

# Polynomial algebras of parabolic invariants as modules over the Dickson algebra.\*

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## Abstract

A free module basis for the ring of upper triangular invariants over the Dickson algebra has been given firstly by Campbell and Hughes [1] and later by the author [3] using different methods. The analogue case for the ring of Borel invariants as a module over parabolic invariants has also been studied [4]. We extend the method employed in [3] to provide free bases of parabolic rings of invariants over the Dickson algebra for particular families of groups and a basis for any group consisting of two blocks. The multiplicative transfer which applies in mod- $p$  cohomology is also studied between appropriate rings of invariants.

## 1 Introduction

Let  $G = GL_n$ ,  $B_n$ , or  $U_n$  be the general linear group, the Borel subgroup, and the upper triangular subgroup with 1's on the diagonal, respectively.  $G$  acts as usual on  $V$ , an  $n$ -dimensional  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -vector space. We write  $\mathbb{F}_p[V]$  for the ring of polynomial functions on  $\overline{\mathbb{F}_p} \otimes_{\mathbb{F}_p} V$ , where  $\overline{\mathbb{F}_p}$  is an algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{F}_p$ .

$$\mathbb{F}_p[V] = \mathbb{F}_p[y_1, \dots, y_n]$$

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Here,  $V^* = \langle y_1, \dots, y_n \rangle$  and  $\mathbb{F}_p[V]$  is a graded polynomial algebra with  $|y_i| = 2$  (for topological reasons) or 1, if  $p = 2$ . The group  $G$  acts on  $\mathbb{F}_p[V]$  via  $(gf)(u) = f(g^{-1}u)$ .

The Dickson algebra  $D_n := \mathbb{F}_p[V]^{GL(n, \mathbb{F}_p)}$  plays a fundamental role in modular invariant theory of finite groups and serves as a computational tool in algebraic topology. If  $G$  is a finite group acting on a finite dimensional vector space  $V$  over the field  $\mathbb{F}_p$ , the ring  $\mathbb{F}_p[V]^G$  is a finite extension of  $D_n$ .

It is well known that  $\mathbb{F}_p[V]^{U_n}$ ,  $\mathbb{F}_p[V]^{P(n_1, n-n_1)}$  and  $D_n$  are all polynomial algebras. Moreover,  $D_n$  serves as a homogeneous system of parameters and in fact both  $\mathbb{F}_p[V]^{U_n}$  and  $\mathbb{F}_p[V]^{P(n_1, n-n_1)}$  are free  $D_n$ -modules.

A free basis has been given for  $\mathbb{F}_p[V]^{U_n}$  as a module over  $D_n$  ([1] and [3]) and  $\mathbb{F}_p[V]^{P(n_1, n-n_1)}$  [4]. Here  $P(n_1, n-n_1)$  is a parabolic subgroup of  $GL_n$ . In this work, we study the case  $\mathbb{F}_p[V]^{P(n_1, n-n_1)}$  as a free module over  $D_n$  for some families of natural numbers  $(n_1, n-n_1)$ . The problem is focussed on the numbers:  $n$  and  $n_1$ . Only for certain families of pairs  $(n, n_1)$ , the situation is completely analogous to the ones above, Proposition 27, but in general it is different than the previous ones and more complicated depending on the divisibility between natural numbers and certain relations between them. For the later case, we provide appropriate formulas (in section 2) which serve as a central tool to construct a free basis in Proposition 29. For the general case a module basis for  $\mathbb{F}_p[V]^{P(n_1, n-n_1)}$  over  $D_n$  is given in Theorem 31:

**Theorem 31** *The set  $B' = \left\{ \prod_{i=0}^{n_1-1} d_{n_1, i}^{m_i} \mid 0 \leq m_i \leq A_i \right\}$  is a module basis for  $\mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2)$  over  $D_n$ .*

Here the bounds  $A_i$  shall be defined in definition 17 and depend on  $n$  and  $n_1$ .

The interested reader can extend our method to obtain a free basis for particular choices using our formulas provided in section two and the preliminary subsection of section three.

Besides our invariant theoretic interest, we are motivated by topological properties of the transfer between cohomology of certain subgroups of the symmetric group. Namely, we are interested in multiplicative properties of the transfer studied by Kuhn and Priddy, because of their application in stable homotopy theory [6]. The transfer between parabolic subgroups is studied in the last section. Theorem 41 asserts that the natural map between  $\mathbb{F}_p[V]^{B_n}$  and  $\mathbb{F}_p(N, n)$  equals the transfer map and the analogue of Kuhn and Priddy result is expressed in Theorem 44:

**Theorem 44** Let  $\tau^* : \mathbb{F}_p[V]^G \rightarrow D_n$  be the transfer map, where  $G = U_n$  or  $B_n$ . Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{F}_p[V]^{U_n}$  or  $\mathbb{F}_p[V]^{B_n}$ . Then  $\tau^*(xy) = \tau^*(x)\tau^*(y)$  for all  $y$  iff  $x \in D_n$ .

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We finish this introduction by recalling some well known Theorems relevant to the Dickson algebra.

Let  $\sum_{p^n}$  be the symmetric group acting on  $V$  by permutations and  $\mathbb{F}_p^n$  its subgroup consisting of all translations. Then  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{F}_p^n) \cong GL_n$  and its Weyl subgroup,  $W_{\sum_{p^n}}(\mathbb{F}_p^n) \cong GL_n$ , acts on  $V^*$  as follows:

$$(a_{i,j})y_k := \sum_i a_{i,k}y_i$$

We repeat some classical results from the literature. First the Dickson algebra,  $D_n$ , is described. Let

$$h_i = \prod_{a \in \langle y_1, \dots, y_{i-1} \rangle} (y_i - a), \quad L_n = \prod h_i, \quad d_{n,i} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} y_1 & \cdots & y_n \\ \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ y_1^{p^n} & \cdots & y_n^{p^n} \end{vmatrix}}{L_n}$$

In the last determinant the  $p^i$ -th power is missing. The degrees of the previous elements are  $p^{i-1}$ ,  $\frac{p^n-1}{p-1}$ , and  $p^n - p^i$  respectively. We note that there are other descriptions for the polynomials above [8].

**Theorem 1 (Dickson)**  $D_n := \mathbb{F}_p[V]^{GL_n} = \mathbb{F}_p[d_{n,0}, \dots, d_{n,n-1}]$ .

**Theorem 2 (Mùi)** *i)*  $H_n := \mathbb{F}_p[V]^{U_n} = \mathbb{F}_p[h_n, \dots, h_1]$ .  
*ii)*  $\mathbb{F}_p[V]^{B_n} = \mathbb{F}_p[(h_n)^{p-1}, \dots, (h_1)^{p-1}]$ .

