

A MODULAR BRANCHING RULE FOR WREATH PRODUCTS

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ABSTRACT. We give a modular branching rule for wreath products as a generalization of Kleshchev's modular branching rule for the symmetric groups.

1. INTRODUCTION

In [Tsu], the author gave a modular branching rule for certain wreath products, the wreath products $\{G(\mathfrak{S}_n)\}_{n \geq 0}$ where any irreducible FG -module is 1-dimensional on a splitting field F of G . In this paper we give a modular branching rule for any wreath products, after a survey of the representation theory of the symmetric groups with a special emphasis on the connection with Lie theory.

As our motivation, let us review previously known branching rules. We shall start off with the symmetric groups $\{\mathfrak{S}_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ with the default embeddings. In characteristic zero, we can summarize the classically known branching rule as follows (for the details, see Theorem 2.3).

- for any irreducible $\mathfrak{S}_{n+1}$ -module V , $\text{Res}_{\mathfrak{S}_n}^{\mathfrak{S}_{n+1}}(V)$ is multiplicity-free.
- Young's lattice controls the structure of $\text{Res}_{\mathfrak{S}_n}^{\mathfrak{S}_{n+1}}(V)$ as an $\mathfrak{S}_n$ -module.

An analogue in positive characteristics is discovered and proved by Kleshchev and it is now known as Kleshchev's modular branching rule [Kl1, Kl2, Kl3, Kl4]. The language of quantum groups and Kashiwara's crystal bases [HK, Kas] lets us state Kleshchev's modular branching rule in characteristic $p > 0$ succinctly and beautifully as follows (for the details, see Theorem 2.7).

- for any irreducible $\mathfrak{S}_{n+1}$ -module V , $\text{Soc}(\text{Res}_{\mathfrak{S}_n}^{\mathfrak{S}_{n+1}}(V))$ is multiplicity-free.
- the crystal basis $B(\Lambda_0)$ of the fundamental irreducible $U_q(\mathfrak{g}(A_{p-1}^{(1)}))$ -module $L(\Lambda_0)$ controls the structure of $\text{Soc}(\text{Res}_{\mathfrak{S}_n}^{\mathfrak{S}_{n+1}}(V))$ as an $\mathfrak{S}_n$ -module.

Here for an A -module X , we denote by $\text{Soc}(X)$ the largest completely reducible A -submodule of X .

Recently, two analogues for Hecke algebras are obtained. The first one is for the cyclotomic degenerate Hecke algebras, which we survey in detail in this paper. Let λ be a dominant integral weight $\lambda \in P^+$ associated with the Cartan datum of $A_{p-1}^{(1)}$ [HK, Definition 2.1.1] and consider the inductive system of the cyclotomic degenerate Hecke algebras $\{\mathcal{H}_n^\lambda\}_{n \geq 0}$ [Kl5, Chapter 7]. Then the following generalization holds [Kl5, Theorem 10.3.5]. Note that Kleshchev's modular branching rule is a special case of $\lambda = \Lambda_0$.

- for any irreducible $\mathcal{H}_{n+1}^\lambda$ -module V , $\text{Soc}(\text{Res}_{\mathcal{H}_n^\lambda}^{\mathcal{H}_{n+1}^\lambda}(V))$ is multiplicity-free.

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- the crystal basis $B(\lambda)$ of $U_q(\mathfrak{g}(A_{p-1}^{(1)}))$ -module $L(\lambda)$ controls the structure of $\text{Soc}(\text{Res}_{\mathcal{H}_n^\lambda}^{\mathcal{H}_{n+1}^\lambda}(V))$ as an $\mathcal{H}_n^\lambda$ -module.

The second one is for the cyclotomic Hecke algebras. Let q be a primitive e -th root of unity where $e \geq 2$ and let $v_i = q^{\gamma_i}$ for $\gamma_i \in \mathbb{Z}/e\mathbb{Z}$ and consider the inductive system of the cyclotomic Hecke algebras $\{\mathcal{H}_n(\mathbf{v}, q)\}_{n \geq 0}$ [Ari, Definition 2.1]. Then the following holds [Ari, Theorem 6.1]. See also [Bru, GV].

- for any irreducible $\mathcal{H}_{n+1}(\mathbf{v}, q)$ -module V , $\text{Soc}(\text{Res}_{\mathcal{H}_n(\mathbf{v}, q)}^{\mathcal{H}_{n+1}(\mathbf{v}, q)}(V))$ is multiplicity-free.
- the crystal basis $B(\Lambda_{\gamma_1} + \cdots + \Lambda_{\gamma_m})$ of $U_q(\mathfrak{g}(A_{e-1}^{(1)}))$ -module $L(\Lambda_{\gamma_1} + \cdots + \Lambda_{\gamma_m})$ controls the structure of $\text{Soc}(\text{Res}_{\mathcal{H}_n(\mathbf{v}, q)}^{\mathcal{H}_{n+1}(\mathbf{v}, q)}(V))$ as an $\mathcal{H}_n(\mathbf{v}, q)$ -module.

In [Tsu], the author gave a generalization of Kleshchev's modular branching rule for the symmetric groups to certain wreath products. Let G be a finite group and F be its splitting field and further assume that any irreducible FG -module is 1-dimensional. We denote by α the number of inequivalent irreducible representations of FG . For example, $\alpha = 1$ if $\text{char } F = p > 0$ and G is a p -group. Although the main result of [Tsu] gives a modular branching rule in any characteristics, we now repeat the succinct form of it only when $\text{char } F = p > 0$ for simplicity (for the details, see [Tsu, Theorem 5.2]).

- for any irreducible $G \wr \mathfrak{S}_{n+1}$ -module V , $\text{Soc}(\text{Res}_{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_n}^{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_{n+1}}(V))$ is multiplicity-free.
- the crystal basis of $U_q(\mathfrak{g}(A_{p-1}^{(1)}))^{\otimes \alpha} (\cong U_q(\mathfrak{g}((A_{p-1}^{(1)})^{\oplus \alpha}))$ -module $L(\Lambda_0)^{\otimes \alpha}$ controls the structure of $\text{Soc}(\text{Res}_{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_n}^{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_{n+1}}(V))$ as a $G \wr \mathfrak{S}_n$ -module.

Hence we can give a modular branching rule for the complex reflection groups $G(m, 1, n) = (\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}) \wr \mathfrak{S}_n$, which are often called the generalized symmetric groups, in splitting fields for $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$. Especially for $m = 2$, which is the case of the Weyl groups of type B , we can give a modular branching rule in any field. It was the aim of [Tsu]. Note that if we choose the parameters $q = 1$ and $v_k = \exp(\frac{2\pi\sqrt{-1}k}{m})$, then $\mathcal{H}_n(\mathbf{v}, q) \cong FG(m, 1, n)$. Thus, it can be said that the different crystals appear in modular branching rule for $FG(m, 1, n)$ and for its deformation, cyclotomic Hecke algebras.

The purpose of this paper is to give a modular branching rule for any sequence of wreath products $\{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ on splitting fields. We should remark that in characteristic zero it is already known (see Remark 2.4 and Remark 2.5). For any sequence of wreath products $\{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_n\}_{n \geq 0}$, socle of restriction is not necessarily multiplicity-free and socle multiplicity-freeness holds if and only if any irreducible FG -module is 1-dimensional (see Corollary 3.11. For the details, see Theorem 3.8). As in [Tsu], our proof for wreath products is elementary in that it is essentially a combination of Frobenius reciprocity, Nakayama relations, Mackey theorem, Clifford theory and Kleshchev's modular branching rule.

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Notations and conventions In the following, we assume for simplicity that any group is finite and any module is finite dimensional.

