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Abstract An even Artin group is a group which has a presentation with relations of the form $(st)^n = (ts)^n$ with $n \ge 1$. With a group *G* we associate a Lie \mathbb{Z} -algebra $\mathcal{TGr}(G)$. This is the usual Lie algebra defined from the lower central series, truncated at the third rank. For each even Artin group *G* we determine a presentation for $\mathcal{TGr}(G)$. By means of this presentation we obtain information about the diagram of *G*. We then prove an isomorphism criterion for Coxeter matrices that ensures that the diagram of *G* is uniquely determined by this information. Let $d \ge 2$. We show that, if two even Artin groups *G* and *H* having presentations with relations of the form $(st)^{d^k} = (ts)^{d^k}$ with $k \ge 0$ are such that $\mathcal{TGr}(G) \simeq \mathcal{TGr}(H)$, then *G* and *H* have the same presentation up to permutation of the generators. On the other hand, we show an example of two non-isomorphic even Artin groups *G* and *H* such that $\mathcal{TGr}(G) \simeq \mathcal{TGr}(H)$.

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1 Introduction

Let *S* be a finite set. A *Coxeter matrix* over *S* is a square matrix $M = (m_{s,t})_{s,t\in S}$ indexed by the elements of *S*, with coefficients in $\mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$, satisfying $m_{s,s} = 1$ for all $s \in S$, and $m_{s,t} = m_{t,s} \ge 2$ for all $s, t \in S$, $s \neq t$. For $s, t \in S$ and *m* an integer greater or equal to 2 we denote by $\Pi(s, t, m)$ the word $sts \cdots$ of length *m*. In other words, $\Pi(s, t, m) = (st)^{\frac{m}{2}}$ if *m* is even and $\Pi(s, t, m) = (st)^{\frac{m-1}{2}}s$ if *m* is odd. Let $M = (m_{s,t})_{s,t\in S}$ be a Coxeter matrix. The *Artin group* associated with *M* is the group *A*[*M*] defined by the presentation

$$A[M] = \langle S \mid \Pi(s, t, m_{s,t}) = \Pi(t, s, m_{s,t}) \text{ for } s, t \in S, s \neq t, m_{s,t} \neq \infty \rangle.$$

The *Coxeter group* W[M] associated with M is the quotient of A[M] by the relations $s^2 = 1$, $s \in S$. We say that A[M] (or M) is of *spherical type* if W[M] is finite, and we say that A[M] (or M) is *right-angled* if $m_{s,t} \in \{2, \infty\}$ for all $s, t \in S$, $s \neq t$. On the other hand, we say that A[M] (or M) is *even* if $m_{s,t}$ is either even or ∞ for all $s, t \in S$, $s \neq t$.

There are few results proven for all Artin groups and the theory consists essentially on the study of more or less extended families. Basic questions such as the existence of torsion or the existence of a solution to the word problem are still open for all these groups. The two most studied and best understood families of Artin groups are the one of Artin groups of spherical type and the one of right-angled Artin groups. The family of even Artin groups has not been so much studied (see, however, Blasco-García–Cogolludo-Agustín [3], Blasco-García–Juhász–Paris [4] and Blasco-García–Martínez-Pérez–Paris [5]), but we are convinced by its interest, in particular because even Artin groups share several interesting properties with right-angled Artin groups. For instance, any even Artin group retracts into any of its parabolic subgroups.

Let \mathcal{M} be a family of Coxeter matrices, and let $\mathcal{A}[\mathcal{M}] = \{A[M] \mid M \in \mathcal{M}\}$ be the corresponding family of Artin groups. A solution to the *isomorphism problem* in $\mathcal{A}[\mathcal{M}]$ is an algorithm which, given two Coxeter matrices $M, N \in \mathcal{M}$, determines whether A[M] and A[N] are isomorphic or not. On the other hand, we say that the family $\mathcal{A}[\mathcal{M}]$ is *rigid* if, given two Coxeter matrices $M, N \in \mathcal{M}$, we have $A[M] \simeq A[N]$ if and only if $M \simeq N$. Note that any rigid family of Artin groups has an obvious solution to the isomorphism problem. Note also that these two definitions can be extended to Coxeter groups and, more generally, to any object defined from a Coxeter matrix.

We know that the family of right-angled Artin groups is rigid (see Droms [10]), and we know that the family of Artin groups of spherical type is rigid (see Paris [15]). On the other hand, examples of non-isomorphic Coxeter matrices having isomorphic associated Artin groups can be found in Brady–McCammond–Mühlherr–Neumann [6]. This is essentially all that is known about this question.

We know by Bahls [1, Theorem 5.4] that the family of even Coxeter groups is rigid. Furthermore, we do not know any example of two Coxeter matrices M and N such that A[M] is isomorphic to A[N] but W[M] is not isomorphic to W[N]. So, for this reason we conjecture that the family of even Artin groups is rigid. This is the question that motivated our study. Note that Bahls' [1] ideas cannot be extended to the study of even Artin groups because they strongly use the study of finite subgroups and we know by Charney [7] and Charney–Davis [8] that even Artin groups have finite cohomological dimension, hence they are torsion free. Our approach here is inspired by the work of Droms [10] and Kim–Makar-Limanov–Neggers [11] on right-angled Artin groups and graph algebras.

Let *G* be a discrete group and let $\{\gamma_k G\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ be its lower central series. One can associate to *G* a graded Lie \mathbb{Z} -algebra $\mathcal{G}r(G) = \bigoplus_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{G}r_k(G)$, where $\mathcal{G}r_k(G) = \frac{\gamma_k G}{\gamma_{k+1}G}$ for all *k* (see Lazard [13], Magnus–Karrass–Solitar [14], or Bass–Lubotzky [2]). In the present work we use the Lie algebra $\mathcal{G}r(G)$ truncated at the third rank, that is, $\mathcal{T}\mathcal{G}r(G) = \mathcal{G}r(G)/I$, where $I = \bigoplus_{k=3}^{\infty} \mathcal{G}r_k(G)$. Using a variant of Droms' [10] proof based on Kim–Makar-Limanov–Neggers [11] of the rigidity of the family of right-angled Artin groups (see also Koberda [12, Theorem 6.4]), we show that, if *M* and *N* are two right-angled Coxeter matrices and $\mathcal{T}\mathcal{G}r(A[M]) \simeq \mathcal{T}\mathcal{G}r(A[N])$, then $M \simeq N$ (see Corollary 4.2). This obviously implies that, if A[M] is isomorphic to A[N], then $M \simeq N$. So, this shows (again) that the family of right-angled Artin groups is rigid. This is the point of view we intend to extend.

In this paper we show that the Lie algebras $\mathcal{TGr}(G)$ differentiate some even Artin groups but not all of them. In Section 2 we determine a presentation for $\mathcal{TGr}(A[M])$, where M is any even Coxeter matrix (see Theorem 2.1). For $d \ge 2$ we denote by $\mathcal{E}(1,d)$ the set of even Coxeter matrices $M = (m_{s,t})_{s,t\in S}$ satisfying $m_{s,t} \in \{\infty\} \cup \{2d^r \mid r \ge 0\}$ for all $s, t \in S$, $s \ne t$. In Section 5 we prove that the family $\mathcal{A}[\mathcal{E}(1,d)]$ is rigid (see Corollary 5.2), and a little bit more (see Corollary 5.13), and in Section 6 we show two even Coxeter matrices M_0 and N_0 such that $A[M_0] \not\simeq A[N_0]$ and $\mathcal{TGr}(A[M_0]) \simeq \mathcal{TGr}(A[N_0])$. The proof of Corollary 5.2 uses a criterion proved in Section 3 to determine whether two Coxeter matrices are isomorphic, as well as a study made in Section 4 of some graded Lie algebras associated to right-angled Coxeter matrices. These two sections may interest some readers regardless of the rest of the paper.

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2 Truncated Lie algebra associated to the lower central series of an even Artin group

Let *G* be a group. For $\alpha, \beta \in G$ we denote by $[\alpha, \beta] = \alpha^{-1}\beta^{-1}\alpha\beta$ the commutator of α and β . If H_1 and H_2 are two subgroups of *G*, then we denote by $[H_1, H_2]$ the subgroup of *G* generated by $\{[\alpha, \beta] \mid \alpha \in H_1, \beta \in H_2\}$. The *lower central series* of *G* is the sequence $\{\gamma_k G\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ of subgroups of *G* recursively defined by $\gamma_1 G = G$ and $\gamma_k G = [G, \gamma_{k-1}G]$ for $k \ge 2$. For $k \ge 1$ the quotient $\mathcal{G}r_k(G) = \frac{\gamma_k G}{\gamma_{k+1}G}$ is an abelian group, so it is a \mathbb{Z} -module. We set $\mathcal{G}r(G) = \bigoplus_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{G}r_k(G)$. For $\alpha \in \gamma_k G$, we denote by $\overline{\alpha}$ the element of $\mathcal{G}r_k(G)$ represented by α . Then $\mathcal{G}r(G)$ is endowed with a structure of graded Lie \mathbb{Z} -algebra as follows. If $\alpha \in \gamma_k G$ and $\beta \in \gamma_\ell G$, then the bracket $[\overline{\alpha}, \overline{\beta}]$ is the element of $\mathcal{G}r_{k+\ell}(G)$ represented by the commutator $[\alpha, \beta]$. We refer to Lazard [13], Magnus–Karrass–Solitar [14], and Bass–Lubotzky [2] for detailed accounts on this Lie algebra.