Relations between the generators of rings of invariants are given as follows:

**Proposition 3** [3]  $d_{n,n-i} = \sum_{1 \leq j_1 < \dots < j_i \leq n} \prod_{s=1}^i (h_{j_s}^{p-1})^{p^{n-i+s+j_s}}$ .

It is known that any subgroup between  $B_n$  and  $GL_n$  is conjugate to a parabolic subgroup. Let  $N = (n_1, \dots, n_\ell)$  be a sequence of non-negative

integers such that  $\sum n_i = n$ . Let  $P(N, n)$  be the so called parabolic subgroup of  $GL_n$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} GL_{n_1} & * & * \\ 0 & \ddots & * \\ 0 & 0 & GL_{n_\ell} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Theorem 4** (*Kuhn and Stong*).

$$\mathbb{F}_p(N, n) := \mathbb{F}_p[V]^{P(N, n)} = \mathbb{F}_p[d_{\nu_i, \nu_i - k_i} \mid 1 \leq i \leq \ell, 1 \leq k_i \leq n_i, \nu_i = \sum_{t=1}^i n_t].$$

## 2 Relations between parabolic and Dickson generators

Since  $D_n$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathbb{F}_p[V]^{P(N, n)}$ , any Dickson generator can be decomposed in terms of generators of the later algebra. We shall describe these relations in this section. For simplicity only the case  $N = (n_1, n_2 = n - n_1)$  will be considered. The interested reader can extend those formulas to any number of blocks.

A Dickson generator  $d_{n, n-i}$  consists of the sum of all possible combinations of  $i$  elements from  $\{h_1^{p-1}, \dots, h_n^{p-1}\}$  in certain  $p$ -th exponents. Let  $d'_{n, n-i}$  be the polynomial which is given as  $d_{n, n-i}$  but elements are from  $\{h_{n_1+1}^{p-1}, \dots, h_n^{p-1}\}$  on the same exponents. Here  $n - i \geq n_1$ . It is obvious that the new polynomial is a summand of the old one and it will be expressed in terms of old generators.

**Example 5** *Let  $n = 5$  and  $n_1 = 2$ .*

$$\begin{aligned} i) \quad d'_{5,4} &= h_3^{(p-1)p^2} + h_4^{(p-1)p} + h_5^{(p-1)} = d_{5,4} - d_{2,1}^{p^3} \\ ii) \quad d'_{5,3} &= h_5^{(p-1)}h_4^{(p-1)} + h_5^{(p-1)}h_3^{(p-1)p} + h_4^{(p-1)p}h_3^{(p-1)p} = d_{5,3} - d_{2,1}^{p^2}d'_{5,4} - d_{2,0}^{p^3} = \\ &= d_{5,3} - d_{2,1}^{p^2}d_{5,4} + d_{2,1}^{p^2+p^3} - d_{2,0}^{p^3} \\ iii) \quad d'_{5,2} &= h_5^{(p-1)}h_4^{(p-1)}h_3^{(p-1)} = d_{5,2} - d_{2,1}^p d'_{5,3} - d_{2,0}^{p^2} d_{5,4} = d_{5,2} - d_{2,1}^p d_{5,3} + \\ &= d_{2,1}^{p^2+p} d_{5,4} - d_{2,1}^{p+p^2+p^3} + d_{2,0}^{p^3} d_{2,1}^p - d_{2,0}^{p^2} d_{5,4} + d_{2,0}^{p^2} d_{2,1}^{p^3} \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 6** Let  $n = n_1 + n_2$  and  $n_2 \geq i \geq 1$ . Then

$$d'_{n,n-i} = d_{n,n-i} + \sum_{t=1}^i \sum_{\ell=1}^t d_{n,n-i+t} \sum_{\substack{j_1+\dots+j_\ell=t \\ 0 < j_s \leq n_1}} (-1)^\ell d_{n_1, n_1-j_1}^{p^{n_2-i+t}} d_{n_1, n_1-j_2}^{p^{n_2-i+t-j_1}} \dots d_{n_1, n_1-j_\ell}^{p^{n_2-i+t-j_1-\dots-j_{\ell-1}}}$$

Here  $d_{k,k} = 1$ .

**Proof.** First we decompose  $d'_{n,n-i}$  in terms of  $d'_{n,n-t}$  for  $t < i$ .

$$d'_{n,n-i} = d_{n,n-i} - \sum_{t=1}^i d'_{n,n-i+t} d_{n_1, n_1-t}^{p^{n_2-i+t}}$$

Proof by induction on  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and use of Proposition 3.

For the proof of the statement induction is used on  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . For the general step, each  $d'_{n,n-i+t}$  is decomposed (by induction hypothesis) and terms are collected with respect to  $d_{n,n-i+c}$ 's for  $1 \leq c \leq i$ .

$$\left[ \sum_{t=1}^c d_{n_1, n_1-t}^{p^{n_2+t-i}} \sum_{\ell=0}^{c-t} (-1)^{\ell+1} \sum_{j_1+\dots+j_\ell=i-t} d_{n_1, n_1-j_1}^{p^{n_2-i+c}} d_{n_1, n_1-j_2}^{p^{n_2-i+c-j_1}} \dots d_{n_1, n_1-j_\ell}^{p^{n_2-i+c-j_1-\dots-j_{\ell-1}}} \right] d_{n,n-i+c}$$

We have to show that the expression above coincides with the required expression:

$$\sum_{\ell=1}^c d_{n,n-i+c} \sum_{j_1+\dots+j_\ell=i} (-1)^\ell d_{n_1, n_1-j_1}^{p^{n_2-i+t}} d_{n_1, n_1-j_2}^{p^{n_2-i+t-j_1}} \dots d_{n_1, n_1-j_\ell}^{p^{n_2-i+t-j_1-\dots-j_{\ell-1}}}$$

It is obvious that the last expression contains the previous one. The other direction is shown by considering an individual member of the one above. ■

Now the next proposition is obvious.

**Proposition 7**  $\mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2) := \mathbb{F}_p[V]^{P(n_1, n_2)} = \mathbb{F}_p[d_{n_1, j}, d'_{n, n-i} \mid 0 \leq j \leq n_1 - 1 \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq n_2]$ .

Our last task in this section is to provide relations between parabolic and Dickson invariants.