- For a finite dimensional algebra A , we denote by $\text{Irr}(A)$ the set of isomorphism classes of irreducible A -modules.
- For an A -module V , we denote by $[V]_A$ the isomorphism class of A -modules isomorphic to V . If A is clear from the context, we often omit the suffix.
- By the word directed graph, we mean a directed graph with no loops but allow multiple-edges. We write directed graph as $G = (V, E)$ where V is the set of vertices and $E : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ is its adjacent relation meaning there are $E(v_1, v_2)$ directed arrow from v_1 to v_2 . Note that it is a different convention from that in [Tsu].
- For a given sequence of non-negative integers $\vec{n} = (n_1, \dots, n_\alpha)$ such that $\sum_{\beta=1}^\alpha n_\beta = n$ (such $\vec{n}$ is called a composition of n), we denote by $\mathfrak{S}_{\vec{n}}$ the Young subgroup of $\mathfrak{S}_n$, that is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{S}_{\vec{n}} &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathfrak{S}_{\{1, \dots, n_1\}} \times \mathfrak{S}_{\{n_1+1, \dots, n_1+n_2\}} \times \dots \times \mathfrak{S}_{\{n-n_\alpha+1, \dots, n\}} \\ &\cong \mathfrak{S}_{n_1} \times \dots \times \mathfrak{S}_{n_\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

- Given a field F and an inductive system of groups $\mathcal{I} = (\{G_n\}_{n \geq 0}, \{\varphi_n : G_n \rightarrow G_{n+1}\}_{n \geq 0})$, we define a directed graph $\mathbb{B}_F(\mathcal{I}) = (V, E)$ as follows.

$$- V = \bigsqcup_{n \geq 0} \text{Irr}(FG_n).$$

$$- \text{ for } [W] \in \text{Irr}(FG_n) \text{ and } [U] \in \text{Irr}(FG_m),$$

$$E([W], [U]) = \begin{cases} \dim \text{Hom}_{FG_n}(W, \text{Res}_{FG_n}^{FG_{n+1}} U) & (m = n+1) \\ 0 & (\text{otherwise}). \end{cases}$$

If $\mathbb{B}_F(\mathcal{I})$ has only single-edges, we say that $\mathcal{I}$ is socle multiplicity-free over F . Note that it is the same as that in [Tsu, Definition 2.1]. We just rewrite it by adapting our directed graph notation.

- Let $\{G_i = (V_i, E_i)\}_{i=1}^k$ be k directed graphs and $\{d_i\}_{i=1}^k$ be a sequence of positive integers. We define a directed graph $\mathbb{I}(\{G_i\}_{i=1}^k, \{d_i\}_{i=1}^k) = (V, E)$ as follows.
 - $V = V_1 \times \dots \times V_k$.
 - for $v = (v_1, \dots, v_k)$ and $w = (w_1, \dots, w_k) \in V$,

$$E(v, w) = \begin{cases} d_j E_j(v_j, w_j) & (\exists j \text{ s.t. } E_j(v_j, w_j) > 0 \text{ and } \forall j' \neq j, v_{j'} = w_{j'}) \\ 0 & (\text{otherwise}). \end{cases}$$

Note that the operator $\mathbb{I}$ is a generalization of the operator $*$ in [Tsu, Definition 2.4]. If G_i is single-edged and $d_i = 1$ for all $1 \leq i \leq k$, then $\mathbb{I}(\{G_i\}_{i=1}^k, \{d_i\}_{i=1}^k) = G_1 * \dots * G_k$.

2. REVIEW OF MODULAR REPRESENTATIONS OF THE SYMMETRIC GROUPS

We shall first recall the representation theory of the symmetric groups. It is well-known that for each partition λ of n , we can construct a $\mathbb{Z}$ -free, $\mathbb{Z}$ -finite rank, $\mathbb{Z}\mathfrak{S}_n$ -module S^λ which is called the Specht module [Jam, Chapter 4]. Each S^λ has an $\mathfrak{S}_n$ -invariant symmetric bilinear form. For a field F , we write $S_F^\lambda = F \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} S^\lambda$ and denote by D_F^λ the quotient of S_F^λ by the radical of its invariant form. It is also well-known that $D_F^\lambda = S_F^\lambda$ if $\text{char } F = 0$ [Jam, Chapter 4]. The following is the fundamental theorem of the representation theory of the symmetric groups.

Theorem 2.1 ([Jam, Theorem 11.5]). *Suppose that our ground field F has characteristic $p(\geq 0)$. As μ varies over p -regular partitions of n , D_F^μ varies over a complete set of inequivalent irreducible $F\mathfrak{S}_n$ -modules. Each D_F^μ is self-dual and absolutely irreducible. Every field is a splitting field for $\mathfrak{S}_n$.*

Definition 2.2. *We denote by $\mathfrak{S}$ the inductive system of the symmetric groups*

$$\mathfrak{S} = (\mathfrak{S}_0 \subseteq \mathfrak{S}_1 \subseteq \mathfrak{S}_2 \subseteq \cdots).$$

Here if $m < n$, the default embedding of $\mathfrak{S}_m$ into $\mathfrak{S}_n$ is with respect to the first m letters.

Theorem 2.3 ([Jam, Theorem 9.2]). *For any field F of characteristic zero, $\mathfrak{S}$ is socle multiplicity-free over F . Moreover, the map $\mathbb{B}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{B}_F(\mathfrak{S}), \lambda \mapsto [S_F^\lambda]$ is an isomorphism as directed graphs where $\mathbb{B}_0 = (\mathcal{P}_0, E_0)$ is a single-edged directed graph obtained from the Young's lattice $\mathcal{P} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\lambda \vdash n \mid n \geq 0\} (= \mathcal{P}_0)$ in the trivial manner.*

Remark 2.4. *Usually we can reach the branching theorem as above only after constructing the irreducible representations. However another approach is known recently. In fact, Okounkov and Vershik's approach first establishes multiplicity-freeness and then goes on to the representation theory of the symmetric groups in characteristic zero [OV]. For any finite group G , Pushkarev apply a similar technique of Okounkov-Vershik and succeed in obtaining a branching rule for the sequence of wreath products $\{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ [Pus, Theorem 11].*

Remark 2.5. *We can state much stronger result in a field F of characteristic zero. Although the following fact is well-known, we recall it to compare with Remark 2.11. In this case we have an isomorphism as graded $\mathbb{Z}$ -algebras*

$$\bigoplus_{n \geq 0} K_0(F\mathfrak{S}_n\text{-mod}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \varprojlim_m \mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_m]_n^{\mathfrak{S}_m}$$

$$[V]_{F\mathfrak{S}_n} \mapsto \sum_{\lambda \vdash n} \frac{1}{z_\lambda} \chi_V(C(\lambda)) p_\lambda$$

where we use the following notations.

- $K_0(F\mathfrak{S}_n\text{-mod})$ is the Grothendieck group of the abelian category $F\mathfrak{S}_n\text{-mod}$.
- the algebra structure of LHS is defined by induction, that is

$$[V]_{F\mathfrak{S}_m} \cdot [W]_{F\mathfrak{S}_n} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left[\text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{S}_m \times \mathfrak{S}_n}^{\mathfrak{S}_{m+n}} V \otimes W \right]_{F\mathfrak{S}_{m+n}}.$$

- for $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_l) \vdash n$,

$$p_\lambda \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left(\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} x_m^{\lambda_1} \right) \cdots \left(\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} x_m^{\lambda_l} \right) \in \varprojlim_m \mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_m]_n^{\mathfrak{S}_m}.$$

- for $\lambda \vdash n$, $C(\lambda)$ stands for the conjugacy class consists of the elements of $\mathfrak{S}_n$ whose cycle type is λ , and write $z_\lambda = n! / \#C(\lambda)$.
- $\chi_V(C(\lambda))$ stands for the character value of $\mathfrak{S}_n$ -representation V on $C(\lambda)$ conjugacy class.