We denote by $\mathcal{TGr}(G) = \mathcal{Gr}(G)/I$ the quotient of $\mathcal{Gr}(G)$ by the ideal $I = \bigoplus_{k=3}^{\infty} \mathcal{G}r_k(G)$. We have $\mathcal{TGr}(G) =_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{G}r_1(G) \oplus \mathcal{G}r_2(G)$, and the Lie bracket on $\mathcal{TGr}(G)$ is defined as follows. If $\alpha \in \gamma_k G$ and $\beta \in \gamma_\ell G$, $1 \le k, \ell \le 2$, then $[\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\beta}]$ is the element of $\mathcal{G}r_{k+\ell}(G)$ represented by $[\alpha, \beta]$ if $k = \ell = 1$, and $[\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\beta}] = 0$ otherwise. It is clear that, if G is isomorphic to H, then $\mathcal{TGr}(G)$ is isomorphic to $\mathcal{TGr}(H)$ as graded Lie algebras.

Now, take an even Coxeter matrix $M = (m_{s,t})_{s,t \in S}$ and fix a total order < on S. For $m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ we set $E_m(M) = \{(s,t) \in S \times S \mid s < t \text{ and } m_{s,t} = m\}$. We set

$$L_{2}[M] = \left(\bigoplus_{2 \le n < \infty} \left(\bigoplus_{(s,t) \in E_{2n}(M)} (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}) v_{s,t} \right) \right) \oplus \left(\bigoplus_{(s,t) \in E_{\infty}(M)} \mathbb{Z} v_{s,t} \right) ,$$
$$L_{1}[M] = \bigoplus_{s \in S} \mathbb{Z}u_{s} , \ L[M] = L_{1}[M] \oplus L_{2}[M] .$$

We define a Lie bracket $[\cdot, \cdot]$ on L[M] as follows. Let $s, t \in S$, $s \neq t$. Then $[u_s, u_t] = -[u_t, u_s] = v_{s,t}$ if s < t and $m_{s,t} \neq 2$, and $[u_s, u_t] = 0$ if $m_{s,t} = 2$. On the other hand, we set $[\alpha, \beta] = 0$ for each $(\alpha, \beta) \in L[M] \times L_2[M]$. It is clear that L[M] is a well-defined graded Lie \mathbb{Z} -algebra.

Theorem 2.1 Let *M* be an even Coxeter matrix. Then $\mathcal{TGr}(A[M])$ is isomorphic to L[M].

Proof Claim 1. Let G be a group, let $\alpha, \beta \in G$, and let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \ge 1$. Then

$$(\beta \alpha)^{-n} (\alpha \beta)^n \equiv [\alpha, \beta]^n \pmod{\gamma_3 G}.$$

Proof of Claim 1. We argue by induction on *n*. If n = 1, then $(\beta \alpha)^{-1}(\alpha \beta) = [\alpha, \beta]$ and there is nothing to prove. We suppose that $n \ge 2$ and that the inductive hypothesis holds. Then

 $(\beta\alpha)^{-n}(\alpha\beta)^n \equiv \alpha^{-1}\beta^{-1}[\alpha,\beta]^{n-1}\alpha\beta \equiv [\alpha,\beta]^{n-1}\alpha^{-1}\beta^{-1}\alpha\beta \equiv [\alpha,\beta]^n \ (\text{mod } \gamma_3 G) \,.$

This concludes the proof of Claim 1.

Claim 2. There is a surjective homomorphism $f : L[M] \to \mathcal{TGr}(A[M])$ which sends u_s to \bar{s} for all $s \in S$ and sends $v_{s,t}$ to $[\bar{s}, \bar{t}]$ for all $s, t \in S$ such that s < t and $m_{s,t} \neq 2$.

Proof of Claim 2. We know by Magnus–Karrass–Solitar [14, Theorem 5.4] that $\mathcal{TGr}_1(A[M])$ is generated as a \mathbb{Z} -module by $\{\bar{s} \mid s \in S\}$ and $\mathcal{TGr}_2(A[M])$ is generated as a \mathbb{Z} -module by $\{[\bar{s},\bar{t}] \mid s,t \in S, s < t\}$. Let $s,t \in S, s < t$. If $m_{s,t} = 2$, then st = ts, hence $[\bar{s},\bar{t}] = 0$. If $m_{s,t} = 2n$, where $2 \le n < \infty$, then $(st)^n = \Pi(s,t,m_{s,t}) = \Pi(t,s,m_{s,t}) = (ts)^n$, hence, by Claim 1, $n[\bar{s},\bar{t}] = 0$. So, there exists a well-defined homomorphism $f : L[M] \to \mathcal{TGr}(A[M])$ which sends u_s to \bar{s} for all $s \in S$ and sends $v_{s,t}$ to $[\bar{s},\bar{t}]$ for all $s,t \in S$ such that s < t and $m_{s,t} \neq 2$, and this homomorphism is surjective. This concludes the proof of Claim 2.

Let $\mathbb{Z}\langle X \rangle$ be the non-commutative associative free algebra over a set $X = \{x_s \mid s \in S\}$ in one-to-one correspondence with *S*. Let \hat{I} be the ideal of $\mathbb{Z}\langle X \rangle$ generated by *X*, and let $\hat{R} = \mathbb{Z}\langle X \rangle / \hat{I}^3$. Let *J* be the ideal of \hat{R} generated by $\bigcup_{1 \leq n < \infty} \{n(x_s x_t - x_t x_s) \mid (s, t) \in E_{2n}(M)\}$, and let $R = \hat{R}/J$. Observe that *R* is a graded associative \mathbb{Z} -algebra, $R = R_0 \oplus R_1 \oplus R_2$, where $R_0 = \mathbb{Z}$, $R_1 = \bigoplus_{s \in S} \mathbb{Z} x_s$, and

$$R_{2} = \left(\bigoplus_{s \in S} \mathbb{Z}x_{s}^{2}\right) \oplus \left(\bigoplus_{s < t} \mathbb{Z}x_{t}x_{s}\right) \oplus \left(\bigoplus_{2 \le n < \infty} \left(\bigoplus_{(s,t) \in E_{2n}(M)} (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})(x_{s}x_{t} - x_{t}x_{s})\right)\right)\right)$$
$$\oplus \left(\bigoplus_{(s,t) \in E_{\infty}(M)} \mathbb{Z}(x_{s}x_{t} - x_{t}x_{s})\right).$$

Let $I = R_1 \oplus R_2$ be the ideal of R generated by X. Set $\mathcal{U}(R) = \{1 + w \mid w \in I\}$. Note that $\mathcal{U}(R)$ is a subgroup of the group of units of R; the inverse of an element 1 + w of $\mathcal{U}(R)$ is $1 - w + w^2$.

Claim 3. Let $u, v \in I$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \ge 1$. Then

$$\left((1+u)(1+v)\right)^n = 1 + nu + nv + S_{n-1}(u^2 + v^2 + vu) + S_nuv,$$

where $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$.

Proof of Claim 3. We argue by induction on *n*. The case n = 1 being trivial, we may assume that $n \ge 2$ and that the inductive hypothesis holds. Then

$$((1+u)(1+v))^n$$

= $(1 + (n-1)u + (n-1)v + S_{n-2}(u^2 + v^2 + vu) + S_{n-1}uv)(1 + u + v + uv)$
= $1 + (n-1)u + (n-1)v + S_{n-2}(u^2 + v^2 + vu) + S_{n-1}uv + u + (n-1)u^2 + (n-1)vu$
 $+v + (n-1)uv + (n-1)v^2 + uv$
= $1 + nu + nv + S_{n-1}(u^2 + v^2 + vu) + S_nuv$.

This concludes the proof of Claim 3.

Claim 4. There exists a homomorphism $\tilde{g} : A[M] \to \mathcal{U}(R)$ which sends *s* to $1 + x_s$ for all $s \in S$.

Proof of Claim 4. Let $s, t \in S$, $s \neq t$, such that $m_{s,t} \neq \infty$. Set $m_{s,t} = 2n$ where $1 \leq n < \infty$. Then, by Claim 3,

$$((1+x_s)(1+x_t))^n - ((1+x_t)(1+x_s))^n$$

= $(1+nx_s+nx_t+S_{n-1}(x_s^2+x_t^2+x_tx_s)+S_nx_sx_t)$
 $-(1+nx_t+nx_s+S_{n-1}(x_t^2+x_s^2+x_sx_t)+S_nx_tx_s)$
= $n(x_sx_t-x_tx_s) = 0$,

hence

$$\Pi((1+x_s),(1+x_t),m_{s,t}) = ((1+x_s)(1+x_t))^n$$

= $((1+x_t)(1+x_s))^n = \Pi((1+x_t),(1+x_s),m_{s,t}).$

This concludes the proof of Claim 4.

