflections s, α , $l(w) \geq 4$ and s, α are not in $R(x) \cup L(y)$. Then

- (a) $l(xwy) = l(x) + l(w) + l(y)$.
- (b) $R(xwy) = R(wy)$.
- (c) $L(xwy) = L(xw)$.

Proof. It is clear that $xw = (x)(w)$, and $wy = (w)(y)$. Note that (b) and (c) are equivalent. We use induction on $l(y)$ to prove (a) and (b).

When $l(y) = 0$, since $l(w) \geq 4$, by Lemma 4.3, $\beta \notin R(xw)$. When $R(w) = \{\alpha, s\}$, $R(xw) = \{\alpha, s\}$. When $R(w) = \{s\}$ or $\{\alpha\}$, since $R(x) = \{\beta\}$, $R(w) = R(xw)$. When $l(y) = 1$, i.e., $y = \beta$. If $\alpha \in R(w)$, then $R(xw\beta) = R(w\beta) = \{t, r\}$. If $R(w) = \{s\}$, then it is easy to check that $R(xw\beta) = R(w\beta) = \{\beta\}$. when $l(y) = 2$, i.e., $y = \beta s$. By Lemma 4.1, Corollary 4.2, $\alpha \notin R(xwy)$. If $\beta \in R(xw\beta s)$, then $s \in R(xw) = R(w)$, since $l(w_{s\beta}) \geq 4$, $\beta \in R(\tilde{x}\alpha s\alpha)$, here $(\tilde{x})(\alpha s\alpha) = (x)(ws)$, which contradicts Lemma 4.3. Hence $R(xw\beta s) = R(w\beta s) = \{s\}$. Next assume that $l(y) \geq 3$. Assume that the lemma is true when $l(y) \leq k-1$, $k \geq 3$. When $l(y) = k$, Write $y = y_1 \cdots y_k$, reduced decomposition. The induction hypothesis says that $R(xwy_1 \cdots y_i) = R(wy_1 \cdots y_i)$ and $l(xwy_1 \cdots y_i) = l(x) + l(w) + i$, for $0 \leq i \leq k-1$.

We complete the proof in the following cases.

Case 1: $|R(xwy_1 \cdots y_{k-1})| = 2$.

When $R(xwy_1 \cdots y_{k-1}) = \{s, \alpha\}$, by assumptions $y_k = \beta$. Then $R(xwy) = R(wy) = \{t, r\}$.

When $R(xwy_1 \cdots y_{k-1}) = \{t, r\}$, by assumptions $y_k = s$. By Lemma 4.1, Corollary 4.2, $r, t \notin R(xwy)$, hence $R(xwy) = R(wy) = \{s\}$. It is easy to see that $xwy = (x)(w)(y)$.

Case 2: $R(xwy_1 \cdots y_{k-1}) = \{y_{k-1}\}$.

We have $R(xwy) \supseteq R(wy)$. If $R(xwy) = R(wy)$, it is done.

Assume that $R(xwy) \not\supseteq R(wy)$, then $R(xwy) = \{t, r\}$, or $\{s, \alpha\}$. If $R(xwy) = \{t, r\}$, by the assumption, we get $\{y_{k-1}, y_k\} = \{t, r\}$, hence $R(xwy) = R(wy) = \{t, r\}$, which contradicts the assumption.

If $R(xwy) = \{s, \alpha\}$, by the assumption, we get $\{y_{k-1}, y_k\} = \{s, \alpha\}$. By 1.1.(d), there exists $u_1 \in W$, such that $xwy = (u_1)(w_{s\alpha})$, write $wy = wy_1 \cdots y_i s^a (\alpha s)^b \alpha^c$, here i minimal, such that $R(y_1 \cdots y_i) = \{y_i\} = \{\beta\}$, $a, c = 0$ or 1 , $a + 2b + c < m_{s\alpha}$. Let $u_{s\alpha} = w_{s\alpha} \alpha^c (\alpha s)^{-b} s^a$, $l(u_{s\alpha}) \geq 1$. Then $xwy_1 \cdots y_i = (u_1)(u_{s\alpha})$. Hence $i > 0$ and $R(wy_1 \cdots y_i) = \{y_i\}$ is impossible. Then $i = 0$, or $R(wy_1 \cdots y_i) \not\supseteq \{y_i\}$.

If $i = 0$, then $y \in W_{s\alpha}$, which contradicts to s, α are not in $L(y)$.