**Example 8** We continue our last example.  $d_{5,0} = (h_1 \cdots h_5)^{p-1} = d_{2,0}d'_{5,2} = d_{2,0}d_{5,2} - d_{2,0}d_{2,1}^p d_{5,3} + d_{2,0}d_{2,1}^{p+p^2} d_{5,4} - d_{2,0}d_{2,1}^{p+p^2+p^3} + d_{2,0}^{1+p^3} d_{2,1}^p - d_{2,0}^{1+p^2} d_{5,4} + d_{2,0}^{1+p^2} d_{2,1}^{p^3}$ .

$$d_{5,1} = (h_2 \cdots h_5)^{p-1} + (h_1 \cdots h_4)^{p(p-1)} + \cdots + (h_1 \cdots h_3)^{p^2(p-1)} h_5^{p-1} = d_{2,1}d'_{5,2} + d_{2,0}^p d'_{5,3} = d_{2,1}d_{5,2} - d_{2,1}^{1+p} d_{5,3} + d_{2,1}^{1+p+p^2} d_{5,4} - d_{2,1}^{1+p+p^2+p^3} - d_{2,0}^{p^3} d_{2,1}^{1+p} - d_{2,0}^{p^2} d_{2,1} d_{5,4} + d_{2,0}^{p^2} d_{2,1}^{1+p^3} + d_{2,0}^p d_{5,3} - d_{2,0}^p d_{2,1}^{p^2} d_{5,4} + d_{2,0}^p d_{2,1}^{p^2+p^3} - d_{2,0}^{p+p^3}.$$

**Proposition 9** Let  $0 \leq i \leq n_1 - 1$ . Then

$$d_{n,i} = \sum_{t \geq \max(0, i-n_2)}^i d_{n_1,t}^{p^{i-t}} d'_{n, n_1+i-t}$$

**Proof.** We use formula 3 and consider each product like being divided in to two parts according to indices of the  $h_i^{p-1}$ 's. The first part consists of those  $h_i^{p-1}$ 's such that their indices are less or equal than  $n_1$ . Then we group monomials according to the second part. ■

### 3 $\mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2)$ as a free module over $D_n$

#### 3.1 Preliminary

Let  $p$  be a prime number and  $k, s$  and  $r_t$  be natural numbers such that  $1 \leq t \leq s$  and  $1 \leq r_t < r_{t+1}$ .

**Definition 10** Given two sequences consisting of  $s$  natural numbers  $(k + r_s, \dots, k + r_1)$  and  $(r_s, \dots, r_1)$ ,  $r_i$  as above, the symbol  $\left[ \begin{smallmatrix} k+r_s, \dots, k+r_1 \\ r_s, \dots, r_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right]$  stands for

the fraction  $\frac{\prod_{i=1}^s (k+r_i)}{\prod_{i=1}^s r_i} \cdot \left[ \begin{smallmatrix} k+r_s, \dots, k+r_1 \\ r_s, \dots, r_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right]$  is called admissible, if the number of times

a particular natural number is a divisor of the  $r_t$ 's is less or equal than the number of times that particular number is also a divisor of the  $k + r_j$ 's.

**Lemma 11** If  $\left[ \begin{smallmatrix} k+r_s, \dots, k+r_1 \\ r_s, \dots, r_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right]$  is admissible, then  $\left[ \begin{smallmatrix} k+r_s, \dots, k+r_1 \\ r_s, \dots, r_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right]$  is integral.

**Example 12** a)  $\left[ \begin{array}{cccccc} 13, & 12, & 11, & 10, & 9, & 8 \\ 6, & 5, & 4, & 3, & 2, & 1 \end{array} \right]$  is admissible:  $\{6, 3, 2\}$ ,  $\{5\}$ ,  $\{4, 2\}$ ,  $\{3\}$ ,  $\{2\}$  and  $\{13\}$ ,  $\{12, 6, 4, 3, 2\}$ ,  $\{11\}$ ,  $\{10, 5, 2\}$ ,  $\{8, 4, 2\}$ ,  $\{9, 3\}$ .

b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 30, & 28, & 23, & 22, & 20 \\ 12, & 10, & 5, & 4, & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is integral but it is not admissible:

i)  $20x22x23x28x30/2x4x5x10x12 = 1771$ ;

ii)  $\{\underline{12}, 6, 4, 3, 2\}$ ,  $\{10, 5, 2\}$ ,  $\{5\}$ ,  $\{2, 4\}$ ,  $\{2\}$  and  $\{30, 15, 10, 6, 5, 3, 2\}$ ,  $\{28, 14, 7, 4, 2\}$ ,  $\{23\}$ ,  $\{22, 11, 2\}$ ,  $\{20, 10, 5, 4, 2\}$ .

Let us reserve the symbol  $\begin{bmatrix} k+r \\ r \end{bmatrix}$  for the sequence  $r_t = t$ .

**Proposition 13**  $\begin{bmatrix} k+r \\ r \end{bmatrix}$  is admissible for  $k$  and  $r \geq 1$ .

**Proof.** Using double induction and the well known formula  $\begin{pmatrix} k+r \\ r \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} k+r-1 \\ r \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} k+r-1 \\ r-1 \end{pmatrix}$ , the integrality of  $\begin{pmatrix} k+r \\ r \end{pmatrix}$  is proved. We assume that  $\begin{bmatrix} k+r-1 \\ r-1 \end{bmatrix}$  is admissible. If  $r$  is a prime number or divides  $(k+r)$ , then the statement follows. Otherwise, let  $\frac{r}{q}$  be a divisor of  $r$ . Then  $\frac{r}{q}$  is also a divisor of  $m\frac{r}{q}$  for  $1 \leq m \leq q$ . We need to show that there exist at least  $q$  natural numbers  $k+r'$  between  $k+1$  and  $k+r$  which are divisible by  $\frac{r}{q}$ . Let  $k = x\frac{r}{q} + l$  with  $0 \leq l \leq \frac{r}{q} - 1$ . Then  $k+r = (x+q)\frac{r}{q} + l$  and the statement follows. ■

**Lemma 14** If  $\begin{bmatrix} k+r_s, \dots, k+r_1 \\ r_s, \dots, r_1 \end{bmatrix}$  is admissible, then  $\begin{bmatrix} m+k+r_s, \dots, m+k+r_1 \\ r_s, \dots, r_1 \end{bmatrix}$  is also admissible, where  $m$  is a multiple of  $\text{lcm}(r_s, \dots, r_1)$ .

We shall define a peculiar division in  $\begin{bmatrix} k+r \\ r \end{bmatrix}$  as follows:

**Definition 15** For each element  $r_t$  of  $(r_s, \dots, r_1)$  we let  $r_t$  divide  $k+r_t$ ,  $r_t \nmid k+r_l$ , if  $\frac{k+r_l}{r_t}$  is integral,  $l \leq t$  and  $l$  is maximal with this property.

Let  $I_{exact} = \{r_t \mid r_t \mid k+r_t\} \subset \{1, \dots, r\}$ . Now we define a partition of  $\{1, \dots, r\}$  according to the given division as follows: For each  $r_{t(0)} \in I_{exact}$  let  $I_{r_{t(0)}}$  contain all natural numbers  $l$  between  $r$  and  $r_{t(0)}$  such that there is a subsequence  $(l = r_{t_l}, r_{t_l-1}, \dots, r_{t_l-s_l} = r_{t(0)})$  with  $r_{t_l-s_l} \nmid k+r_{t_l-s_l-1}$ . Now  $\{1, \dots, r\} = \bigsqcup_{r_{t(0)}} I_{r_{t(0)}}$ .