We denote by $g : \mathcal{TGr}(A[M]) \to \mathcal{TGr}(\mathcal{U}(R))$ the homomorphism induced by \tilde{g} . For $k \ge 1$ we set $\mathcal{U}_k(R) = \{1 + w \mid w \in I^k\}$. Note that $\mathcal{U}_k(R)$ is a subgroup of $\mathcal{U}(R)$ and $\mathcal{U}_k(R) = \{1\}$ if $k \ge 3$.

Claim 5.

- (1) Let $k \ge 1$. Then $\mathcal{U}_k(R)$ is a normal subgroup of $\mathcal{U}(R)$.
- (2) Let $k, \ell \geq 1$. Then $[\mathcal{U}_k(R), \mathcal{U}_\ell(R)] \subset \mathcal{U}_{k+\ell}(R)$.

Proof of Claim 5. Let $\alpha \in \mathcal{U}(R)$ and $w \in I^k$. Then $\alpha(1+w)\alpha^{-1} = 1 + \alpha w \alpha^{-1} \in \mathcal{U}_k(R)$. So, $\mathcal{U}_k(R)$ is a normal subgroup of $\mathcal{U}(R)$.

Let $k, \ell \ge 1, u \in I^k$ and $v \in I^{\ell}$. Then

$$[(1+u), (1+v)] = (1+u)^{-1}(1+v)^{-1}(1+u)(1+v)$$

= $(1-u-v+u^2+v^2+uv)(1+u+v+uv)$
= $1-u-v+u^2+v^2+uv+u-u^2-vu+v-uv-v^2+uv$
= $1+uv-vu \in \mathcal{U}_{k+\ell}(R)$.

This concludes the proof of Claim 5.

End of the proof of Theorem 2.1. By Claim 5 we have $\gamma_k \mathcal{U}(R) \subset \mathcal{U}_k(R)$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, and these inclusions induce for each k a homomorphism $\mathcal{G}r_k(\mathcal{U}(R)) = \frac{\gamma_k \mathcal{U}(R)}{\gamma_{k+1}\mathcal{U}(R)} \to \frac{\mathcal{U}_k(R)}{\mathcal{U}_{k+1}(R)}$ of \mathbb{Z} -modules. On the other hand, it is easily seen that $\frac{\mathcal{U}_k(R)}{\mathcal{U}_{k+1}(R)}$ is isomorphic to R_k as a \mathbb{Z} -module, where $R_k = \{0\}$ if $k \ge 3$. For k = 1, 2, by composing these homomorphisms we obtain a homomorphism $h_k : \mathcal{T}\mathcal{G}r_k(\mathcal{U}(R)) = \mathcal{G}r_k(\mathcal{U}(R)) \to R_k$ of \mathbb{Z} -modules. A direct calculation shows that $(h_1 \circ g \circ f)(u_s) = x_s$ for all $s \in S$, hence $h_1 \circ g \circ f : L_1[M] \to R_1$ is injective, and therefore the restriction of f to $L_1[M]$ is injective. Similarly, a direct calculation shows that, for each $s, t \in S$ such that s < t and $m_{s,t} \neq 2$, we have $(h_2 \circ g \circ f)(v_{s,t}) = (x_s x_t - x_t x_s)$, hence $h_2 \circ g \circ f : L_2[M] \to R_2$ is injective, and therefore the restriction of f to $L_2[M]$ is injective. So, f is an isomorphism.

3 Isomorphism between Coxeter matrices

Let M and N be two Coxeter matrices. In the present section we prove a necessary and sufficient condition for M and N to be isomorphic (see Proposition 3.4). This condition will be used later for even Coxeter matrices but it holds for any pair of Coxeter matrices. The case of right-angled Coxeter matrices is well-known and proved in Kim–Makar-Limanov–Neggers–Roush [11], with a proof that inspired ours.

Let $M = (m_{s,t})_{s,t \in S}$ be a Coxeter matrix. For $s \in S$ and $m \in \mathbb{N}$, $2 \leq m < \infty$, the set $lk_m(s) = \{t \in S \setminus \{s\} \mid m_{s,t} \text{ divides } m\}$ is called the *m*-link of *s* and the set $st_m(s) = lk_m(s) \cup \{s\}$ is called the *m*-star of *s*. For $s, t \in S$ we set $s \prec_M t$ if $lk_m(s) \subset st_m(t)$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$, $2 \leq m < \infty$.

Lemma 3.1 The relation \prec_M is a quasi-order.

Proof The relation \prec_M is clearly reflexive. So, we just need to show that \prec_M is transitive. Let $s, t, r \in S$ such that $s \prec_M t$ and $t \prec_M r$. Let $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $2 \leq m < \infty$. We have $lk_m(s) \subset st_m(t)$ and $lk_m(t) \subset st_m(r)$, and we have to show that $lk_m(s) \subset st_m(r)$. If s = t or t = r or s = r, then there is nothing to prove, thus we may assume that $s \neq t$, $t \neq r$ and $s \neq r$. If $m_{s,t}$ does not divide m, then $t \notin lk_m(s)$, hence $lk_m(s) \subset lk_m(t)$, and therefore $lk_m(s) \subset st_m(r)$. So, we can suppose that $m_{s,t}$ divides m, that is, $s \in lk_m(t)$ and $t \in lk_m(s)$. Since $lk_m(t) \subset st_m(r)$ and $s \neq r$, it follows that $s \in lk_m(r)$, hence $m_{s,r}$ divides m and $r \in lk_m(s)$. Since $lk_m(s) \subset st_m(t)$ and $r \neq t$, it follows that $r \in lk_m(t)$, hence $lk_m(s) \subset st_m(r)$. So, $lk_m(s) \setminus \{t\} \subset lk_m(t) \subset st_m(r)$ and $t \in lk_m(r) \subset st_m(r)$, hence $lk_m(s) \subset st_m(r)$.

Define the equivalence relation \equiv_M on *S* by

$$s \equiv_M t \iff s \prec_M t \text{ and } t \prec_M s$$

Lemma 3.2 Let *C* be an equivalence class of \equiv_M non reduced to a single element. Then there exists $m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}, m \ge 2$, such that $m_{s,t} = m$ for all $s, t \in C, s \neq t$.

Proof Let $s, t \in C$, $s \neq t$, and let $m = m_{s,t}$. Let $r \in C \setminus \{s, t\}$. Suppose first that $m \neq \infty$. We have $t \in \text{lk}_m(s)$ and $\text{lk}_m(s) \subset \text{st}_m(r)$, hence $t \in \text{st}_m(r)$. Since $t \neq r$, it follows that $t \in \text{lk}_m(r)$, thus $m_{t,r}$ divides $m = m_{s,t}$. In particular, $m_{t,r} \neq \infty$. Using the same argument we show that $m = m_{s,t}$ divides $m_{t,r}$, hence $m_{t,r} = m_{s,t} = m$. We show that $m_{s,r} = m$ in the same way. Now suppose that $m = \infty$. If we had $m_{s,r} \neq \infty$, then, by the above, we would have $m_{s,t} = m_{s,r} \neq \infty$, a contradiction. Thus $m_{s,r} = \infty$. Similarly, $m_{t,r} = \infty$.

Lemma 3.3 Let *C*, *D* be two distinct equivalence classes of \equiv_M . Then there exists $m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$, $m \ge 2$, such that $m_{s,t} = m$ for all $s \in C$ and $t \in D$.

Proof We choose $s \in C$ and $t \in D$ and we set $m = m_{s,t}$. We take $t' \in D$, $t' \neq t$, and we turn to show that $m_{s,t'} = m$. Suppose first that $m \neq \infty$. Since *C* and *D* are different, we have $s \neq t$ and $s \neq t'$. Moreover, $s \in \text{lk}_m(t)$ and $\text{lk}_m(t) \subset \text{st}_m(t')$, hence $s \in \text{lk}_m(t')$, and therefore $m_{s,t'}$ divides $m = m_{s,t}$. In particular $m_{s,t'} \neq \infty$. We show that $m_{s,t}$ divides $m_{s,t'}$ with the same argument, hence $m_{s,t'} = m_{s,t} = m$. Now, suppose that $m = \infty$. If we had $m_{s,t'} \neq \infty$, then, by the above, we would have $m_{s,t} = m_{s,t'} \neq \infty$, a contradiction. So, $m_{s,t'} = \infty$.

Thanks to Lemma 3.3 we can define from M a Coxeter matrix $M^r = (m_{C,D}^r)_{C,D \in S^r}$ as follows.

- (a) S^r is the set of equivalence classes of \equiv_M .
- (b) Let $C, D \in S^r$. Then choose $s \in C$ and $t \in D$, and set $m_{C,D}^r = m_{s,t}$.

Furthermore, thanks to Lemma 3.2 we can define a map $lb : S^r \to \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ as follows. Let $C \in S^r$. If |C| = 1 we set lb(C) = 0. If $|C| \ge 2$ we set $lb(C) = m_{s,t}$, where *s*, *t* are two distinct elements of *C*.