If $R(wy_1 \cdots y_i) \supseteq \{y_i\}$ and $i \geq 1$, we have $R(wy_1 \cdots y_i) = \{t, r\}$, or $\{s, \beta\}$. $xwy_1 \cdots y_i = (u_1)(u_{s\alpha})$, when $R(wy_1 \cdots y_i) = \{t, r\}$, then $L(u_{s\alpha}) = \{\alpha\}$, furthermore if $l(u_{s\alpha}) = 1$, it easy to see that $R(xwy) = R(wy)$, which contradicts the assumption. Hence $L(u_{s\alpha}) = \{\alpha\}$, and $l(u_{s\alpha}) \geq 2$, by Lemma 4.3, $l(u_{s\alpha}) = 2$, $u_{s\alpha} = s\alpha$, if $i \geq 2$, $y_{i-1} = s$, then $s, \alpha \in R(wy_1 \cdots y_{i-1})$, then we get equality, $(xwy_1 \cdots y_{i-2})(s\beta) = (u_1)(s\alpha)$, which contradicts Lemma 4.4. If $i = 1$, $y_1 = \beta$, $xw\beta = (u_1)(s\alpha)$, then $\alpha \in R(xw) = R(w)$, since $l(w) \geq 4$, $(\tilde{x})(s\alpha)(s\beta) = (u_1)(s)$, here $(\tilde{x})(s\alpha s) = xw\alpha$. Then by 1.1.(d), $(\tilde{x})(s\alpha) = (u_2)(s\beta)$, which contradicts Lemma 4.4.

When $R(wy_1 \cdots y_i) = \{s, \beta\}$, $L(u_{s\alpha}) = \{s\}$, when $l(u_{s\alpha}) = 1$, it contradicts the assumption. When $l(u_{s\alpha}) \geq 2$, since $xwy_1 \cdots y_i = (u_1)(u_{s\alpha}) = (x)(u_2)(w_{s\beta})$, which contradicts Lemma 4.3.

Hence $R(xwy) = R(wy)$, and $xwy = (x)(w)(y)$.

Remark . From the prove of Lemma 4.5 we see that if $xw = (x)(w)$, $wy = (w)(y)$, write $y = y_1 \cdots y_k$, any reduced decomposition, and $R(xwy_1) \neq \{t, r\}$. Furthermore if $R(xwy_1 \cdots y_i) = R(wy_1 \cdots y_i)$, for $i \leq 2$. Then $i \geq 3$, $R(xwy_1 \cdots y_i) = R(wy_1 \cdots y_i)$. Hence $xwy = (x)(w)(y)$.

The Notations, from now on, we assume that $m_{sr} \geq 5$ and $m_{st} \geq 4$.

Lemma 4.6. $x, y \in W$, assume that $t, r \notin R(x) \cup L(y)$, then $\deg f_{xtr, y, z} \leq 1$, for all $z \in W$.

Proof. We discuss it in two cases.

Case 1: When there is no $x' \in W$, such that $x = (x')(w_{s\alpha}\alpha)$. Claim that $xtry = (x)(tr)(y)$. By the Remark above, we only have to check whether $R(xtry) = R(tr)$, when $l(y) \leq 2$.

$R(xtr) = R(tr) = \{t, r\}$, it is clear.

$R(xtrs) = R(trs) = \{s\}$, by Lemma 4.1 and Corollary 4.2.

$y = s\alpha$, $R(trs\alpha) = \{\alpha\}$, by Lemma 4.3, $\beta \notin R(xtrs\alpha)$. Assume that $s \in R(xtrs\alpha)$, then $s \in R(x\beta)$, then there exists $x' \in W$, such that $x = (x')(w_{s\beta}\beta)$, which contradicts the assumption. Hence $R(xtrs\alpha) = \{\alpha\}$. Hence the claim.

Case 2: When there exists $x' \in W$, such that $x = (x')(w_{s\alpha}\alpha)$, then $xtr = x'w_{s\alpha}\beta$. If $l(xtry) = l(x) + 2 + l(y)$, nothing needs to prove. Write $y = y_1 \cdots y_k$, reduced decomposition. Assume that there exists $i < k$, i minimal, such that $l(w_{s\alpha}\beta y_1 \cdots y_i) \leq l(w_{s\alpha}\beta y_1 \cdots y_{i-1})$. By strong exchange condition, we get $s\beta y_1 \cdots y_{i-1} = \beta y_1 \cdots y_i$, and

$s, \beta \in L(ty_1 \cdots y_i)$, write $\beta y = (w_{s\beta})(y')$, by Lemma 1.3. Since $l(\beta y) = l(y) + 1$, $s\beta y_1 \cdots y_{i-1} = \beta y_1 \cdots y_i$, $s\beta y_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_{i+1} \cdots y_k$ is a reduced expression, so is $\beta y_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_{i+1} \cdots y_k$. Write $\beta y_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_{i+1} \cdots y_k = (sw_{s\beta})(y')$.