**Example 16** a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 23=12+11 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $I_{exact} = \{6, 4, 3, 2, 1\}$ ,  $I_6 = \{9, 6\}$ ,  $I_4 = \{11, 10, 8, 4\}$ ,  $I_3 = \{5, 3\}$ ,  $I_2 = \{7, 2\}$  and  $I_1 = \{1\}$ .  $\begin{bmatrix} 21, & 18 \\ 9, & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 23, & 22, & 20, & 16 \\ 11, & 10, & 8, & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 17, & 15 \\ 5, & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 19, & 14 \\ 7, & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  are all admissible.

b)  $\left[ \begin{smallmatrix} 29 \\ 11 \end{smallmatrix} = \begin{smallmatrix} 18 \\ 11 \end{smallmatrix} + \begin{smallmatrix} 11 \\ 11 \end{smallmatrix} \right]$ ,  $I_{exact} = \{9, 6, 3, 2, 1\}$ ,  $I_9 = \{9\}$ ,  $I_6 = \{8, 6\}$ ,  $I_3 = \{7, 3\}$ ,  
 $I_2 = \{11, 4, 2\} \cup \{10, 2\} \cup \{5, 2\}$  and  $I_1 = \{1\}$ .  $\left[ \begin{smallmatrix} 27 \\ 9 \end{smallmatrix} \right]$ ,  $\left[ \begin{smallmatrix} 26 & 24 \\ 8 & 6 \end{smallmatrix} \right]$ ,  $\left[ \begin{smallmatrix} 25 & 21 \\ 7 & 3 \end{smallmatrix} \right]$   
are admissible sequences but  $\left[ \begin{smallmatrix} 29 & 28 & 23 & 22 & 20 \\ 11 & 10 & 5 & 4 & 2 \end{smallmatrix} \right]$  is not even integral.

**Remark 1** We note that only sequences satisfying certain properties will be considered in this work due to great technicalities.

**Definition 17** According to division defined above between sequences and for any prime number  $p$ , we define  $A_{r_t}$  to be the natural number

$$A_{r_t} := \begin{cases} p^{r_t - r_{t-i(t)}} \frac{p^{k+r_{t-i(t)}} - 1}{p^{r_t} - 1}, & r_t \neq r_{t-i(t)} \\ \frac{p^{k+r_t} - p^{r_t}}{p^{r_t} - 1}, & r_t = r_{t-i(t)} \end{cases}$$

And

$$X \left[ \begin{smallmatrix} k + r_s, \dots, k + r_1 \\ r_s, \dots, r_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right] := \prod_{t=1}^s \frac{p^{k+r_t} - 1}{p^{r_t} - 1}$$

$$X \left[ \begin{smallmatrix} k + r \\ r \end{smallmatrix} \right] := \prod_{t=1}^r \frac{p^{k+t} - 1}{p^t - 1}$$

**Remark 2** Note that  $A_i$  is the same in  $X \left[ \begin{smallmatrix} k+r \\ r \end{smallmatrix} \right]$  and  $X \left[ \begin{smallmatrix} k+r-1 \\ r-1 \end{smallmatrix} \right]$  for  $i = 1, \dots, r-1$ .

**Proposition 18**  $X \left[ \begin{smallmatrix} k+r_s, \dots, k+r_1 \\ r_s, \dots, r_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right]$  is integral if and only if  $\left[ \begin{smallmatrix} k+r_s, \dots, k+r_1 \\ r_s, \dots, r_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right]$  is admissible.

**Proof.** It is known that  $x^k - 1 = \prod_{d|k} C_d$ , where  $C_d$  stands for the  $d$ -th

cyclotomic polynomial. Thus  $\prod_{t=1}^s \frac{x^{k+r_t} - 1}{x^{r_t} - 1} = \prod_{t=1}^s \frac{\prod_{d|(k+r_t)} C_d}{\prod_{d|r_t} C_{d'}}$  and the statement follows because of the definition of admissibility. ■

**Lemma 19** Let  $\left[ \begin{smallmatrix} k+r_s, \dots, k+r_1 \\ r_s, \dots, r_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right]$  such that  $r_t | k + r_{t-1}$ ,  $r_1 | k$  and for each divisor  $d$  of  $\gcd(r_1, r_2)$

$d | k + r_s$  or  $\exists t : d \nmid r_t$  and  $d | k + r_{t-1}$ . Then  $X \left[ \begin{smallmatrix} k+r_s, \dots, k+r_1 \\ r_s, \dots, r_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right]$  is integral.



**Remark 3**  $k$  in the last lemma must satisfy the following conditions:  $k = l' \text{lcm}(r_1, \dots, r_s) + l \text{lcm}(r_1, r_2) - r_1$  such that  $l'$  is a non-negative integer and  $l$  is a positive integer and  $l \text{lcm}(r_1, r_2) - r_1 + r_{i-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{r_i}$ . If  $r_s = s$ , then  $k = l \text{lcm}(2, \dots, s) + 1$ .

**Example 20**  $\left[ \begin{smallmatrix} 19, 18, 16 \\ 9, 8, 4 \end{smallmatrix} \right]$  is integral although  $X \left[ \begin{smallmatrix} 19, 18, 16 \\ 9, 8, 4 \end{smallmatrix} \right]$  is not integral.

**Proposition 21** Let  $\left[ \begin{smallmatrix} k+r_s, \dots, k+r_1 \\ r_s, \dots, r_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right]$  such that the  $r_t$ 's are as in the last lemma.

Then  $X \left[ \begin{smallmatrix} k+r_s, \dots, k+r_1 \\ r_s, \dots, r_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right] = \sum_{i=0}^s \prod_{t=0}^i A_{r_t}$ . Here  $A_{r_i} = p^{r_i - r_{i-1}} \frac{p^{k+r_i-1} - 1}{p^{r_i-1}}$ ,  $A_{r_i} = p^{r_1} \frac{p^k - 1}{p^{r_1-1}}$  and  $A_0 = 1$ .