Proposition 3.4 Let $M = (m_{s,t})_{s,t \in S}$ and $N = (n_{x,y})_{x,y \in T}$ be two Coxeter matrices. If there exists an isomorphism $f : M^r \to N^r$ such that |C| = |f(C)| and lb(C) = lb(f(C)) for all $C \in S^r$, then M and N are isomorphic.

Proof For each $C \in S^r$, since |C| = |f(C)|, we can choose a bijection $\hat{f}_C : C \to f(C)$. Then we define $\hat{f} : S \to T$ as follows. Let $s \in S$. Let $C \in S^r$ such that $s \in C$. Then we set $\hat{f}(s) = \hat{f}_C(s)$. The map $\hat{f} : S \to T$ is a bijection by construction. Moreover, it is easily seen that $m_{s,t} = n_{\hat{f}(s),\hat{f}(t)}$ for all $s, t \in S$, hence \hat{f} is an isomorphism from M to N.

4 Lie algebras associated to right-angled Artin groups

Let $M = (m_{s,t})_{s,t \in S}$ be a right-angled Coxeter matrix. We assume S to be endowed with a total order <. Let \mathbb{K} be a field. Recall that, for $m \in \{2, \infty\}$, we set $E_m(M) = \{(s, t) \in S \times S \mid s < t \text{ and } m_{s,t} = m\}$. We set

$$L_{\mathbb{K},1}[M] = \bigoplus_{s \in S} \mathbb{K}u_s \,, \, L_{\mathbb{K},2}[M] = \bigoplus_{(s,t) \in E_{\infty}(M)} \mathbb{K}v_{s,t} \,, \, L_{\mathbb{K}}[M] = L_{\mathbb{K},1}[M] \oplus L_{\mathbb{K},2}[M] \,.$$

We define a Lie bracket $[\cdot, \cdot]$ on $L_{\mathbb{K}}[M]$ as follows. Let $s, t \in S$, $s \neq t$. Then $[u_s, u_t] = -[u_t, u_s] = v_{s,t}$ if s < t and $m_{s,t} = \infty$, and $[u_s, u_t] = 0$ if $m_{s,t} = 2$. On the other hand, we set $[\alpha, \beta] = 0$ for all $(\alpha, \beta) \in L_{\mathbb{K}}[M] \times L_{\mathbb{K},2}[M]$. It is clear that $L_{\mathbb{K}}[M]$ is a well-defined graded Lie \mathbb{K} -algebra. In fact, $L_{\mathbb{K}}[M] = \mathbb{K} \otimes L[M]$. The goal of the present section is to prove the following theorem.

Theorem 4.1 Let *M* and *N* be two right-angled Coxeter matrices and let \mathbb{K} be a field. If $L_{\mathbb{K}}[M]$ and $L_{\mathbb{K}}[N]$ are isomorphic, then *M* and *N* are isomorphic.

Corollary 4.2 Let M and N be two right-angled Coxeter matrices. If L[M] and L[N] are isomorphic, then M and N are isomorphic.

Proof Let *M* and *N* be two right-angled Coxeter matrices such that L[M] and L[N] are isomorphic. Then $\mathbb{Q} \otimes L[M] = L_{\mathbb{Q}}[M]$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Q} \otimes L[N] = L_{\mathbb{Q}}[N]$, hence, by Theorem 4.1, *M* and *N* are isomorphic.

Corollary 4.3 (Droms [10]) Let \mathcal{E}_{ra} be the set of right-angled Coxeter matrices. Then $\mathcal{A}[\mathcal{E}_{ra}]$ is rigid.

Proof Let *M* and *N* be two right-angled Coxeter matrices such that A[M] and A[N] are isomorphic. Then $\mathcal{TGr}(A[M])$ and $\mathcal{TGr}(A[N])$ are isomorphic, hence, by Theorem 2.1, L[M] and L[N] are isomorphic, and therefore, by Corollary 4.2, *M* and *N* are isomorphic.

The remaining of the section is devoted to the proof of Theorem 4.1.

Let $M = (m_{s,t})_{s,t \in S}$ be a right-angled Coxeter matrix. We associate to M a graph $\Gamma_{\infty}[M]$ as follows.

- (a) S is the set of vertices of $\Gamma_{\infty}[M]$.
- (b) Two vertices $s, t \in S$, $s \neq t$, are connected by an edge if $m_{s,t} = \infty$.

For $X \subset S$ we denote by $\Gamma_{\infty,X}[M]$ the full subgraph of $\Gamma_{\infty}[M]$ spanned by *X*. On the other hand, for $X \subset S$ we set $lk_2(X) = \bigcap_{s \in X} lk_2(s)$.

Let \mathbb{K} be a field. The *support* of an element $\alpha = \sum_{s \in S} a_s u_s \in L_{\mathbb{K},1}[M]$ is defined to be $\operatorname{supp}(\alpha) = \{s \in S \mid a_s \neq 0\}$. On the other hand, the *centralizer* of an element $\alpha \in L_{\mathbb{K},1}[M]$ is $Z(\alpha) = \{\beta \in L_{\mathbb{K},1}[M] \mid [\alpha, \beta] = 0\}$.

Lemma 4.4 Let \mathbb{K} be a field, let $M = (m_{s,i})_{s,t \in S}$ be a right-angled Coxeter matrix, and let $\alpha = \sum_{s \in S} a_s u_s \in L_{\mathbb{K},1}[M]$. Let $X = \operatorname{supp}(\alpha)$, and let $\Omega_1, \ldots, \Omega_\ell$ be the connected components of $\Gamma_{\infty,X}[M]$. For each $i \in \{1, \ldots, \ell\}$ we denote by X_i the set of vertices of Ω_i and we set $\alpha_i = \sum_{s \in X_i} a_s u_s$. Then

$$\mathsf{Z}(\alpha) = \left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^{\ell} \mathbb{K}\alpha_i\right) \oplus \left(\bigoplus_{s \in \mathrm{lk}_2(X)} \mathbb{K}u_s\right) \,.$$

Proof Set

$$V = \left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^{\ell} \mathbb{K} \alpha_i\right) \oplus \left(\bigoplus_{s \in \mathrm{lk}_2(X)} \mathbb{K} u_s\right) \,.$$

The inclusion $V \subset Z(\alpha)$ is easily checked, so we just need to show that $Z(\alpha) \subset V$. Let $\beta = \sum_{s \in S} b_s u_s \in Z(\alpha)$. We have

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$$0 = [\alpha, \beta] = \sum_{(s,t) \in E_{\infty}(M)} (a_s b_t - a_t b_s) v_{s,t}.$$

Let $s \in S$ such that $s \notin X$ and $s \notin lk_2(X)$. There exists $t \in X$ such that $m_{s,t} = \infty$. Suppose that s < t, that is, $(s,t) \in E_{\infty}(M)$. By Equation (4–1), $a_t b_s = 0$ since $a_s = 0$, hence $b_s = 0$ since $a_t \neq 0$. Similarly, if t < s, then $b_s = 0$. Let $i \in \{1, \ldots, \ell\}$. If $s, t \in X_i$ are such that $(s,t) \in E_{\infty}(M)$, then, by Equation (4–1), $a_s b_t = a_t b_s$, hence $\frac{b_s}{a_s} = \frac{b_t}{a_t}$. Since Ω_i is connected, it follows that $\frac{b_s}{a_s} = \frac{b_t}{a_t}$ for all $s, t \in X_i$. We choose $s \in X_i$ and we set $c_i = \frac{b_s}{a_s}$. Then $\sum_{t \in X_i} b_t u_t = c_i \alpha_i$. So, $\beta = (\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} c_i \alpha_i) + (\sum_{s \in lk_2(X)} b_s u_s) \in V$.

From now on we assume given a field \mathbb{K} , two right-angled Coxeter matrices $M = (m_{s,t})_{s,t\in S}$ and $N = (n_{x,y})_{x,y\in T}$, and an isomorphism $f : L_{\mathbb{K}}[M] \to L_{\mathbb{K}}[N]$. Our aim is to prove that M and N are isomorphic.

Lemma 4.5 Let $s \in S$ and $x, y \in T$ such that $n_{x,y} = 2$ and $s \in \text{supp}(f^{-1}(u_x))$. Then $[u_y, f(u_s)] = 0$.