Moreover, this isomorphism is an isometry with respect to the symmetric bilinear forms defined as follows.

- on LHS, $\langle [S_F^\lambda], [S_F^\mu] \rangle = \delta_{\lambda\mu}$ for $\lambda, \mu \vdash n$.

- on RHS, $\langle s_\lambda, s_\mu \rangle = \delta_{\lambda\mu}$ for $\lambda, \mu \vdash n$, where s_λ is the Schur function.

From this result we can obtain many classical result such as Frobenius character formula, Murnaghan-Nakayama formula, Young's rule and Littlewood-Richardson rule by working in RHS, the ring of symmetric functions [Ful, Chapter 7], [FH, Chapter 4], [Mac, Chapter 1], [Sag, Chapter 3]. As described in [Mac, Appendix B], we can determine the algebra structure of

$$\bigoplus_{n \geq 0} K_0(\mathbb{C}[G \wr \mathfrak{S}_n]\text{-mod})$$

by the similar argument for any finite group G .

Kleshchev successfully discovered and proved an analogue of Theorem 2.3 in positive characteristics. It is described in terms of the famous conormal node of a Young diagram which we recall briefly.

Definition 2.6. Let $l \geq 2$ be a positive integer and $i \in \mathbb{Z}/l\mathbb{Z}$. Note that the following definitions depend on this given l . Let λ be a partition. We identify the partition λ with the Young diagram of shape λ , that is $\{(r, s) \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \times \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \mid s \leq \lambda_r\}$.

- (1) For a node $A = (r, s) \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \times \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, we define its **residue** to be $-r + s + l\mathbb{Z} \in \mathbb{Z}/l\mathbb{Z}$ and denote it by $\text{res}(A)$.
- (2) A node A inside λ is called **i -removable** if $\text{res}(A) = i$ and $\lambda \setminus \{A\}$ is still a Young diagram.
- (3) A node A outside λ is called **i -addable** if $\text{res}(A) = i$ and $\lambda \cup \{A\}$ is again a Young diagram.
- (4) Label all i -addable nodes of λ by $+$ and all i -removable nodes of λ by $-$. The **i -signature** of λ is the sequence of pluses and minuses obtained by going along the rim of the Young diagram from bottom left to top right and reading off all the signs.
- (5) The **reduced i -signature** of λ is the sequence of pluses and minuses obtained from the i -signature of λ by successively erasing all neighboring pairs of the form $-+$. Note that the reduced i -signature of λ always looks like a sequence that starts with $+s$ followed by $-s$.
- (6) Nodes that correspond to $+s$ of the reduced i -signature of λ are called **i -conormal**.
- (7) The node that corresponds to the rightmost $+$ of the reduced i -signature of λ is called **i -cogood**. It is the rightmost i -conormal node.
- (8) We set $\varphi_i(\lambda) = \#\{i\text{-conormal nodes of } \lambda\}$.
- (9) If $\varphi_i(\lambda) > 0$, we set $\tilde{f}_i(\lambda) = \lambda \cup \{A\}$ where A is the (unique) i -cogood node.
- (10) Let p be a prime number and put $l = p$ in the above definitions. We define a single-edged directed graph $\mathbb{B}_p = (\mathcal{P}_p, E_p)$ by $\mathcal{P}_p = \{\lambda \in \mathcal{P} \mid \lambda \text{ is } p\text{-regular}\}$ and

$$E_p(\lambda, \mu) = \begin{cases} 1 & (\exists i \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}, \varphi_i(\lambda) > 0 \text{ and } \tilde{f}_i(\lambda) = \mu) \\ 0 & (\text{otherwise}). \end{cases}$$

Theorem 2.7 ([K12, K15]). For any field F of characteristic $p > 0$, $\mathfrak{S}$ is socle multiplicity-free over F . Moreover, the map $\mathbb{B}_p \rightarrow \mathbb{B}_F(\mathfrak{S}), \lambda \mapsto [D_F^\lambda]$ is an isomorphism as directed graphs.

Example 2.8. The following directed graph is a part of $\mathbb{B}_2$. For more of it, see [K15, Example 11.1.2].

$x_1, \dots, x_n, s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}$ and the following relations [Dri], [Lus].

$$\begin{cases} x_i x_j = x_j x_i & (1 \leq i, j \leq n) \\ s_i^2 = 1, s_i s_j = s_j s_i, s_i s_{i+1} s_i = s_{i+1} s_i s_{i+1} & (1 \leq i, j < n, |i - j| > 1) \\ s_i x_j = x_j s_i & (1 \leq i < n, 1 \leq j \leq n, j \neq i, i + 1) \\ s_i x_i = x_{i+1} s_i - 1, s_i x_{i+1} = x_i s_i + 1 & (1 \leq i < n). \end{cases}$$

Note there is a natural isomorphism just as F -vector spaces [Kl5, Theorem 3.2.2]

$$F[x_1, \dots, x_n] \otimes F\mathfrak{S}_n \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{H}_n, \quad f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \otimes \sigma \mapsto f(x_1, \dots, x_n)\sigma,$$

and the center of $\mathcal{H}_n$ is $Z(\mathcal{H}_n) = F[x_1, \dots, x_n]^{\mathfrak{S}_n} (\subseteq \mathcal{H}_n)$ [Kl5, Theorem 3.3.1]. Hence we can decompose any $\mathcal{H}_n$ -module M as

$$M = \bigoplus_{\gamma \in F^n / \mathfrak{S}_n} M[\gamma],$$

where we denote by $M[\gamma]$ the generalized eigenspace

$$M[\gamma] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{m \in M \mid \forall f \in F[x_1, \dots, x_n]^{\mathfrak{S}_n}, \exists d_f \geq 1, (f(x_1, \dots, x_n) - f(\gamma))^{d_f} m = 0\}.$$

In particular, for any irreducible $\mathcal{H}_n$ -module there exists a unique $\gamma \in F^n / \mathfrak{S}_n$ such that $M = M[\gamma]$. For an irreducible $\mathcal{H}_n$ -module M and for each $a \in F$, we define

$$\begin{cases} e_a(M) = \text{Res}_{\mathcal{H}_{n-1}}^{\mathcal{H}_{n-1} \otimes F[x_n]}(M_a) \\ \tilde{e}_a(M) = \text{Soc}(e_a(M)) \\ \tilde{f}_a(M) = \text{Top}(\text{Ind}_{\mathcal{H}_n \otimes F[x_{n+1}]}^{\mathcal{H}_{n+1}} M \otimes (F[x_{n+1}] / \langle x_{n+1} - a \rangle)), \end{cases}$$

where Top is the dual concept of Soc and we define M_a by

$$M_a = \{m \in M \mid \exists d \geq 1, (x_n - a)^d m = 0\}.$$

Since x_n and $\mathcal{H}_{n-1}$ commute, M_a is an $\mathcal{H}_{n-1} \otimes F[x_n] (\subseteq \mathcal{H}_n)$ -module. It is known [Kl5, Lemma 5.1.5, Corollary 5.1.8], [GV] that

- $\tilde{e}_a$ maps each irreducible $\mathcal{H}_n$ -module to an irreducible $\mathcal{H}_{n-1}$ -module or zero.
- $\tilde{f}_a$ maps each irreducible $\mathcal{H}_n$ -module to an irreducible $\mathcal{H}_{n+1}$ -module.

