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A  $W$ -graph is a weighted directed graph that encodes certain actions of a Coxeter group  $W$  or the associated Iwahori-Hecke algebra  $H(W)$ . It is admissible if it is bipartite and has nonnegative integer edge weights that satisfy a simple symmetry condition. Of particular interest are the admissible  $W$ -graphs and  $W \times W$ -graphs that encode the one-sided and two-sided actions of the standard generators on the Kazhdan-Lusztig basis of  $H(W)$ , as well as the strongly connected components of these graphs—the latter are the so-called Kazhdan-Lusztig cells.

In this talk, we will report on further progress toward the classification of admissible  $W$ -graphs. In particular, we plan to describe the classification of all admissible  $W_1 \times W_2$ -cells, where  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  both have rank two. This amounts to classifying pairs of simply-laced Cartan matrices of the same rank that commute and satisfy a simple bipartition condition. It turns out that there are 5 infinite families of such Cartan pairs (up to isomorphism), as well as 8 exceptional pairs whose ranks range from 12 to 32. (Received February 08, 2009)