Proof We set $f^{-1}(u_x) = \sum_{t \in S} a_t u_t$. Let $X = \operatorname{supp}(f^{-1}(u_x))$, and let $\Omega_1, \ldots, \Omega_\ell$ be the connected components of $\Gamma_{\infty,X}[M]$. For each $i \in \{1, \ldots, \ell\}$ we denote by X_i the set of vertices of Ω_i , and we set $\alpha_i = \sum_{t \in X_i} a_t u_t$. We have $[u_x, u_y] = 0$, hence $[f^{-1}(u_x), f^{-1}(u_y)] = 0$, and therefore, by Lemma 4.4, $f^{-1}(u_y)$ is written in the form $f^{-1}(u_y) = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} c_i \alpha_i + \gamma$, where $c_1, \ldots, c_\ell \in \mathbb{K}$ and $\operatorname{supp}(\gamma) \subset \operatorname{lk}_2(X)$. Since $s \in \operatorname{supp}(f^{-1}(u_x)) = X$, there exits $j \in \{1, \ldots, \ell\}$ such that $s \in X_j$. Then $[f^{-1}(u_y) - c_j f^{-1}(u_x), u_s] = 0$, hence $[u_y - c_j u_x, f(u_s)] = 0$. If $c_j = 0$, then the above equality becomes $[u_y, f(u_s)] = 0$ and there is nothing else to prove. So, we may assume that $c_j \neq 0$. Since $n_{x,y} = 2$, by applying again Lemma 4.4 we get $f(u_s) = b_1 u_y + b_2 c_j u_x + \gamma'$, where $b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{K}$ and $\operatorname{supp}(\gamma') \subset \operatorname{lk}_2(\{x, y\})$. Then $\operatorname{supp}(f(u_s)) \subset \operatorname{st}_2(u_y)$, hence $[u_y, f(u_s)] = 0$ in this case as well. \Box

For $s \in S$ and $x \in T$ we set $s \leftrightarrow_f x$ if $s \in \text{supp}(f^{-1}(u_x))$ and $x \in \text{supp}(f(u_s))$.

Lemma 4.6 Let $s \in S$. Then there exists $x \in T$ such that $s \leftrightarrow_f x$.

Proof For $s \in S$ we set $f(u_s) = \sum_{x \in T} a_{s,x}u_x$ and for $x \in T$ we set $f^{-1}(u_x) = \sum_{s \in S} b_{x,s}u_s$. Let $s \in S$. Then

$$u_s = (f^{-1} \circ f)(u_s) = \sum_{x \in T} \sum_{t \in S} a_{s,x} b_{x,t} u_t$$

hence there exists $x \in T$ such that $a_{s,x} \neq 0$ and $b_{x,s} \neq 0$. Then $s \in \text{supp}(f^{-1}(u_x))$ and $x \in \text{supp}(f(u_s))$, that is, $s \leftrightarrow_f x$.

Lemma 4.7 Let $s, t \in S$, $s \neq t$, and $x, y \in T$, $x \neq y$, such that $s \leftrightarrow_f x$ and $t \leftrightarrow_f y$. We have $m_{s,t} = 2$ if and only if $n_{x,y} = 2$.

Proof Suppose that $n_{x,y} = 2$. Since $s \leftrightarrow_f x$, we have $s \in \text{supp}(f^{-1}(u_x))$. Then, by Lemma 4.5, $[u_y, f(u_s)] = 0$, hence $[f^{-1}(u_y), u_s] = 0$. By Lemma 4.4 this implies that $\text{supp}(f^{-1}(u_y)) \subset \text{st}_2(s)$. Since $t \in \text{supp}(f^{-1}(u_y))$ and $t \neq s$ it follows that $t \in \text{lk}_2(s)$, that is, $m_{s,t} = 2$. We show in the same way that, if $m_{s,t} = 2$, then $n_{x,y} = 2$.

Lemma 4.8 Let $s, t \in S$ and $x, y \in T$ such that $s \leftrightarrow_f x$ and $t \leftrightarrow_f y$. We have $s \prec_M t$ if and only if $x \prec_N y$.

Proof We suppose that $s \prec_M t$ and turn to prove that $x \prec_N y$. If x = y, then there is nothing to prove. So, we can assume that $x \neq y$. Let $z \in lk_2(x)$. We have $n_{x,z} = 2$ and $s \in supp(f^{-1}(u_x))$ hence, by Lemma 4.5, $[u_z, f(u_s)] = 0$, hence $[f^{-1}(u_z), u_s] = 0$. By Lemma 4.4 it follows that $f^{-1}(u_z)$ is of the form $f^{-1}(u_z) = au_s + \gamma$ where $a \in \mathbb{K}$ and $supp(\gamma) \subset lk_2(s)$. Since $s \prec_M t$, we have $lk_2(s) \subset st_2(t)$, hence $[\gamma, u_t] = 0$, and therefore $[u_z, f(u_t)] = [f(au_s + \gamma), f(u_t)] = f([au_s + \gamma, u_t]) = af([u_s, u_t])$.

Suppose that $s \neq t$, $m_{s,t} = \infty$ and $a \neq 0$. We have $t \notin \text{supp}(\gamma)$ since $\text{supp}(\gamma) \subset \text{lk}_2(s)$. Let $r \in \text{supp}(\gamma)$. We have $r \in \text{lk}_2(s) \subset \text{st}_2(t)$ and $r \neq t$, hence $n_{r,t} = 2$. Moreover, $y \in \text{supp}(f(u_t))$, hence, by Lemma 4.5, $[u_r, f^{-1}(u_y)] = 0$. So, $[\gamma, f^{-1}(u_y)] = 0$, hence $[f(\gamma), u_y] = 0$. Since $x \in \text{supp}(f(u_s))$

and $z \neq x$, the equality $u_z = af(u_s) + f(\gamma)$ implies that $x \in \text{supp}(f(\gamma))$. By Lemma 4.4 it follows that $x \in \text{lk}_2(y)$, that is, $n_{x,y} = 2$. By Lemma 4.7 we deduce that $m_{s,t} = 2$, a contradiction.

So, either s = t, or $m_{s,t} = 2$, or a = 0. In all theses cases we have $[u_z, f(u_t)] = af([u_s, u_t]) = 0$. Since $y \in \text{supp}(f(u_t))$, it follows by Lemma 4.4 that $z \in \text{st}_2(y)$. So, $\text{lk}_2(x) \subset \text{st}_2(y)$, that is, $x \prec_N y$. We show in the same way that, if $x \prec_N y$, then $s \prec_M t$.

Corollary 4.9 Let $s, t \in S$ and $x, y \in T$ such that $s \leftrightarrow_f x$ and $t \leftrightarrow_f y$. We have $s \equiv_M t$ if and only if $x \equiv_N y$.

Thanks to Corollary 4.9 we can define a map $f^r : S^r \to T^r$ as follows. Let $C \in S^r$. We choose $s \in C$ and $x \in T$ such that $s \leftrightarrow_f x$ and we set $f^r(C) = X$, where X is the equivalence class of x for the relation \equiv_N . It is clear that f^r is invertible and $(f^r)^{-1} = (f^{-1})^r$. Moreover, by Lemma 4.7, $m_{C,D}^r = n_{f^r(C),f^r(D)}^r$ for all $C, D \in S^r$, hence f^r is an isomorphism from M^r to N^r .

Lemma 4.10 Let $s \in S$ and $x, y \in T$ such that $s \leftrightarrow_f x$ and $y \in \text{supp}(f(u_s))$. Then $x \prec_N y$.

Proof Let $z \in lk_2(x)$. We have $n_{x,z} = 2$ and $s \in supp(f^{-1}(u_x))$, hence, by Lemma 4.5, $[u_z, f(u_s)] = 0$. Since $y \in supp(f(u_s))$, it follows by Lemma 4.4 that $y \in st_2(z)$, hence $z \in st_2(y)$. This shows that $lk_2(x) \subset st_2(y)$, that is, $x \prec_N y$.

Lemma 4.11 Let $C \in S^r$. Then $|f^r(C)| = |C|$.

Proof Let $C \in S^r$, $X = f^r(C)$, $s \in C$ and $x \in X$. Set $U = \{t \in S \mid s \prec_M t\}$, $U_0 = \{t \in S \mid s \prec_M t \text{ and } s \not\equiv_M t\}$, $V = \{y \in T \mid x \prec_N y\}$, $V_0 = \{y \in T \mid x \prec_N y \text{ and } x \not\equiv_N y\}$. If E is a subset of S (resp. of T) we denote by $\langle E \rangle$ the linear subspace of $L_{\mathbb{K},1}[M]$ (resp. of $L_{\mathbb{K},1}[N]$) spanned by $\{u_t \mid t \in E\}$. We have $C = U \setminus U_0$, hence $\dim(\langle U \rangle) - \dim(\langle U_0 \rangle) = |C|$. Similarly, $\dim(\langle V \rangle) - \dim(\langle V_0 \rangle) = |X|$. By Lemma 4.8 and Lemma 4.10 we have $f(\langle U \rangle) \subset \langle V \rangle$ and $f(\langle U_0 \rangle) \subset \langle V_0 \rangle$. Similarly, $f^{-1}(\langle V \rangle) \subset \langle U \rangle$ and $f^{-1}(\langle V_0 \rangle) \subset \langle U_0 \rangle$, hence $f(\langle U \rangle) = \langle V \rangle$ and $f(\langle U_0 \rangle) = \langle V_0 \rangle$. So, $|C| = \dim(\langle U \rangle) - \dim(\langle U_0 \rangle) = \dim(\langle V \rangle) - \dim(\langle V_0 \rangle) = |X|$.

Lemma 4.12 Let $C \in S^r$. Then $lb(f^r(C)) = lb(C)$.