Write $I = \mathbb{Z} \cdot 1_F = \{0, \dots, p-1\} \subseteq F$ and recall that we are using Lie theoretic notations associated with $A_{p-1}^{(1)}$ as in the previous Remark. For a dominant integral weight $\lambda \in P^+$ associated with the Cartan datum $(A_{p-1}^{(1)}, \Pi, \Pi^\vee = \{h_i\}_{i \in I}, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{P}^\vee)$ [HK, Definition 2.1.1], we define the **degenerate cyclotomic Hecke algebra** $\mathcal{H}_n^\lambda \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{H}_n / \langle f_\lambda \rangle$ where $\langle f_\lambda \rangle$ is the two-sided ideal generated by $f_\lambda \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \prod_{i \in I} (x_1 - i)^{\lambda(h_i)} \in \mathcal{H}_n$. Note that $\mathcal{H}_n^\lambda$ is finite dimensional [Kl5, Theorem 7.5.6].

We define two functors by

$$\begin{cases} \text{pr}^\lambda : \mathcal{H}_n\text{-mod} \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}_n^\lambda\text{-mod}, & M \longmapsto \mathcal{H}_n^\lambda \otimes_{\mathcal{H}_n} M (= M / \langle f_\lambda \rangle M) \\ \text{infl}^\lambda : \mathcal{H}_n^\lambda\text{-mod} \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}_n\text{-mod}, & M \longmapsto {}_{\mathcal{H}_n} \mathcal{H}_n^\lambda \otimes_{\mathcal{H}_n^\lambda} M (= M), \end{cases}$$

where by $\mathcal{H}_n \mathcal{H}_n^\lambda$ we regard $\mathcal{H}_n^\lambda$ as an $\mathcal{H}_n$ -module obtained from the inflation along the canonical surjection $\mathcal{H}_n \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{H}_n^\lambda$. Further, define for an $\mathcal{H}_n^\lambda$ -module M and $i \in I$,

$$\begin{cases} e_i^\lambda(M) = \text{pr}^\lambda(e_i(\text{infl}^\lambda M)) \\ \tilde{e}_i^\lambda(M) = \text{pr}^\lambda(\tilde{e}_i(\text{infl}^\lambda M)) \\ \tilde{f}_i^\lambda(M) = \text{pr}^\lambda(\tilde{f}_i(\text{infl}^\lambda M)) \\ f_i^\lambda(M) = \lim_{\leftarrow m} \text{pr}^\lambda(\text{Ind}_{\mathcal{H}_n \otimes F[x_{n+1}]}^{\mathcal{H}_{n+1}}(\text{infl}^\lambda M) \otimes (F[x_{n+1}]/\langle (x_{n+1} - i)^m \rangle)). \end{cases}$$

It is known [K15, Theorem 8.2.5], [GV] that

- $\tilde{e}_i^\lambda$ maps each irreducible $\mathcal{H}_n^\lambda$ -module to an irreducible $\mathcal{H}_{n-1}^\lambda$ -module or zero.
- $\tilde{f}_i^\lambda$ maps each irreducible $\mathcal{H}_n^\lambda$ -module to an irreducible $\mathcal{H}_{n+1}^\lambda$ -module or zero.

Finally, for an irreducible $\mathcal{H}_n^\lambda$ -module $M = M[\gamma]$ we define

$$\begin{cases} \text{wt}^\lambda(M) = \lambda - \sum_{i \in I} k_i \alpha_i \\ \varepsilon_i^\lambda(M) = \max\{m \geq 0 \mid (\tilde{e}_i^\lambda)^m M \neq 0\} \\ \varphi_i^\lambda(M) = \max\{m \geq 0 \mid (\tilde{f}_i^\lambda)^m M \neq 0\}, \end{cases}$$

where $k_i = \#\{1 \leq j \leq n \mid \gamma_j + p\mathbb{Z} = i\}$ for $\gamma = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n) \pmod{\mathfrak{S}_n}$.

It is known [K15, Theorem 9.5.1], [Gro, GV] that there is an isomorphism

$$\mathbb{C} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \left(\bigoplus_{n \geq 0} K_0(\mathcal{H}_n^\lambda\text{-mod}) \right) \cong L(\lambda)$$

as $\mathfrak{g}(A_{p-1}^{(1)})$ -modules where the Chevalley generators e_i, f_i act on LHS by e_i^λ, f_i^λ respectively and $h \in \mathfrak{h}^*$ acts by $h([M]) = (\text{wt}^\lambda([M])(h))[M]$ for an irreducible $\mathcal{H}_n^\lambda$ -module M . Moreover the 6-tuple

$$\left(\bigcup_{n \geq 0} \text{Irr}(\mathcal{H}_n^\lambda), \varepsilon_i^\lambda, \varphi_i^\lambda, \tilde{e}_i^\lambda, \tilde{f}_i^\lambda, \text{wt}^\lambda \right)$$

is a crystal in the sense of Kashiwara and it is isomorphic to $B(\lambda)$ as a crystal [K15, Theorem 10.3.5], [Gro, GV].

Remark 2.11. In this Remark, let F be an arbitrary field of characteristic $p > 0$. Put $\lambda = \Lambda_0$ in Remark 2.10. Then there is a natural F -algebra isomorphism [K15, Theorem 7.5.6]

$$F\mathfrak{S}_n \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{H}_n^{\Lambda_0}, \quad w \longmapsto w \pmod{\langle x_1 \rangle}.$$

Hence we can state much stronger result than Theorem 2.7.

- We have $\mathbb{C} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \left(\bigoplus_{n \geq 0} K_0(F\mathfrak{S}_n\text{-mod}) \right) \cong L(\Lambda_0)$ as $\mathfrak{g}(A_{p-1}^{(1)})$ -modules.
- The map

$$\mathcal{P}_p \longrightarrow \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \text{Irr}(F\mathfrak{S}_n), \quad \lambda \longmapsto [D_F^\lambda]$$

induces an isomorphism as $U_q(\mathfrak{g}(A_{p-1}^{(1)}))$ -crystals

$$B(\Lambda_0) \cong (\mathcal{P}_p, \varepsilon_i, \varphi_i, \tilde{e}_i, \tilde{f}_i, \text{wt}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \left(\bigcup_{n \geq 0} \text{Irr}(F\mathfrak{S}_n), \varepsilon_i^{\Lambda_0}, \varphi_i^{\Lambda_0}, \tilde{e}_i^{\Lambda_0}, \tilde{f}_i^{\Lambda_0}, \text{wt}^{\Lambda_0} \right).$$

3. MAIN RESULT

Recall that the wreath product $G \wr \mathfrak{S}_n$ is a semi-direct product $G^n \rtimes_{\theta} \mathfrak{S}_n$ where

$$\theta : \mathfrak{S}_n \longrightarrow \text{Aut}(G^n), \quad \sigma \mapsto \theta(\sigma)((g_1, \dots, g_n)) = (g_{\sigma^{-1}(1)}, \dots, g_{\sigma^{-1}(n)}).$$

Hence any element $x \in G \wr \mathfrak{S}_n$ is written $x = (f; \sigma)$ for uniquely determined $f = (g_1, \dots, g_n) \in G^n$ and $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n$. The multiplication rule is given by

$$(1) \quad (f_1; \sigma_1) \cdot (f_2; \sigma_2) = (f_1 \cdot (f_2)_{\sigma_1}; \sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2)$$

where $(f_2)_{\sigma_1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \theta(\sigma_1)(f_2)$. The normal subgroup $(G^n \cong) \{(f; 1_{\mathfrak{S}_n}) \mid f \in G^n\} \subseteq G \wr \mathfrak{S}_n$ is often called the base group of $G \wr \mathfrak{S}_n$ and denoted by G^* .

Definition 3.1. Denote by $G \wr \mathfrak{S}$ the inductive system $G \wr \mathfrak{S}_0 \subseteq G \wr \mathfrak{S}_1 \subseteq G \wr \mathfrak{S}_2 \subseteq \dots$ of the wreath product groups of G .

