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*Reflections of Regular Algebras I.*

Let  $G$  be a finite group of matrices acting linearly on a commutative polynomial ring  $\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . The Shephard-Todd-Chevalley Theorem states that the fixed subring  $\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]^G$  is a polynomial ring if and only if  $G$  is generated by reflections (matrices whose invariant subspace is of co-dimension 1).

To generalize this theorem to a noncommutative setting, we consider finite groups of matrices acting on an Artin-Schelter regular algebra  $A$ . Examples suggest that the proper generalization of the Shephard-Todd-Chevalley Theorem is to find conditions on  $G$  so that the fixed subring  $A^G$  is AS-regular. We present a new notion of “reflection” (that we call quasi-reflection), and prove that if  $A^G$  is AS-regular, then  $G$  must contain a quasi-reflection of  $A$ . Regular algebras with no quasi-reflections must have  $A^G$  of infinite global dimension, and such algebras include 2-generated AS-regular algebras of global dimension 3 or 4, and certain homogenizations of  $U(\mathfrak{g})$ , for  $\mathfrak{g}$  a finite dimensional Lie algebra. Examples suggest that the further generalization to “bi-reflection” is also of interest. (Received February 26, 2007)