**Proof.** We use induction on  $s$ .  $1 + A_{r_1} = \frac{p^{k+r_1} - 1}{p^{r_1-1}}$ . For the general step:

$$\begin{aligned} X \left[ \begin{smallmatrix} k+r_{s-1}, \dots, k+r_1 \\ r_{s-1}, \dots, r_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right] + \prod_{t=0}^s A_{r_t} &= \prod_{t=1}^s \frac{p^{k+r_t} - 1}{p^{r_t-1}} \Leftrightarrow \prod_{t=0}^s A_{r_t} = X \left[ \begin{smallmatrix} k+r_{s-1}, \dots, k+r_1 \\ r_{s-1}, \dots, r_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right] p^{r_s} \frac{p^k - 1}{p^{r_s-1}} \\ \Leftrightarrow p^{r_s} \frac{p^k - 1}{p^{r_1-1}} \prod_{t=2}^{s-1} \frac{p^{k+r_t-1} - 1}{p^{r_t-1}} &= \prod_{t=1}^s \frac{p^{k+r_t} - 1}{p^{r_t-1}}. \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

The next corollary serves as a collection of relations between generators of  $D_{n_1}$ .

**Corollary 22** a) Let  $0 \leq i \leq n_1 - 1$  and  $(n_1 - i)$  divides  $n - i$ . Then  $d_{n,i}$  contains  $d_{n_1,i}^{A_i+1}$  as a summand. Moreover  $d'_{n,n_1}$  contains  $d_{n_1,i}^{A_{n_1-i}}$  as a summand.

b) Let  $0 \leq i \leq n_1 - 1$  and  $(n_1 - i) \in I_{r_{t(0)}}$ . Then  $d_{n,i}$  contains  $d_{n_1,i} d_{n_1,n_1-r_{t(0)}}^{A_{r_{t(0)}}$  as a summand.

c) Let  $i$  and  $v_i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq n_1 - 1$ ,  $n - i - v_i = l_i(n_1 - i)$  and  $0 \leq v_i \leq n_1 - i$  where  $v_i$  is the smallest with this property. Then  $d_{n,i+v_i} d_{n_1,i} - d_{n,i} d_{n_1,i+v_i}$  contains  $d_{n_1,i}^{1+A_{n_1-i}}$  as a summand.

d) Let  $i$  and  $t$  such that  $0 \leq i < t \leq n_1 - 1$ ,  $(n_1 - i) \nmid (n - t)$  and  $0 \leq t' < t$  where  $(n_1 - t') \mid (n - t)$  and  $t'$  is maximal with this property. Then  $d_{n,t} d_{n_1,i} - d_{n,i} d_{n_1,t}$  contains  $d_{n_1,i} d_{n_1,t'}^{A_{n_1-t'}}$  as a summand.

**Proof.** The proof depends on Propositions 9 and 6.

a) Since  $(n_1 - i)$  divides  $(n - i) = (n - n_1 + n_1 - i)$  and  $(n - n_1)$ ,  $(p^{n_1} - p^i)$  divides  $(p^n - p^i)$  and this is how  $A_{n_1-i}$  has been defined in 17. Moreover,  $d_{n,i}$  contains  $d_{n_1,i} d'_{n,n_1}$  and  $d'_{n,n_1}$  contains  $d_{n_1,i}^{A_{n_1-i}}$  (Proposition 6).

b) By definition  $r_{t(0)}$  divides  $n_2 + r_{t(0)}$ , hence  $r_{t(0)}$  divides  $n_2$ . This implies, as in a), that  $d'_{n,n_1}$  contains  $d_{n_1,n_1-r_{t(0)}}^{A_{r_{t(0)}}$ .

c) We use last Proposition for  $i = i + v_1$  and  $t = i$  and Proposition 6 for the decomposition of  $d'_{n,n_1+v_i}$ . Then  $d'_{n,i+v_i}$  contains  $d_{n_1,i}^{\left(\sum_{t=1}^{i-1} p^{(v_i+(n_1-i)t)}\right)}$  as a summand. Let us recall definition 17:  $A_{n_1-i} = v_i \sum_{t=0}^{i-1} p^{(n_1-i)t}$ .

d) Let  $s = t - t'$  in  $d_{n,t} d_{n_1,i} - d_{n,i} d_{n_1,t} = \sum_{s=1}^t d'_{n,n_1+s} d_{n_1,t-s} d_{n_1,i} - \sum_{s=1}^i d'_{n,n_1+s} d_{n_1,i-s} d_{n_1,t}$ , then  $d'_{n,n_1+t-t'}$  contains  $d_{n_1,t'}^{A_{n_1-t'-1}}$ . ■

We shall close this subsection by considering some maps which will let us connect  $\mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2)$  with  $\mathbb{F}_p(n_1 - 1, n_2)$ . Those maps have been used by Campbell and Hughes in [1].

Let  $\pi_{y_1} : \mathbb{F}_p[y_1, \dots, y_n] \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p[y_1, \dots, y_n]$  be the map induced by

$$\pi_{y_1}(y_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & i = 1 \\ y_i, & i > 1 \end{cases}$$

and  $sh_{(-1)} : \mathbb{F}_p[y_1, \dots, y_n] \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p[y_1, \dots, y_{n-1}]$  the one induced by

$$sh_{(-1)}(y_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & i = 1 \\ y_{i-1}, & i > 1 \end{cases}$$

Now let us consider the induced maps on  $\mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2) : sh_{(-1)} \cdot \pi_{y_1}(d_{n_1,i}) = d_{n_1-1,i-1}^p$ . It follows that  $\text{Im}(sh_{(-1)} \cdot \pi_{y_1}) = \mathbb{F}_p[d_{n_1-1,i-1}^p, d_{n_1-1,j-1}^p \mid i = 0, \dots, n_1 - 2, j = n_1 - 1, \dots, n - 2]$ . We need one more map  $\varepsilon_{(1)} : \text{Im}(sh_{(-1)} \cdot \pi_{y_1}) \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2)$  given by

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_{(1)}(d_{n_1-1,i-1}^p) &= d_{n_1,i} \\ \varepsilon_{(1)}(d_{n_1-1,j-1}^p) &= d_{n,j} \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 23** *Let  $f \in \mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2)$ , then  $\varepsilon_{(1)} \cdot sh_{(-1)} \cdot \pi_{y_1}(f) - f \in (d_{n_1,0})$ .*

Here  $(d_{n_1,0})$  is the ideal in  $\mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2)$  generated by the top Dickson generator  $d_{n_1,0}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $d \in \mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2)$  be a non-trivial monomial. We consider two cases. Let  $d \notin (d_{n_1,0})$ , then  $d$  is not divisible by  $y_1$ . Otherwise,  $d \in (d_{n_1,0})$ , since  $d \in \mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2)$ . Thus  $d \in (d_{n_1,1}, \dots, d_{n,n-1})$  and  $d = \prod_{i>0, j \geq n_1} d_{n_1,i}^{m_i} d_{n,j}^{m_j}$ . Now,

$$sh_{(-1)} \cdot \pi_{y_1}(d) = \prod_{i>0, j \geq n_1} d_{n_1-1,i}^{pm_i} d_{n-1,j}^{pm_j} \text{ and } \varepsilon_{(1)} \cdot sh_{(-1)} \cdot \pi_{y_1}(d) = d.$$

Let  $d \in (d_{n_1,0}) \Leftrightarrow \pi_{y_1}(d) = 0$ . Thus, if  $f \in \mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2)$  and  $g \in \text{Im}(sh_{(-1)} \cdot \pi_{y_1})$  such that  $g = sh_{(-1)} \cdot \pi_{y_1}(f)$ , then  $\varepsilon_{(1)}(g) - f \in (d_{n_1,0})$ . ■

### 3.2 Main Results

Since  $U_n$  is a  $p$ -Sylow subgroup of  $GL_n$  and  $H_n$  is a polynomial algebra,  $\mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2)$  is Cohen-Macaulay [[8], Proposition 8.3.1]. Hence,  $\mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2)$  is a free module over  $D_n$  and we shall provide a free basis for particular choices of  $n_1$  and  $n_2$ .