We need a representation theory of wreath products, which is a typical application of Clifford theory. An excellent presentation is given in [JK, Chapter 4] and we briefly quote it. Definitions in this chapter depend on a labeling of $\text{Irr}(FG) = \{[V_1], \dots, [V_{\alpha}]\}$.

Definition 3.2. For a given composition $\vec{n} = (n_1, \dots, n_{\alpha})$ of n , we define an irreducible FG^* -module $E(\vec{n}) = V_1^{\otimes n_1} \otimes \dots \otimes V_{\alpha}^{\otimes n_{\alpha}}$.

Theorem 3.3 ([JK, 4.3.27]). Let $\vec{n}$ be as above. The inertia group for $E(\vec{n})$ is given by $\{(f; \sigma) \mid f \in G^n, \sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_{\vec{n}}\} (\subseteq G \wr \mathfrak{S}_n)$. We denote it by $G^* \mathfrak{S}_{\vec{n}}$.

Definition 3.4 ([JK, p.154]). Let $\vec{n}$ be as above. To the underlying vector space $E(\vec{n})$, we can define an $F[G^* \mathfrak{S}_{\vec{n}}]$ -module structure by

$$(f; \sigma)(v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_n) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} g_1 v_{\sigma^{-1}(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes g_n v_{\sigma^{-1}(n)}$$

where $f = (g_1, \dots, g_n) \in G^n$ and $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_{\vec{n}}$. We denote this $F[G^* \mathfrak{S}_{\vec{n}}]$ -module by $\tilde{E}(\vec{n})$.

Definition 3.5. For a given sequence of p -regular partitions $\vec{\lambda} = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{\alpha})$ such that $\sum_{\beta=1}^{\alpha} |\lambda_{\beta}| = n$, we write $\vec{n} = (|\lambda_1|, \dots, |\lambda_{\alpha}|)$ and define an irreducible $F \mathfrak{S}_{\vec{n}}$ -module $D(\vec{\lambda}) = D_F^{\lambda_1} \otimes \dots \otimes D_F^{\lambda_{\alpha}}$.

Definition 3.6 ([JK, 4.3.31]). Let $\vec{\lambda}$ and $\vec{n}$ be as above. To the underlying vector space $D(\vec{\lambda})$, we define an $F[G^* \mathfrak{S}_{\vec{n}}]$ -module structure by inflating along $G^* \mathfrak{S}_{\vec{n}} \rightarrow G^* \mathfrak{S}_{\vec{n}}/G^* \cong \mathfrak{S}_{\vec{n}}$. We denote this $F[G^* \mathfrak{S}_{\vec{n}}]$ -module by $\tilde{D}(\vec{\lambda})$.

Definition and Theorem 3.7 ([JK, 4.4.3]). Let $\vec{\lambda}$, $\vec{n}$ be as above. We define an $F[G \wr \mathfrak{S}_n]$ -module $C(\vec{\lambda})$ by

$$C(\vec{\lambda}) = \text{Ind}_{F[G^* \mathfrak{S}_{\vec{n}}]}^{F[G \wr \mathfrak{S}_n]} \tilde{E}(\vec{n}) \otimes \tilde{D}(\vec{\lambda}).$$

Then the following map is bijective:

$$\{\vec{\lambda} = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{\alpha}) \in \mathcal{P}_p^{\alpha} \mid \sum_{\beta=1}^{\alpha} |\lambda_{\beta}| = n\} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Irr}(F[G \wr \mathfrak{S}_n]), \quad \vec{\lambda} \longmapsto C(\vec{\lambda}).$$

Under these preparations, we state the main result of this paper, a modular branching rule for wreath products.

Theorem 3.8. *Let G be a group and F be a splitting field of characteristic $p(\geq 0)$. We denote by α the number of p -regular conjugacy classes of G and fix a labeling of $\text{Irr}(FG) = \{[V_1], \dots, [V_\alpha]\}$. Then, the map*

$$\mathbb{I}(\{\mathbb{B}_p\}_{i=1}^\alpha, \{\dim V_i\}_{i=1}^\alpha) \longrightarrow \mathbb{B}_F(G \wr \mathfrak{S}), \quad \vec{\lambda} = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_\alpha) \longmapsto [C(\vec{\lambda})]$$

is an isomorphism as directed graphs.

Proof. The first half of the proof is similar to that in [Tsu], but for readers' convenience we insert and begin with it.

We show the equivalent statement that for any sequence of p -regular partitions $\vec{\lambda} = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_\alpha)$ and $\vec{\mu} = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_\alpha)$ such that $\sum_{i=1}^\alpha |\lambda_i| = n$ and $\sum_{i=1}^\alpha |\mu_i| = n+1$, we have

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} & \dim \text{Hom}_{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_n}(C(\vec{\lambda}), \text{Res}_{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_n}^{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_{n+1}} C(\vec{\mu})) \\ &= \begin{cases} \dim V_\gamma & (\exists \gamma \text{ s.t. the condition } \diamond_\gamma \text{ is satisfied}) \\ 0 & (\text{otherwise}), \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

where $\diamond_\gamma$ stands for the following condition (see Definition 2.6(10)):

$$(3) \quad \diamond_\gamma : E_p(\lambda_\gamma, \mu_\gamma) > 0 \text{ and } \lambda_{\gamma'} = \mu_{\gamma'} \text{ for any } \gamma' \neq \gamma.$$

Let $\vec{a} = (|\lambda_1|, \dots, |\lambda_\alpha|)$, $\vec{b} = (|\mu_1|, \dots, |\mu_\alpha|)$, $\vec{c} = (|\lambda_1|, \dots, |\lambda_\alpha|, 1)$ and let $X = G \wr \mathfrak{S}_{n+1}$, $Y = G^{n+1} \mathfrak{S}_{\vec{b}} (\subseteq X)$, $Z = G^n \mathfrak{S}_{\vec{c}} (= G^n \mathfrak{S}_{\vec{a}} \subseteq X)$, $W = G \wr \mathfrak{S}_n (\subseteq X)$. By Frobenius reciprocity,

$$\begin{aligned} & \dim \text{Hom}_W(C(\vec{\lambda}), \text{Res}_W^X C(\vec{\mu})) \\ &= \dim \text{Hom}_W(\text{Ind}_Z^W \tilde{E}(\vec{a}) \otimes \tilde{D}(\vec{\lambda}), \text{Res}_W^X C(\vec{\mu})) \\ &= \dim \text{Hom}_Z(\tilde{E}(\vec{a}) \otimes \tilde{D}(\vec{\lambda}), \text{Res}_Z^X C(\vec{\mu})). \end{aligned}$$

Let D be a (Z, Y) -double coset representatives in X . By Mackey theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}_Z^X C(\vec{\mu}) &= \text{Res}_Z^X \text{Ind}_Y^X (\tilde{E}(\vec{b}) \otimes \tilde{D}(\vec{\mu})) \\ &\cong \bigoplus_{d \in D} \text{Ind}_{dYd^{-1} \cap Z}^Z {}^d(\text{Res}_{Y \cap d^{-1}Zd}^Y \tilde{E}(\vec{b}) \otimes \tilde{D}(\vec{\mu})) \end{aligned}$$

as FZ -modules where dM for an $F[Y \cap d^{-1}Zd]$ -module M stands for an $F[dYd^{-1} \cap Z]$ -module which is obtained by the pullback through the group isomorphism

$$dYd^{-1} \cap Z \xrightarrow{\sim} Y \cap d^{-1}Zd, \quad x \mapsto d^{-1}xd.$$

Since $dYd^{-1} \cap Z$ and $Y \cap d^{-1}Zd$ appear many times, we abbreviate $dYd^{-1} \cap Z$ and $Y \cap d^{-1}Zd$ to $V_{1,d}$ and $V_{2,d}$ respectively.