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{T}_{w_{s\alpha}\beta}\tilde{T}_y &= \tilde{T}_{w_{s\alpha}s}\tilde{T}_{s\beta y_1 \cdots y_{i-1}}\tilde{T}_{y_i}\tilde{T}_{y_{i+1} \cdots y_k} \\ &= \xi\tilde{T}_{w_{s\alpha}s}\tilde{T}_{\beta y} + \tilde{T}_{w_{s\alpha}s}\tilde{T}_{\beta y_1 \cdots y_{i-1}y_{i+1} \cdots y_k} \\ &= \xi\tilde{T}_{w_{s\alpha}s}\tilde{T}_{w_{s\beta}y'} + \tilde{T}_{w_{s\alpha}s}\tilde{T}_{sw_{s\beta}y'} \end{aligned}$$

Since $l(w_{s\beta}) \geq 4$, $R((x')(w_{s\alpha}s)) = L(y') = \{\alpha\}$, $\xi\tilde{T}_{x'w_{s\alpha}s}\tilde{T}_{w_{s\beta}y'} = \xi\tilde{T}_{x'w_{s\alpha}s w_{s\beta}y'}$, by Lemma 4.5.

Since $m_{sr} \geq 5$, $\tilde{T}_{x'w_{s\alpha}s}\tilde{T}_{sw_{s\beta}y'} = \tilde{T}_{(x'w_{s\alpha}s)(sw_{s\beta}y')}$, by Lemma 4.5.

Hence the lemma is proved.

Lemma 4.7. $x, y \in W$, when $R(x) = \{\alpha\}$, $L(y) = \{s\}$, then $\deg f_{xw_{s\beta}, try, z} \leq 2$, for all $z \in W$.

Proof.

$$\tilde{T}_{xw_{s\beta}}\tilde{T}_{try} = \xi\tilde{T}_{xw_{s\beta}}\tilde{T}_{\alpha y} + \tilde{T}_{xw_{s\beta}\beta}\tilde{T}_{\alpha y}$$

By Lemma 4.6, we see that $\deg \xi\tilde{T}_{xw_{s\beta}}\tilde{T}_{\alpha y} \leq 2$, since $R((x)(w_{s\beta}\beta)) = L(y) = \{s\}$. As for the part $\tilde{T}_{xw_{s\beta}\beta}\tilde{T}_{\alpha y}$, when $L(\alpha y) = \{\alpha\}$, then $w_{s\beta}\beta\alpha y = (w_{s\beta}\beta)(\alpha y)$, then it is easy to check that $R(xw_{s\beta}\beta) = R(w_{s\beta}\beta) = \{s\}$. $R(xw_{s\beta}\beta\alpha) = R(w_{s\beta}\beta\alpha) = \{\alpha\}$, it is easy to see that $\beta \notin R(xw_{s\beta}\beta\alpha)$. If $s \in R(xw_{s\beta}\beta\alpha)$, then it contradicts Lemma 4.4. $R(xw_{s\beta}\beta\alpha s) = R(w_{s\beta}\beta\alpha s)$. By Lemma 4.1 or Corollary 4.2, $\beta \notin R(xw_{s\beta}\beta\alpha s)$. If $\alpha \in R(xw_{s\beta}\beta\alpha s)$, then it contradicts Lemma 4.3 or Lemma 4.4, since $m_{sr} \geq 5$. Then by the remark after Lemma 4.6, we have $\tilde{T}_{xw_{s\beta}\beta}\tilde{T}_{\alpha y} = \tilde{T}_{xw_{s\beta}\beta\alpha y}$.

Since $\beta \notin L(\alpha y)$, we have to consider the only left case $L(\alpha y) = \{s, \alpha\}$, write $\alpha y = (w_{s\alpha})(y')$.

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{T}_{xw_{s\beta}\beta}\tilde{T}_{\alpha y} &= \tilde{T}_{xw_{s\beta}\beta}\tilde{T}_{w_{s\alpha}y'} \\ &= \xi\tilde{T}_{(x)(w_{s\beta}\beta s)}\tilde{T}_{(w_{s\alpha})(y')} + \tilde{T}_{(x)(w_{s\beta}\beta s)}\tilde{T}_{(sw_{s\alpha})(y')} \end{aligned}$$

Since $s \notin R((x)(w_{s\beta}\beta s))$, there two possibilities.