In the sequel  $B_A(A')$  stands for a free module basis of the algebra  $A'$  over the algebra  $A$  and  $B'_A(A')$  for a module basis respectively.

Bases are known for  $H_n$  and  $\mathbb{F}_p[V]^{B_n}$  over  $D_n$ .

**Theorem 24** [1], [3]. *The set  $B_{D_n}(H_n) = \{h_1^{r_1} \cdots h_n^{r_n} \mid 0 \leq r_i < p^{n-i+1} - 1\}$  is a free module basis for  $H_n$  over  $D_n$ .*

We extended the last theorem for the parabolic subgroups following the method used in [3].

**Theorem 25** [4]i) *The set  $B_{\mathbb{F}_p[V]^{B_n}}(H_n) = \{h_1^{r_1} \cdots h_n^{r_n} \mid 0 \leq r_i < p - 1\}$  is a free module basis for  $H_n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_p[V]^{B_n}$ .*

ii) *The set*

$$B_{\mathbb{F}_p(N, n)}(\mathbb{F}_p[V]^{B_n}) = \left\{ h_1^{(p-1)r_1} \cdots h_n^{(p-1)r_n} \mid 0 \leq r_i < \frac{p^{\nu_s-i+1}-1}{p-1}, \nu_{s-1} < i \leq \nu_s \right\}$$

*is a free module basis for  $\mathbb{F}_p[V]^{B_n}$  over  $\mathbb{F}_p(N, n)$ . Here,  $\nu_i = \sum_{t=1}^i n_t$ .*

We shall make a few remarks concerning the key-points of the proof of theorems above.

i) Let  $G$  be one of the groups under consideration. There is a close relation between degrees of generators and the order of the group:  $\mathbb{F}_p[V]^G = \mathbb{F}_p[\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n]$ ,  $\prod_1^n |\alpha_i| = 2^n |G|$ . The rank of  $H_n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_p[V]^G$  is  $[G : U_n]$ .

ii) Let  $P(G, t)$  denote the Poincaré series of  $\mathbb{F}_p[V]^G$ . Note that  $|h_i|$  divides  $|\alpha_i|$  and hence  $P(\mathbb{F}_p[V]^G, t) / P(H_n, t) = \prod_i \left( 1 + t^{|h_i|} + t^{2|h_i|} + \dots + t^{\left(\frac{|\alpha_i|}{|h_i|} - 1\right)|h_i|} \right)$ .

The last statement along with proposition 3 provides a strong hint for a set of free basis generators, namely those expressed in the last theorems.

This is not the case for  $\mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2)$  over  $D_n$  as the next example suggests.

**Example 26** *Let  $n = 5$  and  $n_1 = 2$ .  $|d_{5,0}| = p^5 - 1$ ,  $|d_{2,0}| = p^2 - 1$  and  $\frac{p^5-1}{p^2-1}$  is not integral. Hence the method described above does not apply. But  $X \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$*

is integral and according to Proposition 21

$$X \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 1 + A_1 + A_1 A_2 = 1 + p^3 + p^2 + p + (p^3 + p^2 + p)(p^3 + p)$$

**Proposition 27** Let  $n_2 = \text{lcm}(2, \dots, n_1)$ . Then

$$B_{D_n}(\mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2)) = \left\{ \prod_{i=0}^{n_1-1} d_{n_1,i}^{m_i} \mid 0 \leq m_i \leq A_{n_1-i} \right\}$$

is a free module basis for  $\mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2)$  over  $D_n$ .

**Proof.** Let us recall that  $A_{n_1-i} + 1 = \sum_{t=0}^{n_2/(n_1-i)} p^{(n_1-i)t}$ . The proof depends on the following facts:

- i) The hypothesis about  $n_2$  guarantees that  $\frac{p^{n_1-i}-1}{p^{n_1-i}-1}$  is integral for each  $i$ .
- ii)  $d_{n_1,i}^{A_{n_1-i}+1}$  is a summand in the decomposition of  $d_{n_1,i}$  (22-a)).
- iii) Mimic the proof of last theorem. ■

We continue our last example.

**Example 28**  $d_{5,1} = d_{2,1}d_{5,2} - d_{2,1}^{1+p}d_{5,3} + d_{2,1}^{1+p+p^2}d_{5,4} - d_{2,1}^{1+p+p^2+p^3} - d_{2,0}^{p^3}d_{2,1}^{1+p} - d_{2,0}^{p^2}d_{2,1}d_{5,4} + d_{2,0}^{p^2}d_{2,1}^{1+p^3} + d_{2,0}^p d_{5,3} - d_{2,0}^p d_{2,1}^{p^2}d_{5,4} + d_{2,0}^p d_{2,1}^{p^2+p^3} - d_{2,0}^{p+p^3}$ . This equation provides a bound for the top degree of  $d_{2,1}$ . We shall also find bounds for the monomial  $d_{2,0}^i d_{2,1}^j$ .

$d_{5,0} = d_{2,0}d_{5,2} - d_{2,0}d_{2,1}^p d_{5,3} - d_{2,0}d_{2,1}^{p+p^2}d_{5,4} - d_{2,0}d_{2,1}^{p+p^2+p^3} + d_{2,0}^{1+p^3}d_{2,1}^p - d_{2,0}^{1+p^2}d_{5,4} + d_{2,0}^{1+p^2}d_{2,1}^{p^3}$ . We use the last equation for the monomial  $d_{2,0}d_{2,1}^{p^2+p^3}$ .  $d_{5,1}d_{2,0} - d_{5,0}d_{2,1} = -2d_{2,0}^{1+p^3}d_{2,1}^{p+1} + d_{2,0}^{1+p}d_{5,3} - d_{2,0}^{1+p}d_{2,1}^{p^2}d_{5,4} + d_{2,0}^{1+p}d_{2,1}^{p^3+p^2} - d_{2,0}^{1+p+p^3}$ . The following set provides a free basis  $\{d_{2,0}^{j_0}d_{2,1}^{j_1} \mid 0 \leq j_0 \leq p^3 + p, \text{ if } 0 \leq j_1 < p^3 + p^2 + p; 0 \leq j_1 \leq p^3 + p^2 + p \text{ if } j_0 = 0\}$ . The cardinality of the last set is  $X \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Proposition 29** Let  $n_2 = \text{lcm}(2, \dots, n_1) + 1$ . Then

$$B_{D_n}(\mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2)) = \{1\} \cup \left\{ \prod_{t=i}^{n_1-1} d_{n_1,t}^{m_t} \mid 1 \leq m_i \leq A_{n_1-i} \text{ and } 0 \leq m_t < A_{n_1-t}, t > i \right\}_{i=0}^{n_1-1}$$

is a free module basis for  $\mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2)$  over  $D_n$ .