Now we recall a necessary fact about the double coset representatives of the symmetric groups. Let $\vec{\nu}_1, \vec{\nu}_2$ be compositions of n . Denote by $D_{\vec{\nu}_2}$ the set of minimal length left $\mathfrak{S}_{\vec{\nu}_2}$ -coset representatives in $\mathfrak{S}_n$. Then $D_{\vec{\nu}_1 \vec{\nu}_2} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} D_{\vec{\nu}_1}^{-1} \cap D_{\vec{\nu}_2}$ is the set of minimal length $(\mathfrak{S}_{\vec{\nu}_1}, \mathfrak{S}_{\vec{\nu}_2})$ -double coset representatives in $\mathfrak{S}_n$ [DJ]. In the following discussion, it is important that we know $D_{\vec{\nu}_2}$ explicitly, that is for $\vec{\nu}_2 = (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_\kappa)$ we have

$$D_{\vec{\nu}_2} = \left\{ \sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n \left| \begin{array}{l} \sigma(1) < \sigma(2) < \dots < \sigma(\eta_1) \\ \vdots \\ \sigma(n - \eta_\kappa + 1) < \dots < \sigma(n) \end{array} \right. \right\}.$$

By the multiplication rule (1), it is clear that $D_{\vec{c}\vec{b}}(\subseteq \mathfrak{S}_{n+1} \subseteq X)$ is a (Z, Y) -double coset representatives in X . Thus, we need to compute

$$(4) \quad \begin{aligned} L(d) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \dim \text{Hom}_Z \left(\tilde{E}(\vec{a}) \otimes \tilde{D}(\vec{\lambda}), \text{Ind}_{V_{1,d}}^Z {}^d(\text{Res}_{V_{2,d}}^Y \tilde{E}(\vec{b}) \otimes \tilde{D}(\vec{\mu})) \right) \\ &= \dim \text{Hom}_{V_{1,d}} \left(\text{Res}_{V_{1,d}}^Z \tilde{E}(\vec{a}) \otimes \tilde{D}(\vec{\lambda}), {}^d(\text{Res}_{V_{2,d}}^Y \tilde{E}(\vec{b}) \otimes \tilde{D}(\vec{\mu})) \right) \end{aligned}$$

for each $d \in D_{\vec{c}\vec{b}}$ by Nakayama relations. By restricting to the subgroup $G^n \subseteq V_{1,d} (= G^n(d\mathfrak{S}_{\vec{b}}d^{-1} \cap \mathfrak{S}_{\vec{c}}) \subseteq X)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} L(d) &\leq \dim \text{Hom}_{G^n} \left(\text{Res}_{G^n}^Z \tilde{E}(\vec{a}) \otimes \tilde{D}(\vec{\lambda}), \text{Res}_{G^n}^{V_{1,d}} {}^d(\text{Res}_{V_{2,d}}^Y \tilde{E}(\vec{b}) \otimes \tilde{D}(\vec{\mu})) \right) \\ &= \dim \text{Hom}_{G^n} \left(E(\vec{a})^{\oplus \dim D(\vec{\lambda})}, (V_{\xi_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes V_{\xi_n})^{\oplus \dim D(\vec{\mu}) \dim V_{\xi_{n+1}}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

where we denote by $\xi(\chi)$ for $1 \leq \chi \leq n+1$ the unique $1 \leq \xi \leq \alpha$ such that

$$|\mu_1| + \cdots + |\mu_{\xi-1}| < \chi \leq |\mu_1| + \cdots + |\mu_{\xi}|$$

and we abbreviate $\xi(d^{-1}(i))$ to ξ_i for $1 \leq i \leq n+1$.

Lemma 3.9. *If $L(d) > 0$, then there exists a unique $1 \leq j \leq \alpha$ such that the followings conditions are satisfied.*

- (A) $|\lambda_{j'}| = |\mu_{j'}|$ for any $j' \neq j$.
- (B) $|\lambda_j| + 1 = |\mu_j|$.
- (C) $d(|\lambda_1| + \cdots + |\lambda_j| + 1) = n + 1$.
- (D) $d^{-1}(1) < \cdots < d^{-1}(n)$.

Moreover, we have

$$(5) \quad \begin{aligned} U_{1,d} &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} d\mathfrak{S}_{\vec{b}}d^{-1} \cap \mathfrak{S}_{\vec{c}} = \mathfrak{S}_{(|\mu_1|, \dots, |\mu_{j-1}|, |\mu_j|-1, |\mu_{j+1}|, \dots, |\mu_{\alpha}|, 1)}, \\ U_{2,d} &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathfrak{S}_{\vec{b}} \cap d^{-1}\mathfrak{S}_{\vec{c}}d = \mathfrak{S}_{(|\mu_1|, \dots, |\mu_{j-1}|, |\mu_j|-1, 1, |\mu_{j+1}|, \dots, |\mu_{\alpha}|)}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. We show that $j = \xi_{n+1}$. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} &\dim \text{Hom}_{G^n} (E(\vec{a})^{\oplus \dim D(\vec{\lambda})}, (V_{\xi_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes V_{\xi_n})^{\oplus \dim D(\vec{\mu}) \dim V_{\xi_{n+1}}}) \\ &= \dim D(\vec{\lambda}) \dim D(\vec{\mu}) \dim V_{\xi_{n+1}} \dim \text{Hom}_{G^n} (E(\vec{a}), V_{\xi_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes V_{\xi_n}) \end{aligned}$$

and the isomorphism between F -vector spaces

$$\text{Hom}_{G^n} (E(\vec{a}), V_{\xi_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes V_{\xi_n}) \cong \text{Hom}_G (V_{\zeta(1)}, V_{\xi_1}) \otimes \cdots \otimes \text{Hom}_G (V_{\zeta(n)}, V_{\xi_n}),$$

where we denote by $\zeta(\chi)$ for $1 \leq \chi \leq n$ the unique $1 \leq \zeta \leq \alpha$ such that

$$|\lambda_1| + \cdots + |\lambda_{\zeta-1}| < \chi \leq |\lambda_1| + \cdots + |\lambda_{\zeta}|.$$

Hence, if $L(d) > 0$, we have (by recalling $d \in D_{\vec{c}}^{-1} \cap D_{\vec{b}} \subseteq D_{\vec{c}}^{-1}$)

$$\begin{cases} 1 \leq d^{-1}(1) < \cdots < d^{-1}(|\lambda_1|) \leq |\mu_1| \\ |\mu_1| + 1 \leq d^{-1}(|\lambda_1| + 1) < \cdots < d^{-1}(|\lambda_1| + |\lambda_2|) \leq |\mu_1| + |\mu_2| \\ \vdots \\ (n+1) - |\mu_{\alpha}| + 1 \leq d^{-1}(n - |\lambda_{\alpha}| + 1) < \cdots < d^{-1}(n) \leq n+1. \end{cases}$$

This implies that we have (A) and (B). Hence it is enough to show that (C) holds.