Proof Let $C \in S^r$ and let $X = f^r(C)$. Note that, by Lemma 4.11, |C| = |X|. If |C| = |X| = 1, then lb(C) = lb(X) = 0. So, we can assume that $|C| = |X| \ge 2$. Suppose that there exists $x \in X$ such that $s \leftrightarrow_f x$ for all $s \in C$. Let $y \in X$, $y \neq x$. By Lemma 4.6 there exists $t \in S$ such that $t \leftrightarrow_f y$, and, by Corollary 4.9, we have $t \in C$. Choose $s \in C$, $s \neq t$. Then $s \neq t$, $x \neq y$, $s \leftrightarrow_f x$ and $t \leftrightarrow_f y$. Suppose that there is no $x \in X$ such that $s \leftrightarrow_f x$ for all $s \in C$. Then, obviously, there exist $s, t \in C$, $s \neq t$, and $x, y \in X$, $x \neq y$, such that $s \leftrightarrow_f x$ and $t \leftrightarrow_f y$. So, there always exist $s, t \in C$, $s \neq t$, and $x, y \in X$, $x \neq y$, such that $s \leftrightarrow_f x$ and $t \leftrightarrow_f y$. Then, by Lemma 4.7, $lb(C) = m_{s,t} = n_{x,y} = lb(X)$.

Proof of Theorem 4.1 Let $f : L_{\mathbb{K}}[M] \to L_{\mathbb{K}}[N]$ be an isomorphism. Then, by the above, f induces an isomorphism $f^r : M^r \to N^r$ satisfying $|f^r(C)| = |C|$ and $lb(f^r(C)) = lb(C)$ for all $C \in S^r$. We conclude by Proposition 3.4 that M and N are isomorphic.

5 **Rigidity of** $\mathcal{A}[\mathcal{E}(c,d)]$

For $c, d \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $c \ge 1$, $d \ge 2$ and gcd(c, d) = 1, we denote by $\mathcal{E}(c, d)$ the set of even Coxeter matrices $M = (m_{s,t})_{s,t\in S}$ such that $m_{s,t} \in \{2c, \infty\} \cup \{2d^r \mid r \ge 1\}$ for all $s, t \in S$, $s \ne t$. Our aim in the present section is to prove that the family $\mathcal{A}[\mathcal{E}(c, d)]$ is rigid (see Theorem 5.12 and Corollary 5.13). We first prove the case c = 1 (see Theorem 5.1 and Corollary 5.2), which is the main case.

Theorem 5.1 Let $d \in \mathbb{N}$, $d \ge 2$, and $M, N \in \mathcal{E}(1, d)$. If L[M] is isomorphic to L[N], then M is isomorphic to N.

Corollary 5.2 Let $d \in \mathbb{N}$, $d \ge 2$. Then $\mathcal{A}[\mathcal{E}(1,d)]$ is rigid.

Proof Let $M, N \in \mathcal{E}(1, d)$. If A[M] is isomorphic to A[N], then $\mathcal{TGr}(A[M])$ is isomorphic to $\mathcal{TGr}(A[N])$. Since, by Theorem 2.1, $\mathcal{TGr}(A[M])$ is isomorphic to L[M] and $\mathcal{TGr}(A[N])$ is isomorphic to L[N], we conclude by Theorem 5.1 that M is isomorphic to N.

We turn now to prove Theorem 5.1. So, we take two Coxeter matrices $M = (m_{s,t})_{s,t\in S}$ and $N = (n_{x,y})_{x,y\in T}$ lying in $\mathcal{E}(1,d)$ and an isomorphism $f : L[M] \to L[N]$. Our aim is to prove that M and N are isomorphic.

We fix a prime number p which divides d. The *p*-support of an element $\alpha = \sum_{s \in S} a_s u_s \in L_1[M]$ is defined to be $\operatorname{supp}_p(\alpha) = \{s \in S \mid \operatorname{gcd}(p, a_s) = 1\}$. For $s \in S$ and $x \in T$ we set $s \leftrightarrow_{p,f} x$ if $s \in \operatorname{supp}_p(f^{-1}(u_x))$ and $x \in \operatorname{supp}_p(f(u_s))$.

Lemma 5.3 Let $s \in S$. There exists $x \in T$ such that $s \leftrightarrow_{p,f} x$.

Proof We argue like in the proof of Lemma 4.6. For $s \in S$ we set $f(u_s) = \sum_{x \in T} a_{s,x}u_x$, and for $x \in T$ we set $f^{-1}(u_x) = \sum_{s \in S} b_{x,s}u_s$. Let $s \in S$. Then

$$u_s = (f^{-1} \circ f)(u_s) = \sum_{x \in T} \sum_{t \in S} a_{s,x} b_{x,t} u_t$$

hence there exists $x \in T$ such that $gcd(p, a_{s,x}) = 1$ and $gcd(p, b_{x,s}) = 1$. Then $s \in supp_p(f^{-1}(u_x))$ and $x \in supp_p(f(u_s))$, that is, $s \leftrightarrow_{p,f} x$.

We set $L_1^{(d)}[M] = L_1[M]$, $L_2^{(d)}[M] = dL_2[M]$, and $L^{(d)}[M] = L_1^{(d)}[M] \oplus L_2^{(d)}[M]$, and we define the Lie bracket $[\cdot, \cdot]^{(d)}$ of $L^{(d)}[M]$ as follows. For $\alpha, \beta \in L_1^{(d)}[M]$ we set $[\alpha, \beta]^{(d)} = d[\alpha, \beta]$, where $[\cdot, \cdot]$ denotes the Lie bracket of L[M]. On the other hand, we set $[\alpha, \beta]^{(d)} = 0$ for all $(\alpha, \beta) \in L_2^{(d)}[M] \times L^{(d)}[M]$. We define the Lie algebra $L^{(d)}[N]$ in the same way. It is easily seen that f induces an isomorphism $f^{(d)} : L^{(d)}[M] \to L^{(d)}[N]$.

Let $M^{(d)} = (m_{s,t}^{(d)})_{s,t \in S}$ be the Coxeter matrix defined as follows.

- $m_{s,t}^{(d)} = 2$ if $m_{s,t} \in \{2, 2d\}$.
- Let $r \in \mathbb{N}$, $r \ge 2$. Then $m_{s,t}^{(d)} = 2d^{r-1}$ if $m_{s,t} = 2d^r$.

• $m_{s,t}^{(d)} = \infty$ if $m_{s,t} = \infty$.

We define $N^{(d)}$ in the same way. Note that $M^{(d)}$ and $N^{(d)}$ are even Coxeter matrices lying in $\mathcal{E}(1, d)$. The proof of the following lemma is left to the reader.

Lemma 5.4 (1) We have $L^{(d)}[M] \simeq L[M^{(d)}]$ and $L^{(d)}[N] \simeq L[N^{(d)}]$.

(2) Let $s \in S$ and $x \in T$. We have $s \leftrightarrow_{p,f} x$ if and only if $s \leftrightarrow_{p,f^{(d)}} x$.

We define a right-angled Coxeter matrix $M_{(p)} = (m_{(p),s,t})_{s,t \in S}$ as follows.

- $m_{(p),s,t} = 2$ if $m_{s,t} = 2$.
- $m_{(p),s,t} = \infty$ if $m_{s,t} \in \{2d^r \mid r \in \mathbb{N}, r \ge 1\} \cup \{\infty\}.$

We define the right-angled Coxeter matrix $N_{(p)}$ in the same way. Let $\mathbb{F}_p = \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$, and let $f_{(p)}$: $\mathbb{F}_p \otimes L[M] \to \mathbb{F}_p \otimes L[N]$ be the isomorphism induced by f. Again, the proof of the following is left to the reader.

Lemma 5.5 (1) We have $\mathbb{F}_p \otimes L[M] \simeq L_{\mathbb{F}_p}[M_{(p)}]$ and $\mathbb{F}_p \otimes L[N] \simeq L_{\mathbb{F}_p}[N_{(p)}]$. (2) Let $s \in S$ and $x \in T$. We have $s \leftrightarrow_{p,f} x$ if and only if $s \leftrightarrow_{f_{(p)}} x$.

Lemma 5.6 Let $s, t \in S$, $s \neq t$, and $x, y \in T$, $x \neq y$, such that $s \leftrightarrow_{p,f} x$ and $t \leftrightarrow_{p,f} y$. Then $m_{s,t} = n_{x,y}$.