**Proof.** Let us recall that the given hypothesis has been studied in Lemma 21 and the Proposition after as well as the number  $\binom{n_2+n_1}{n_1}$ . Because the cardinality of  $B_{D_n}(\mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2))$  is the right one, we only have to show that this set is actually a generating set. Let us explain how the claimed set has been deduced. Combining the facts that in this case  $t|n_2 + t - 1$  and Corollary 22 a) and d) we have two families of relations: i)  $d_{n_1, i} d_{n_1, n_1-1}^{A_1}$  is a summand in the decomposition of  $d_{n, i}$ . ii)  $d_{n_1, i} d_{n_1, i+t}^{A_{n_1-i-t}}$  is contained in  $d_{n, i+t+1} d_{n_1, i} - d_{n, i} d_{n_1, i+t+1}$  for  $t \geq 1$ . We shall also show that  $d_{n, i+t+1} d_{n_1, i}$  and  $d_{n, i} d_{n_1, i+t+1}$  have only one monomial in common. So let  $d_{n_1, i+t+1} d^m$  be such a monomial in  $d_{n, i+t+1}$ . Then  $k = p^n - p^{n_1} = p^{n_1}(p^{n_2} - 1)$ . Thus a factor of the degree of possible elements which is not a  $p$ -th power must divide  $(p^{n_2} - 1)$ . Because  $n_2 = l \text{ lcm}(2, \dots, n_1) + 1$  and that divisor is a product of  $(p^{n_1-t} - 1)$ , we conclude that there is only such element, namely  $d_{n_1, n_1-1}^{A_{n_1-1}}$ . To prove that the claimed set satisfies the required property we use double induction on, the total degree,  $\sum m_i(p^{n_1} - p^i)$ , of a typical monomial  $\prod_{i=0}^{n_1-1} d_{n_1, i}^{m_i}$  and  $n_1$ . For  $n_1 = 1$ , this case is an application of the last Proposition. Since

$$d_{n, 0} = d_{1, 0} d'_{n, 1} = d_{1, 0} (d_{n, 1} + \sum_{t=1}^{n-1} (-1)^t d_{n, 1+t} d_{1, 0}^{p+\dots+p^t})$$

$d_{1, 0}^{1+p+\dots+p^t}$  decomposes with respect to the given basis. Let  $f = \prod_{i=0}^{n_1-1} d_{n_1, i}^{m_i}$ . Then  $\varepsilon_{(1)} \cdot sh_{(-1)} \cdot \pi_{y_1}(f) - f \in (d_{n_1, 0})$  (please see lemma 23). Let  $g^p = sh_{(-1)} \cdot \pi_{y_1}(f)$  and we decompose  $g$  in  $\mathbb{F}_p(n_1 - 1, n_2)$  by induction and the remark 2. Let us apply  $\varepsilon_{(1)}$  on the  $p$ -th power of the last decomposition and call that element  $g(n)$ . Then  $g(n)$  fulfils the requirements of our basis. Thus  $f - g(n) = d_{n_1, 0} h$  and by induction  $h$  can be decomposed as  $h'$ . Finally,  $d_{n_1, 0} h'$  decomposes according to our relations regarding  $d_{n_1, 0}^{A_{n_1+1}}$  and  $d_{n_1, 0} d_{n_1, i}^{A_{n_1-i}}$ . ■

We combine the last two Propositions by applying our method in the case  $n = 11$  and  $n_1 = 5$ .

**Example 30** Let  $n = 11$  and  $n_1 = 5$ . We compute  $A_i$  for  $i = 5, \dots, 1$ .  $I_1 = \{1\}$ ,  $I_2 = \{5, 4, 2\}$  and  $I_3 = \{3\}$ .  $A_5 = p(p^5 + 1)$ ,  $A_4 = p^2(p^4 + 1)$ ,  $A_3 = p^6 + p^3$ ,  $A_2 = p^6 + p^4 + p^2$ , and  $A_1 = p^6 + \dots + p$ . Now a free basis  $B_{D_{11}}(\mathbb{F}_p(5, 6))$  follows:

$$\{d_{5, 2}^{m_2} d_{5, 4}^{m_4} | 0 \leq m_2 \leq A_3, 0 \leq m_4 \leq A_1\} \cup \{d_{5, 2}^{m_2} d_{5, 3}^{m_3} d_{5, 4}^{m_4} | 0 \leq m_2 \leq A_3, 0 \leq m_3 \leq A_2, 0 \leq m_4 \leq A_1\} \cup \{d_{5, 1}^{m_1} d_{5, 2}^{m_2} d_{5, 3}^{m_3} d_{5, 4}^{m_4} | 1 \leq m_1 \leq A_4, 0 \leq m_2 \leq A_3, 0 \leq m_3 \leq$$

$A_2, 0 \leq m_4 \leq A_1\} \cup \{d_{5,0}^{m_0} d_{5,1}^{m_1} d_{5,2}^{m_2} d_{5,3}^{m_3} d_{5,4}^{m_4} | 1 \leq m_0 \leq A_5, 0 \leq m_1 \leq A_4, 0 \leq m_2 \leq A_3, 0 \leq m_3 \leq A_2, 0 \leq m_4 \leq A_1\}$ .

**Theorem 31** *The set  $B' = \left\{ \prod_{i=0}^{n_1-1} d_{n_1,i}^{m_i} \mid 0 \leq m_i \leq A_i \right\}$  is a module basis for  $\mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2)$  over  $D_n$ .*

Here  $A_i$  is as in definition 17.

**Proof.** Firstly, we recall that  $d_{n_1,i}^{A_{n_1}-i+1}$  decomposes with respect to the claimed basis because of Corollary 22. Let  $f = \prod_{i=0}^{n_1-1} d_{n_1,i}^{m_i}$  be a typical element. We use double induction on the total degree of  $f$  and  $n_1$ . We follow the proof of Proposition 29.