Suppose to the contrary, we have

$$|\mu_1| + \cdots + |\mu_{j-1}| + 1 \leq d^{-1}(n+1) \leq |\mu_1| + \cdots + |\mu_j| - 1.$$

Because $d \in D_{\vec{c}}^{-1} \cap D_{\vec{b}} \subseteq D_{\vec{b}}$, we get the following contradiction:

$$d(d^{-1}(n+1)) = n+1 < d(|\mu_1| + \cdots + |\mu_j|).$$

Thus, we have (A),(B),(C),(D). Now (5) follows by the routine calculation. $\square$

Now we assume $L(d) > 0$ and d be the form in Lemma 3.9 for uniquely determined j . For $1 \leq k \leq \alpha$, define $\vec{\lambda}[k] = (\lambda'_1, \dots, \lambda'_\alpha)$ to be a sequence of p -regular partitions determined by

$$\lambda'_i = \begin{cases} \lambda_k & (i = k) \\ () & (i \neq k) \end{cases}$$

where $()$ stands for the empty partition and we define $\vec{\mu}[k]$ similarly. Under the identification $V_{1,d} \cong (G \wr \mathfrak{S}_{|\lambda_1|}) \times \cdots \times (G \wr \mathfrak{S}_{|\lambda_\alpha|})$, $\text{Res}_{V_{1,d}}^Z \tilde{E}(\vec{a}) \otimes \tilde{D}(\vec{\lambda})$ and ${}^d(\text{Res}_{V_{2,d}}^Y \tilde{E}(\vec{b}) \otimes \tilde{D}(\vec{\mu}))$ are identified with

$$\begin{cases} C(\vec{\lambda}[1]) \otimes \cdots \otimes C(\vec{\lambda}[\alpha]) \\ C(\vec{\mu}[1]) \otimes \cdots \otimes \text{Res}_{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_{|\lambda_j|}}^{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_{|\mu_j|}} C(\vec{\mu}[j]) \otimes \cdots \otimes C(\vec{\mu}[\alpha]) \end{cases}$$

respectively. Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} L(d) &\stackrel{(4)}{=} \dim \text{Hom}_{V_{1,d}} \left(\text{Res}_{V_{1,d}}^Z \tilde{E}(\vec{a}) \otimes \tilde{D}(\vec{\lambda}), {}^d(\text{Res}_{V_{2,d}}^Y \tilde{E}(\vec{b}) \otimes \tilde{D}(\vec{\mu})) \right) \\ (6) \quad &= \dim \text{Hom}_{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_{|\lambda_1|}} (C(\vec{\lambda}[1]), C(\vec{\mu}[1])) \times \cdots \\ &\quad \times \cdots \times \dim \text{Hom}_{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_{|\lambda_j|}} (C(\vec{\lambda}[j]), \text{Res}_{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_{|\lambda_j|}}^{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_{|\mu_j|}} C(\vec{\mu}[j])) \\ &\quad \times \cdots \times \dim \text{Hom}_{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_{|\lambda_\alpha|}} (C(\vec{\lambda}[\alpha]), C(\vec{\mu}[\alpha])). \end{aligned}$$

For any $j' \neq j$, by (A) in Lemma 3.9 and by Definition and Theorem 3.7, we have

$$\begin{cases} \vec{\lambda}[j'] = \vec{\mu}[j'], \text{ i.e., } \lambda_{j'} = \mu_{j'} \\ \dim \text{Hom}_{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_{|\lambda_{j'}|}} (C(\vec{\mu}[j']), C(\vec{\lambda}[j'])) = 1. \end{cases}$$

Next, consider the middle term of (6).

$$\begin{aligned} &\dim \text{Hom}_{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_{|\lambda_j|}} (C(\vec{\lambda}[j]), \text{Res}_{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_{|\lambda_j|}}^{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_{|\mu_j|}} C(\vec{\mu}[j])) \\ &= \dim V_j \dim \text{Hom}_{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_{|\lambda_j|}} (\tilde{E}(\vec{N}) \otimes \tilde{D}(\vec{\lambda}[j]), \tilde{E}(\vec{N}) \otimes \text{Res}_{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_{|\lambda_j|}}^{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_{|\lambda_j|+1}} \tilde{D}(\vec{\mu}[j])), \end{aligned}$$

where $\vec{N} = (0, \dots, 0, \underbrace{|\lambda_j|}_{j\text{th place}}, 0, \dots, 0)$. Thus to show (2), it is enough to show

$$\begin{aligned} (7) \quad &\dim \text{Hom}_{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_{|\lambda_j|}} (\tilde{E}(\vec{N}) \otimes \tilde{D}(\vec{\lambda}[j]), \tilde{E}(\vec{N}) \otimes \text{Res}_{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_{|\lambda_j|}}^{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_{|\lambda_j|+1}} \tilde{D}(\vec{\mu}[j])) \\ &= E_p(\lambda_j, \mu_j). \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 3.10. *Let $\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{N}, \mathcal{H}$ be groups such that $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{N} \rtimes \mathcal{H}$. For an $\mathcal{H}$ -module $\mathcal{W}$, we can define a $\mathcal{G}$ -module structure by inflating along $\mathcal{G} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{G}/\mathcal{N} \cong \mathcal{H}$ and denote this $\mathcal{G}$ -module by $\widehat{\mathcal{W}}$. For an irreducible $\mathcal{G}$ -module $\mathcal{U}$ and an $\mathcal{H}$ -module $\mathcal{W}$, we have*

$$\text{Soc}(\mathcal{U} \otimes \widehat{\mathcal{W}}) = \mathcal{U} \otimes \text{Soc}(\widehat{\mathcal{W}}) (= \mathcal{U} \otimes \text{Soc}(\widehat{\mathcal{W}})),$$

under the following assumptions:

- (i) $\text{Res}_{\mathcal{N}}^{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{U})$ is irreducible.
- (ii) For any irreducible $\mathcal{H}$ -module $\mathcal{V}$ which appears in the composition factors of $\mathcal{W}$, $\mathcal{U} \otimes \widehat{\mathcal{V}}$ is an irreducible $\mathcal{G}$ -module.

Proof. It is enough to show that for any irreducible $\mathcal{G}$ -module $\mathcal{X}$ and for any $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U} \otimes \widehat{\mathcal{W}})$ we have $\text{Im}(f) \subseteq \mathcal{U} \otimes \widehat{\text{Soc}(\mathcal{W})}$ since RHS is completely reducible by the assumption (ii).

Let us assume $\text{Im}(f) \neq 0$ and take a filtration of $\mathcal{W}$ as an $\mathcal{H}$ -module

$$\{0\} = \mathcal{W}_0 \subsetneq \mathcal{W}_1 \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq \mathcal{W}_s = \mathcal{W}$$

whose successive quotients are all irreducible. By the assumption (ii),

$$\{0\} = (\mathcal{U} \otimes \widehat{\mathcal{W}}_0) \subsetneq (\mathcal{U} \otimes \widehat{\mathcal{W}}_1) \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq (\mathcal{U} \otimes \widehat{\mathcal{W}}_s) = \mathcal{U} \otimes \widehat{\mathcal{W}}$$

is a filtration of $\mathcal{U} \otimes \widehat{\mathcal{W}}$ as a $\mathcal{G}$ -module whose successive quotient

$$(\mathcal{U} \otimes \widehat{\mathcal{W}}_i) / (\mathcal{U} \otimes \widehat{\mathcal{W}}_{i-1}) \cong \mathcal{U} \otimes (\widehat{\mathcal{W}_i / \mathcal{W}_{i-1}})$$

is irreducible. Take an unique $i \geq 1$ such that $\text{Im}(f) \subseteq \mathcal{U} \otimes \widehat{\mathcal{W}}_i$ and $\text{Im}(f) \not\subseteq \mathcal{U} \otimes \widehat{\mathcal{W}}_{i-1}$ whose existence is guaranteed by $\text{Im}(f) \neq 0$. Then it is easy to see that $\text{Im}(f) \oplus (\mathcal{U} \otimes \widehat{\mathcal{W}}_{i-1}) = \mathcal{U} \otimes \widehat{\mathcal{W}}_i$. Hence we have $\mathcal{X} \cong \text{Im}(f) \cong \mathcal{U} \otimes (\widehat{\mathcal{W}_i / \mathcal{W}_{i-1}})$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U} \otimes \widehat{\mathcal{W}}) &\cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{U} \otimes (\widehat{\mathcal{W}_i / \mathcal{W}_{i-1}}), \mathcal{U} \otimes \widehat{\mathcal{W}}) \\ &\cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(\widehat{\mathcal{W}_i / \mathcal{W}_{i-1}}, \text{End}_F(\mathcal{U} \otimes \widehat{\mathcal{W}})) \\ &\cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{H}}(\mathcal{W}_i / \mathcal{W}_{i-1}, \text{End}_{\mathcal{N}}(\mathcal{U}) \otimes \mathcal{W}) \\ &\cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{H}}(\mathcal{W}_i / \mathcal{W}_{i-1}, \mathcal{W}). \end{aligned}$$