Proof Let $\rho \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $E_{2d^{\rho}}(M) \neq \emptyset$ or $E_{2d^{\rho}}(N) \neq \emptyset$, and $E_{2d^{k}}(M) = E_{2d^{k}}(N) = \emptyset$ for all $k > \rho$ (we set $\rho = 0$ if $m_{s,t} = \infty$ for all $s, t \in S$, $s \neq t$, and $n_{x,y} = \infty$ for all $x, y \in T$, $x \neq y$). We argue by induction on ρ . If $\rho = 0$, then M and N are both right-angled Coxeter matrices and the result follows from Lemma 4.7. So, we can assume that $\rho \geq 1$ and that the inductive hypothesis holds. Suppose that $m_{s,t} = 2$. Then $m_{(p),s,t} = 2$ and, by Lemma 5.5, $s \leftrightarrow_{f(\rho)} x$ and $t \leftrightarrow_{f(\rho)} y$, hence, by Lemma 4.7, $n_{(p),x,y} = 2$, and therefore $n_{x,y} = 2$. We show in the same way that, if $n_{x,y} = 2$, then $m_{s,t} = 2$. So, we can assume that $m_{s,t} \geq 2d$ and $n_{x,y} \geq 2d$. By Lemma 5.4, $s \leftrightarrow_{p,f^{(d)}} x$ and $t \leftrightarrow_{p,f^{(d)}} y$, hence, by the inductive hypothesis, $m_{s,t}^{(d)} = n_{x,y}^{(d)}$. If $m_{s,t}^{(d)} = n_{x,y}^{(d)} = \infty$, then $m_{s,t} = n_{x,y} = \infty$. If $m_{s,t}^{(d)} = n_{x,y}^{(d)} < \infty$, then $m_{s,t} = n_{x,y} = d m_{s,t}^{(d)} = d n_{x,y}^{(d)}$, since $m_{s,t} \geq 2d$ and $n_{x,y} \geq 2d$.

Lemma 5.7 Let $s, t \in S$ and $x, y \in T$ such that $s \leftrightarrow_{p,f} x$ and $t \leftrightarrow_{p,f} y$. We have $s \prec_M t$ if and only if $x \prec_N y$.

Proof Let $\rho \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $E_{2d^{\rho}}(M) \neq \emptyset$ or $E_{2d^{\rho}}(N) \neq \emptyset$, and $E_{2d^{k}}(M) = E_{2d^{k}}(N) = \emptyset$ for all $k > \rho$ (again, we set $\rho = 0$ if $m_{s,t} = \infty$ for all $s, t \in S$, $s \neq t$, and $n_{x,y} = \infty$ for all $x, y \in T$, $x \neq y$). We argue by induction on ρ . Assume that $\rho = 0$, that is, M and N are both right-angled Coxeter matrices. Then f induces an isomorphism $f_{\mathbb{F}_p} : L_{\mathbb{F}_p}[M] = \mathbb{F}_p \otimes L[M] \to \mathbb{F}_p \otimes L[N] = L_{\mathbb{F}_p}[N]$, hence, by Lemma 4.8, we have $s \prec_M t$ if and only if $x \prec_N y$.

Now, assume that $\rho \ge 1$ and that the inductive hypothesis holds. Suppose that $s \prec_M t$. We take $m \in \mathbb{N}$, $m \ge 2$, and we prove that $lk_m(x) \subset st_m(y)$. This will prove that $x \prec_N y$. Since $M, N \in \mathcal{E}(1, d)$, we can assume that $m \in \{2d^k \mid 0 \le k \le \rho\}$.

Suppose that m = 2. For $r \in S$ we denote by $lk_{(p),2}(r)$ the 2-link of r and by $st_{(p),2}(r)$ the 2-star of r with respect to $M_{(p)}$. Similarly, for $z \in T$ we denote by $lk_{(p),2}(z)$ the 2-link of z and by $st_{(p),2}(z)$ the 2-star of z with respect to $N_{(p)}$. Observe that $lk_2(s) = lk_{(p),2}(s)$ and $st_2(t) = st_{(p),2}(t)$, hence $lk_{(p),2}(s) \subset st_{(p),2}(t)$, that is, $s \prec_{M_{(p)}} t$. Moreover, by Lemma 5.5, $s \leftrightarrow_{f_{(p)}} x$ and $t \leftrightarrow_{f_{(p)}} y$, hence, by Lemma 4.8, $x \prec_{N_{(p)}} y$. This means that $lk_2(x) = lk_{(p),2}(x) \subset st_{(p),2}(y) = st_2(y)$.

Assume that $m \ge 2d$, that is, $m = 2d^{k+1}$ for some $k \in \{0, \ldots, \rho - 1\}$. For $r \in S$ and $0 \le k \le \rho - 1$ we denote by $|k_{2d^k}^{(d)}(r)$ the $2d^k$ -link of r and by $st_{2d^k}^{(d)}(r)$ the $2d^k$ -star of r with respect to $M^{(d)}$. Similarly, for $z \in T$ and $0 \le k \le \rho - 1$ we denote by $|k_{2d^k}^{(d)}(z)$ the $2d^k$ -link of z and by $st_{2d^k}^{(d)}(z)$ the $2d^k$ -star of z with respect to $N^{(d)}$. Observe that $|k_{2d^{k+1}}(s) = |k_{2d^k}^{(d)}(s)$ and $st_{2d^{k+1}}(t) = st_{2d^k}^{(d)}(t)$ for all $0 \le k \le \rho - 1$, hence $|k_{2d^k}^{(d)}(s) \subset st_{2d^k}^{(d)}(t)$ for all $0 \le k \le \rho - 1$, and therefore $s \prec_{M^{(d)}} t$. Moreover, by Lemma 5.4, $s \leftrightarrow_{p,f^{(d)}} x$ and $t \leftrightarrow_{p,f^{(d)}} y$, hence, by the inductive hypothesis, $x \prec_{N^{(d)}} y$. This implies that $|k_{2d^{k+1}}(x) = |k_{2d^k}^{(d)}(x) \subset st_{2d^k}^{(d)}(y) = st_{2d^{k+1}}(y)$ for all $0 \le k \le \rho - 1$. So, $|k_m(x) \subset st_m(y)$.

Corollary 5.8 Let $s, t \in S$ and $x, y \in T$ such that $s \leftrightarrow_{p,f} x$ and $t \leftrightarrow_{p,f} y$. We have $s \equiv_M t$ if and only if $x \equiv_N y$.

Thanks to Corollary 5.8 we can define a map $f^r : S^r \to T^r$ as follows. Let $C \in S^r$. We choose $s \in C$ and $x \in T$ such that $s \leftrightarrow_{p,f} x$ and we set $f^r(C) = X$, where X is the equivalence class of x for the relation \equiv_N . It is clear that f^r is invertible and $(f^r)^{-1} = (f^{-1})^r$. Moreover, by Lemma 5.6, $m_{C,D}^r = n_{f^r(C),f^r(D)}^r$ for all $C, D \in S^r$, hence f^r determines an isomorphism from M^r to N^r .

Lemma 5.9 Let $s \in S$ and $x, y \in T$ such that $s \leftrightarrow_{p,f} x$ and $y \in \text{supp}_p(f(u_s))$. Then $x \prec_N y$.

Proof Let $\rho \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $E_{2d^{\rho}}(M) \neq \emptyset$ or $E_{2d^{\rho}}(N) \neq \emptyset$, and $E_{2d^{k}}(M) = E_{2d^{k}}(N) = \emptyset$ for all $k > \rho$ (and, as ever, $\rho = 0$ if $m_{s,t} = \infty$ for all $s, t \in S$, $s \neq t$, and $n_{x,y} = \infty$ for all $x, y \in T$, $x \neq y$). We argue by induction on ρ . Suppose that $\rho = 0$, that is, M and N are both right-angled Coxeter matrices. Then f induces an isomorphism $f_{(p)} : L_{\mathbb{F}_p}[M] = \mathbb{F}_p \otimes L[M] \to \mathbb{F}_p \otimes L[N] = L_{\mathbb{F}_p}[N]$ hence, by Lemma 4.10, $x \prec_N y$.

Now, we assume that $\rho \ge 1$ and that the inductive hypothesis holds. We take $m \in \mathbb{N}$, $m \ge 2$, and we show that $lk_m(x) \subset st_m(y)$. This will show that $x \prec_N y$. Again, since M and N lie in $\mathcal{E}(1, d)$, we can suppose that $m \in \{2d^k \mid 0 \le k \le \rho\}$.

Suppose first that m = 2. For $z \in T$ we denote by $lk_{(p),2}(z)$ the 2-link of z and by $st_{(p),2}(z)$ the 2-star of z with respect to $N_{(p)}$. By Lemma 5.5, $s \leftrightarrow_{f_{(p)}} x$ hence, by Lemma 4.10, $x \prec_{N_{(p)}} y$. This implies that $lk_2(x) = lk_{(p),2}(x) \subset st_{(p),2}(y) = st_2(y)$.

Now, suppose that $m \ge 2d$, that is, $m = 2d^{k+1}$ for some $k \in \{0, \ldots, \rho - 1\}$. For $z \in T$ and $0 \le k \le \rho - 1$ we denote by $lk_{2d^k}^{(d)}(z)$ the $2d^k$ -link of z and by $st_{2d^k}^{(d)}(z)$ the $2d^k$ -star of z with respect to $N^{(d)}$. By Lemma 5.4, $s \leftrightarrow_{p,f^{(d)}} x$ hence, by the inductive hypothesis, $x \prec_{N^{(d)}} y$. This implies that $lk_{2d^{k+1}}(x) = lk_{2d^k}^{(d)}(x) \subset st_{2d^k}^{(d)}(y) = st_{2d^{k+1}}(y)$ for all $0 \le k \le \rho - 1$. So, $lk_m(x) \subset st_m(y)$.