When $R((x)(w_{s\beta}\beta s)) = \{\beta\}$, then by Lemma 4.6, $\deg \tilde{T}_{xw_{s\beta}\beta}\tilde{T}_{\alpha y} \leq 2$.

When $R((x)(w_{s\beta}\beta s)) = \{t, r\}$, then $R((x)(w_{s\beta}\beta s\beta)) = \{s, \alpha\}$, then $\beta = t$, $m_{st} = 4$, since $m_{sr} \geq 5$, write $(x)(s) = (x')(w_{sr})$.

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{T}_{xw_{s\beta}\beta}\tilde{T}_{\alpha y} &= \tilde{T}_{xw_{s\beta}\beta}\tilde{T}_{w_{s\alpha}y'} \\ &= \xi\tilde{T}_{(x)(w_{s\beta}\beta s)}\tilde{T}_{(w_{s\alpha})(y')} + \tilde{T}_{(x)(w_{s\beta}\beta s)}\tilde{T}_{(sw_{s\alpha})(y')} \\ &= \xi\tilde{T}_{(x')(w_{srt})}\tilde{T}_{(w_{sr})(y')} + \tilde{T}_{(x')(w_{srt})}\tilde{T}_{(sw_{sr})(y')} \\ &= \xi^2\tilde{T}_{(x')(w_{srrt})}\tilde{T}_{(w_{sr})(y')} + \xi\tilde{T}_{(x')(w_{srrt})}\tilde{T}_{(rw_{sr})(y')} \\ &\quad + \xi\tilde{T}_{(x')(w_{srrt})}\tilde{T}_{(sw_{sr})(y')} + \tilde{T}_{(x')(w_{srrt})}\tilde{T}_{(rsw_{sr})(y')} \end{aligned}$$

Since $m_{sr} \geq 5$, $l(sw_{sr}) \geq 4$, $l(rw_{sr}) \geq 4$, $R((x')(w_{sr}rt)) = L(y') = \{t\}$, by Lemma 4.5,

$$\xi^2 \tilde{T}_{(x')(w_{sr}rt)} \tilde{T}_{(w_{sr})(y')} = \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{(x')(w_{sr}rt)(w_{sr})(y')}$$

$$\xi \tilde{T}_{(x')(w_{sr}rt)} \tilde{T}_{(rw_{sr})(y')} = \xi \tilde{T}_{(x')(w_{sr}rt)(rw_{sr})(y')}$$

$$\xi \tilde{T}_{(x')(w_{sr}rt)} \tilde{T}_{(sw_{sr})(y')} = \xi \tilde{T}_{(x')(w_{sr}rt)(sw_{sr})(y')}$$

Since $l(w_{sr}r) \geq 4$, $R(x') = L(trsw_{sr}) = \{t\}$, by Lemma 4.5,

$$\tilde{T}_{(x')(w_{sr}rt)} \tilde{T}_{(rsw_{sr})(y')} = \tilde{T}_{(x')(w_{sr}r)} \tilde{T}_{(trsw_{sr})(y')} = \tilde{T}_{(x')(w_{sr}rt)(rsw_{sr})(y')}$$

Hence the lemma is proved.

Lemma 4.8. $x, y \in W$, then $\deg f_{xtr,y,z} \leq a$, for all $z \in W$, here $a = \max \{m_{sr}, m_{st}\}$.

Proof. We proof the lemma 3 cases.

Case 1: $R(x) = \{\alpha\}$ and $L(y) = \{\beta\}$. Write $x = (x')(\alpha)$, $y = (\beta)(y')$, here $R(x') = L(y') = \{s\}$. Then $\tilde{T}_x \tilde{T}_y = \tilde{T}_{x'tr} \tilde{T}_{y'}$, by Lemma 4.6, it is done.

Case 2: $R(x) \cup L(y) \neq \{t, r\}$, and furthermore $R(x) \neq \{t, r\}$ or $L(y) \neq \{t, r\}$. Let $I = \{s, \alpha\}$, W_I is the parabolic subgroup generated by I . Let x' (resp. y') be the element of minimal length in the coset xW_I (resp. $W_I y$). Let $w, u \in W_I$ be such that $x = x'w$ and $y = uy'$. We take proper α here, such that $l(u), l(w) \geq 1$ and $l(w) + l(u) \geq 3$. Next we use induction on $l(x) + l(y)$, denote $k = l(x) + l(y)$, if $k \leq 2a + 1$, nothing needs to prove.