By tracing the isomorphisms, we know that there exists a non-zero homomorphism $g \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{H}}(\mathcal{W}_i / \mathcal{W}_{i-1}, \mathcal{W})$ such that $\text{Im}(f) = \mathcal{U} \otimes \widehat{\text{Im}(g)} \subseteq \mathcal{U} \otimes \widehat{\text{Soc}(\mathcal{W})}$. $\square$

Finally, by applying Lemma 3.10 under

$$\mathcal{G} = G \wr \mathfrak{S}_{|\lambda_j|}, \mathcal{N} = G^{|\lambda_j|}, \mathcal{H} = \mathfrak{S}_{|\lambda_j|}, \mathcal{U} = \widetilde{E}(\vec{N}), \mathcal{W} = \text{Res}_{\mathfrak{S}_{|\lambda_j|}}^{\mathfrak{S}_{|\lambda_j|+1}}(D_F^{\mu_j}),$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\dim \text{Hom}_{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_{|\lambda_j|}}(\widetilde{E}(\vec{N}) \otimes \widetilde{D}(\vec{\lambda}[j]), \widetilde{E}(\vec{N}) \otimes \text{Res}_{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_{|\lambda_j|}}^{G \wr \mathfrak{S}_{|\lambda_j|+1}} \widetilde{D}(\vec{\mu}[j])) \\ &= \dim \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{U} \otimes \widehat{D_F^{\lambda_j}}, \text{Soc}(\mathcal{U} \otimes \widehat{\mathcal{W}})) \\ &= \dim \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{U} \otimes \widehat{D_F^{\lambda_j}}, \mathcal{U} \otimes \widehat{\text{Soc}(\mathcal{W})}) \\ &= \sum_{E_p(\nu, \mu_j) > 0} \dim \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{U} \otimes \widehat{D_F^{\lambda_j}}, \mathcal{U} \otimes \widehat{D_F^{\nu}}) \\ &= E_p(\lambda_j, \mu_j). \end{aligned}$$

Hence (7) is proved. $\square$

Corollary 3.11. $G \wr \mathfrak{S}$ is socle-multiplicity over F if and only if any irreducible FG -module is 1-dimensional.

Corollary 3.12. *For any sequence of p -regular partitions $\vec{\lambda} = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_\alpha)$ and $\vec{\mu} = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_\alpha)$ such that $\sum_{i=1}^\alpha |\lambda_i| = n$ and $\sum_{i=1}^\alpha |\mu_i| = n+1$, we have*

$$\dim \operatorname{Hom}_{F[(G|\mathfrak{S}_n) \times G]}(C(\vec{\lambda}) \otimes V_\gamma, \operatorname{Res}_{F[(G|\mathfrak{S}_n) \times G]}^{F[G|\mathfrak{S}_{n+1}]} C(\vec{\mu})) \leq 1$$

and the equality holds if and only if the condition $\diamond_\gamma$ is satisfied (see (3)). Especially, for any irreducible $F[G|\mathfrak{S}_{n+1}]$ -module V , $\operatorname{Soc}(\operatorname{Res}_{F[(G|\mathfrak{S}_n) \times G]}^{F[G|\mathfrak{S}_{n+1}]} V)$ is multiplicity-free.

Proof. We use the notations introduced in the proof of Theorem 3.8. Further, we put $Z' = G^n \mathfrak{S}_{\vec{a}} \times G (= G^{n+1} \mathfrak{S}_{\vec{a}} \subseteq X)$. It is enough to show that we have

$$(8) \quad \dim \operatorname{Hom}_{W \times G}(C(\vec{\lambda}) \otimes V_\gamma, \operatorname{Res}_{W \times G}^X C(\vec{\mu})) \geq 1$$

if the condition $\diamond_\gamma$ is satisfied.

Since D is also a (Z', Y) -double coset representatives in X , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \dim \operatorname{Hom}_{W \times G}(C(\vec{\lambda}) \otimes V_\gamma, \operatorname{Res}_{W \times G}^X C(\vec{\mu})) \\ &= \dim \operatorname{Hom}_{W \times G}((\operatorname{Ind}_Z^W \tilde{E}(\vec{a}) \otimes \tilde{D}(\vec{\lambda})) \otimes V_\gamma, \operatorname{Res}_{W \times G}^X C(\vec{\mu})) \\ &= \dim \operatorname{Hom}_{W \times G}(\operatorname{Ind}_{Z'}^{W \times G} \tilde{E}(\vec{a}) \otimes \tilde{D}(\vec{\lambda}) \otimes V_\gamma, \operatorname{Res}_{W \times G}^X C(\vec{\mu})) \\ &= \dim \operatorname{Hom}_{Z'}(\tilde{E}(\vec{a}) \otimes \tilde{D}(\vec{\lambda}) \otimes V_\gamma, \operatorname{Res}_{Z'}^X C(\vec{\mu})) \\ &= \sum_{d \in D} \dim \operatorname{Hom}_{Z'}(\tilde{E}(\vec{a}) \otimes \tilde{D}(\vec{\lambda}) \otimes V_\gamma, \operatorname{Ind}_{dYd^{-1} \cap Z'}^{Z'} (\operatorname{Res}_{Y \cap d^{-1} Z' d}^Y \tilde{E}(\vec{b}) \otimes \tilde{D}(\vec{\mu}))) \end{aligned}$$

by Frobenius reciprocity, Nakayama relations and Mackey theorem.

Assume the condition $\diamond_\gamma$ is satisfied for a given $(\vec{\lambda}, \vec{\mu}, \gamma)$, and we can take an unique $d \in D$ characterized as in Lemma 3.9 for $j = \gamma$. Then, it is easily checked that $dYd^{-1} \cap Z' = G^{n+1} U_{1,d}$, $Y \cap d^{-1} Z' d = G^{n+1} U_{2,d}$ and that the map

$$\operatorname{Res}_{G^{n+1} U_{1,d}}^{Z'} \tilde{E}(\vec{a}) \otimes \tilde{D}(\vec{\lambda}) \otimes V_\gamma \longrightarrow {}^d(\operatorname{Res}_{G^{n+1} U_{2,d}}^Y \tilde{E}(\vec{b}) \otimes \tilde{D}(\vec{\mu}))$$

given by

$$\begin{aligned} & v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_n \otimes w_1 \otimes \dots \otimes w_\alpha \otimes v \\ & \longmapsto v_1 \otimes \dots \otimes v_x \otimes v \otimes v_{x+1} \dots \otimes v_n \otimes w_1 \otimes \dots \otimes w_{\gamma-1} \otimes f(w_\gamma) \otimes w_{\gamma+1} \otimes \dots \otimes w_\alpha \end{aligned}$$

is an injective $F[G^{n+1} U_{1,d}]$ -module homomorphism where $x = |\lambda_1| + \dots + |\lambda_\gamma|$ and

$$f : D_F^{\lambda_\gamma} \hookrightarrow \operatorname{Res}_{\mathfrak{S}_{|\lambda_\gamma|}}^{\mathfrak{S}_{|\mu_\gamma|}} D_F^{\mu_\gamma}$$

is an injective $F[\mathfrak{S}_{|\lambda_\gamma|}]$ -module homomorphism whose existence is guaranteed by Kleshchev's modular branching rule up to non-zero scalar. Thus, (8) is proved. $\square$

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