Lemma 5.10 Let $C \in S^r$. Then $|f^r(C)| = |C|$.

Proof The proof is almost identical to the one of Lemma 4.11. Let $C \in S^r$, $X = f^r(C)$, $s \in C$ and $x \in X$. Set $U = \{t \in S \mid s \prec_M t\}$, $U_0 = \{t \in S \mid s \prec_M t \text{ and } s \not\equiv_M t\}$, $V = \{y \in T \mid x \prec_N y\}$, $V_0 = \{y \in T \mid x \prec_N y \text{ and } x \not\equiv_N y\}$. If E is a subset of S (resp. of T) we denote by $\langle E \rangle$ the \mathbb{Z} -submodule of $L_1[M]$ (resp. of $L_1[N]$) spanned by $\{u_t \mid t \in E\}$. We have $C = U \setminus U_0$, hence $\operatorname{rk}(\langle U \rangle) - \operatorname{rk}(\langle U_0 \rangle) = |C|$. Similarly, $\operatorname{rk}(\langle V \rangle) - \operatorname{rk}(\langle V_0 \rangle) = |X|$. On the other hand, by Lemma 5.7 and Lemma 5.9, $f(\langle U \rangle) \subset \langle V \rangle$ and $f(\langle U_0 \rangle) \subset \langle V_0 \rangle$. Similarly, $f^{-1}(\langle V \rangle) \subset \langle U \rangle$ and $f^{-1}(\langle V_0 \rangle) \subset \langle U_0 \rangle$, hence $f(\langle U \rangle) = \langle V \rangle$ and $f(\langle U_0 \rangle) = \langle V_0 \rangle$. So, $|C| = \operatorname{rk}(\langle U \rangle) - \operatorname{rk}(\langle U_0 \rangle) = \operatorname{rk}(\langle V \rangle) - \operatorname{rk}(\langle V_0 \rangle) = |X|$.

Lemma 5.11 Let $C \in S^r$. Then $lb(f^r(C)) = lb(C)$.

Proof We argue in the same way as in the proof of Lemma 4.12. Let $C \in S^r$, and let $X = f^r(C)$. Note that, by Lemma 5.10, |C| = |X|. If |C| = |X| = 1, then lb(C) = lb(X) = 0. So, we can assume that $|C| = |X| \ge 2$. Suppose there exists $x \in X$ such that $s \leftrightarrow_{p,f} x$ for all $s \in C$. Let $y \in X$, $y \neq x$. By Lemma 5.3 there exists $t \in S$ such that $t \leftrightarrow_{p,f} y$ and, by Corollary 5.8, $t \in C$. Take $s \in C$ such that $s \neq t$. Then $s \neq t$, $x \neq y$, $s \leftrightarrow_{p,f} x$ and $t \leftrightarrow_{p,f} y$. If there is no $x \in X$ such that $s \leftrightarrow_{p,f} x$ for all $s \in C$, then, obviously, there exist $s, t \in C$, $s \neq t$, and $x, y \in X$, $x \neq y$, such that $s \leftrightarrow_{p,f} x$ and $t \leftrightarrow_{p,f} y$. So, there always exist $s, t \in C$, $s \neq t$, and $x, y \in X$, $x \neq y$, such that $s \leftrightarrow_{p,f} x$ and $t \leftrightarrow_{p,f} y$. Then, by Lemma 5.6, $lb(C) = m_{s,t} = n_{x,y} = lb(X)$.

Proof of Theorem 5.1 Let $f : L[M] \to L[N]$ be an isomorphism. Then, by the above, there exists an isomorphism $f^r : M^r \to N^r$ such that $|f^r(C)| = |C|$ and $lb(f^r(C)) = lb(C)$ for all $C \in S^r$. We conclude by Proposition 3.4 that M and N are isomorphic.

We turn now to the general case.

Theorem 5.12 Let $c, d \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $c \ge 1$, $d \ge 2$ and gcd(c, d) = 1, and let $M, N \in \mathcal{E}(c, d)$. If L[M] is isomorphic to L[N], then M is isomorphic to N.

The following corollary can be proved from Theorem 5.12 in the same way as Corollary 5.2 is proved from Theorem 5.1.

Corollary 5.13 Let $c, d \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $c \ge 1$, $d \ge 2$ and gcd(c, d) = 1. Then $\mathcal{A}[\mathcal{E}(c, d)]$ is rigid.

Proof of Theorem 5.12 Let $f: L[M] \to L[N]$ be an isomorphism. We define a graded Lie \mathbb{Z} -algebra $L^{(c)}[M]$ as follows. We set $L_1^{(c)}[M] = L_1[M]$, $L_2^{(c)}[M] = c L_2[M]$, and $L^{(c)}[M] = L_1^{(c)}[M] \oplus L_2^{(c)}[M]$. We define the Lie bracket $[\cdot, \cdot]^{(c)}$ of $L^{(c)}[M]$ as follows. For $\alpha, \beta \in L_1^{(c)}[M]$ we set $[\alpha, \beta]^{(c)} = c [\alpha, \beta]$, where $[\cdot, \cdot]$ denotes the Lie bracket of L[M]. On the other hand, we set $[\alpha, \beta]^{(c)} = 0$ for all $(\alpha, \beta) \in L_2^{(c)}[M] \times L^{(c)}[M]$. We define $L^{(c)}[N]$ in the same way. It is easily seen that f induces an isomorphism $f^{(c)}: L^{(c)}[M] \to L^{(c)}[N]$.

Let $M^{(c)} = (m_{s,t}^{(c)})_{s,t \in S}$ be the Coxeter matrix defined as follows.

• $m_{s,t}^{(c)} = 2$ if $m_{s,t} = 2c$.

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• $m_{s,t}^{(c)} = m_{s,t}$ if $m_{s,t} \neq 2c$.

We define $N^{(c)}$ in the same way. It is clear that $M^{(c)}$ and $N^{(c)}$ are both even Coxeter matrices lying in $\mathcal{E}(1,d)$, that M is isomorphic to N if and only if $M^{(c)}$ is isomorphic to $N^{(c)}$, that $L^{(c)}[M] \simeq L[M^{(c)}]$, and that $L^{(c)}[N] \simeq L[N^{(c)}]$. By Theorem 5.1, $M^{(c)}$ and $N^{(c)}$ are isomorphic, hence M and N are isomorphic.

6 An example

Consider the following even Coxeter matrices.

$$M_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 6 & 2 \\ 6 & 1 & 10 \\ 2 & 10 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, N_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 30 \\ 2 & 30 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

It is obvious that M_0 and N_0 are not isomorphic. Furthermore, we also have the following.

Lemma 6.1 The Artin groups $A[M_0]$ and $A[N_0]$ are not isomorphic.

Proof The group $A[M_0]$ is a two-dimensional Artin group in the sense of Charney–Davis [8], hence, by Charney–Davis [8] [9, Corollary 1.4.2], the cohomological dimension of $A[M_0]$ is 2. On the other hand, $A[N_0]$ is an Artin group of spherical type of rank 3, hence, by Charney–Davis [9, Corollary 1.4.2], the cohomological dimension of $A[N_0]$ is 3. So, $A[M_0]$ and $A[N_0]$ are not isomorphic.

However, we have the following.

Proposition 6.2 The Lie algebras $L[M_0]$ and $L[N_0]$ are isomorphic.

Proof We denote by $\mathcal{U} = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ the standard \mathbb{Z} -basis of $L_1[M_0]$ and by $\mathcal{U}' = \{u'_1, u'_2, u'_3\}$ the standard \mathbb{Z} -basis of $L_1[N_0]$. On the other hand, we denote by $\mathcal{V} = \{v_{1,2}, v_{2,3}\}$ the standard generating set of $L_2[M_0]$ and by $\mathcal{V}' = \{v'_{2,3}\}$ the standard generating set of $L_2[N_0]$. Let $f_1 : L_1[M_0] \to L_1[N_0]$ and $g_1 : L_1[N_0] \to L_1[M_0]$ be the \mathbb{Z} -linear maps whose matrices relative to the basis \mathcal{U} and \mathcal{U}' are F and G, respectively, where

$$F = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, G = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -5 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

A direct calculation shows that $f_1 \circ g_1 = \text{id}$ and $g_1 \circ f_1 = \text{id}$, hence f_1 is an isomorphism of \mathbb{Z} -modules and g_1 is the inverse of f_1 . We define $f_2 : L_2[M_0] \to L_2[N_0]$ by $f_2(v_{1,2}) = -5v'_{2,3}$ and $f_2(v_{2,3}) = 3v'_{2,3}$. It is easily checked that f_2 is well-defined, it is invertible, and its inverse $g_2 : L_2[N_0] \to L_2[M_0]$ is defined by $g_2(v'_{2,3}) = v_{1,2} + 2v_{2,3}$. We check with a direct calculation that $[f_1(u_i), f_1(u_j)] = f_2([u_i, u_j])$ for all $i, j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$, hence f_1 and f_2 induce an isomorphism $f : L[M_0] \to L[N_0]$ of Lie \mathbb{Z} -algebras. \Box

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