

Math 8272

Homework 6

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The problem set is due at the beginning of the class on Friday, April 29, 2016.

Reading: Text: Sections 8.3–7.

Problems from Chapter 8 (Section 8.10): 2(2), 4, 5, 7 (The right-hand side of the formula for $K(\theta, \theta)$ must be changed to $1/h^\vee$; also, $\langle \rho, \theta^\vee \rangle := \rho(\theta^\vee)$, as always in the text).

Problem 1. Show that the weight lattice P is invariant under the Weyl group action.

Problem 2. Let P be a lattice in a real vector space $E \cong \mathbb{R}^r$ (i.e., a subgroup of E which is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}^r and which spans E over the reals). Suppose that $W \subset \text{GL}(E)$ is a finite subgroup preserving the lattice. Show there is a W -invariant symmetric bilinear form $(,)$ on E such that $(\lambda, \mu) \in \mathbb{Z}$ for all $\lambda, \mu \in P$. [*Remarks:* Of course, the notation is suggestive: in our context, $E = \mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{R}}^*$, P is the weight lattice, and W is the Weyl group. However, the form $(,)$ will not be the one induced on $\mathfrak{h}_{\mathbb{R}}^*$ by the restriction of the Killing form to \mathfrak{h} , as we discussed in class on Monday, April 18. The form from this problem is used for defining the q -dimension in 8.38 and computing it for an irreducible representation L_λ .]