Assume that $k > 2a + 1$, and the lemma is true for x'', y'' with $l(x'') + l(y'') < k$, $R(x'') \neq \{t, r\}$, $L(y'') \neq \{t, r\}$, $R(x'') \cup L(y'') \neq \{t, r\}$.

$$\tilde{T}_x \tilde{T}_y = \sum_{v \in W_I} f_{w,u,v} \tilde{T}_{x'v} \tilde{T}_{y'}$$

When $l(v) \geq 4$, by Lemma 4.5, $\tilde{T}_{x'v} \tilde{T}_{y'} = \tilde{T}_{x'vy'}$. When $l(v) = 0$, since $\min \{l(x'), l(y')\} \leq k - 1$, by induction hypotheses, we see that the degrees of $f_{x',y',z}$ are not greater than a for any $z \in W$. Now consider the case $l(v) = 1$. If $v = s$, $\xi \tilde{T}_{x's} \tilde{T}_{y'} = \tilde{T}_{x's} \tilde{T}_{sy'} - \tilde{T}_{x'} \tilde{T}_{y'}$, by induction hypotheses, we see that $\deg \tilde{T}_{x's} \tilde{T}_{sy'}$ and $\deg \tilde{T}_{x'} \tilde{T}_{y'}$ are not greater than a . If $v = \alpha$, write $x' = (x_1)(s\beta)$, $y' = (\beta s)(y_1)$, here $R(x_1 s) = L(sy_1) = \{s\}$.

$$\xi \tilde{T}_{x'v} \tilde{T}_{y'} = \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x_1 str} \tilde{T}_{sy_1} + \xi \tilde{T}_{x_1 s \alpha} \tilde{T}_{sy_1} = \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x_1 str} \tilde{T}_{sy_1} + \tilde{T}_{x_1 s \alpha} \tilde{T}_{\alpha sy_1} - \tilde{T}_{x_1 s} \tilde{T}_{sy_1}$$

By Lemma 4.6, we see that $\deg \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x_1 str} \tilde{T}_{sy_1} \leq 3$. By induction hypotheses, we see that $\deg (\tilde{T}_{x_1 s \alpha} \tilde{T}_{\alpha sy_1} - \tilde{T}_{x_1 s} \tilde{T}_{sy_1})$ are not greater than a .

Hence $\deg \tilde{T}_{x'v} \tilde{T}_{y'} \leq a - 1$, when $l(v) = 1$.

When $l(v) = 2$, $v = s\alpha$ or αs . Only check the case $v = s\alpha$. $\tilde{T}_{x's\alpha} \tilde{T}_{y'} = \tilde{T}_{x's} \tilde{T}_{\alpha y'}$, by Lemma 4.6 and 4.7, $\deg \tilde{T}_{x's} \tilde{T}_{\alpha y'} \leq 2$.

When $l(v) = 3$. $v = \alpha s \alpha$, then by Lemma 4.6, $\deg \tilde{T}_{x' \alpha s} \tilde{T}_{\alpha y'} \leq 1$.
 $v = s \alpha s$,

$$\tilde{T}_{x' s \alpha s} \tilde{T}_{y'} = \tilde{T}_{x' s \alpha s} \tilde{T}_{y'}$$

When $R(x's) = L(sy') = \{s\}$, it is easy to check that $\tilde{T}_{x' s \alpha s} \tilde{T}_{y'} = \tilde{T}_{x' s \alpha s y'}$. When $R(x's)$ or $L(sy') = \{s, \beta\}$, then by Lemma 4.6 and 4.7, we have $\deg \tilde{T}_{x' s \alpha s} \tilde{T}_{y'} \leq 2$.

Hence the lemma is true in Case 2.

Case 3: When $R(x) = \{t, r\}$ and $L(y) = \{t, r\}$, write $x = (x')(tr)$ and $y = (tr)(y')$.

$$\tilde{T}_x \tilde{T}_y = \xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x' tr} \tilde{T}_{y'} + \tilde{T}_{x' t} \tilde{T}_{ty'} + \tilde{T}_{x' r} \tilde{T}_{rty'} - \tilde{T}_{x'} \tilde{T}_{y'}$$

By Lemma 4.6, $\deg(\xi^2 \tilde{T}_{x' tr} \tilde{T}_{y'}) \leq 3$. By case 2, $\deg \tilde{T}_{x' t} \tilde{T}_{ty'} + \tilde{T}_{x' r} \tilde{T}_{rty'} - \tilde{T}_{x'} \tilde{T}_{y'} \leq a$.

Hence the lemma is proved.

Until now, we see that Theorem 2.1 is proved.

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