Let  $m_0 = 0$ , then  $sh_{(-1)} \cdot \pi_{y_1}(f) = \prod_{i=0}^{n_1-2} d_{n_1-1,i-1}^{m_i} = \left( \prod_{i=0}^{n_1-2} d_{n_1-1,i-1}^{m_i} \right)^p = \left( \sum_I f_I \right)^p$  with respect to  $B'_{D_{n-1}}(\mathbb{F}_p(n_1-1, n_2))$ . Now,  $sh_{(-1)} \cdot \pi_{y_1}(f) = \sum_I f'_I$  with respect to  $B'$ . Thus  $f - \sum_I f'_I = d_{n_1,0} h$  and induction hypothesis can be applied.

If  $m_0 > 0$ , two cases should be considered: i)  $A_{n_1} + 1 \geq m_0$  and ii)  $A_{n_1} \leq m_0$ . For i) we use induction on  $\prod_{i=1}^{n_1-1} d_{n_1,i}^{m_i}$  and for ii) the relation  $d_{n_1,0}^{A_{n_1}+1} = d_{n_1,0} d_{n,i(0)} - d_{n_1,i(0)} d_{n,0} - \text{"others"}$ . ■

## 4 The transfer between parabolic subgroups

The main results in this section are Theorems 41 and 44. Let us recall part of material which has been appeared in [4].

Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a finite group  $G$ , then the inclusion  $i : H \hookrightarrow G$  induces the transfer map  $tr^* : H^*(H, \mathbb{F}_p) \longrightarrow H^*(G, \mathbb{F}_p)$  given by  $tr^*(u) = |G : H|^{-1} \sum_{g \in G/H} g u$ . If  $W_G(H)$  is the Weyl subgroup, then the inclusion above induces  $i^* : H^*(G, \mathbb{F}_p) \longrightarrow H^*(H, \mathbb{F}_p)^{W_G(H)}$ .

$\sum_{p^n}$  acts on  $V$  and if we regard  $(\mathbb{F}_p)_i$  as the subgroup of translations in the  $i$ -th component, then  $\sum_{p^n, p} := (\mathbb{F}_p)_1 \int \cdots \int (\mathbb{F}_p)_n$  is a  $p$ -Sylow subgroup of  $\sum_{p^n}$ . We can regard  $\mathbb{F}_p^n$  as the subgroup of all translations of  $V$  in  $\sum_{p^n}$ . The Weyl subgroups of  $\mathbb{F}_p^n$  in  $\sum_{p^n, p}$ ,  $\sum_{p^{n_1}} \int \sum_{p^{n_2}}$  and  $\sum_{p^n}$  respectively are the

upper triangular group  $U_n$ ,  $P(n_1, n_2)$  and the general linear group  $GL(n, p)$ . The induced inclusion  $W_{\sum_{p^n, 2p}}(\mathbb{F}_p^n) \rightarrow W_{\sum_{p^{n_1}} \int \sum_{p^{n_2}}(\mathbb{F}_p^n) \rightarrow W_{\sum_{p^n}}(\mathbb{F}_p^n)$  induces  $H^*(\mathbb{F}_p^n, \mathbb{F}_p)^{U_n} \xrightarrow{\tau^*} H^*(\mathbb{F}_p^n, \mathbb{F}_p)^{P(n_1, n_2)} \xrightarrow{\tau^*} H^*(\mathbb{F}_p^n, \mathbb{F}_p)^{GL(n, p)}$  given by  $\tau^*(f) = \sum_{g \in G/H} gf$ . Here  $f$  is a  $U_n$  or  $P(n_1, n_2)$ -invariant polynomial in  $\mathbb{F}_p[V]$ .

Here  $V$  is a  $\mathbb{F}_p G$ -module. In our case the transfer is surjective and  $\mathbb{F}_p[V]^{GL(n, p)}$  is a direct summand.

The following diagram is commutative [5].

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 H^*\left(\sum_{p^n, p}\right) & \xrightarrow{\tau^*} & H^*\left(\sum_{p^{n_1}} \int \sum_{p^{n_2}}\right) & \xrightarrow{\tau^*} & H^*\left(\sum_{p^n}\right) \\
 \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 H^*\left(\mathbb{F}_p^n, \mathbb{F}_p\right)^{U_n} & \xrightarrow{\tau^*} & H^*\left(\mathbb{F}_p^n, \mathbb{F}_p\right)^{P(n_1, n_2)} & \xrightarrow{\tau^*} & H^*\left(\mathbb{F}_p^n, \mathbb{F}_p\right)^{GL(n, p)}
 \end{array} \quad (1)$$

Campbell and Hughes ([1]) have studied the transfer for the case:

$$\tau^* : H_n \rightarrow D_n$$

We recall from [1] a set of coset representatives for  $GL_n$  over  $U_n$ .

$\mathbb{F}_p^n$  is the  $(p^n - 1)$ -st cyclotomic field over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  and let  $\sigma_n$  be a primitive  $(p^n - 1)$ -st root of unity over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  of an irreducible factor of the  $(p^n - 1)$ -st cyclotomic polynomial  $x^{p^n-1} - 1$ . Then  $\mathbb{F}_p^{n*} = \langle \sigma_n \rangle$ . Let  $\Phi : \mathbb{F}_p^{n*} \cong V - \{\bar{0}\} \rightarrow \langle \sigma_n \rangle$  be the natural correspondence.  $\sigma_n$  acts linearly on  $V$  as follows:  $\sigma_n \bar{0} = \bar{0}$  and  $\sigma_n u = \sigma_n^{k+1}$  where  $\Phi(u) = \sigma_n^k$ . Note that the fixed point set of  $\sigma_n^m$  is the zero vector set.

Let  $W^{n-m+1} = \langle y_{n-m+1}, \dots, y_n \rangle$ , then  $(W^{n-m+1})^* = \langle \sigma_m \rangle$  as a multiplicative group and we denote the corresponding linear transformation again by the same symbol as above.

**Theorem 32** [1] *The set  $\{\sigma_n^{i_n} \dots \sigma_1^{i_1} \mid 0 \leq i_m < p^m - 1\}$  is a set of left coset representatives for  $GL_n$  over  $U_n$ .*

We generalize the previous theorem for parabolic subgroups. Let  $\mathfrak{S}_n(p-1)$  be the set of coset representatives of  $GL_n$  over  $B_n$ :

$$\{\langle \sigma_n \rangle / \langle \sigma_n^{l_{p-1}} \rangle \text{ such that } |\langle \sigma_n^{l_{p-1}} \rangle| = p - 1\}$$

Note that this set is induced by  $\mathbb{F}_p^{n*} \cong \langle y_1, \dots, y_n \rangle - \{\bar{0}\}$ .  $|\mathfrak{S}_n(p-1)| = \frac{p^n - 1}{p - 1}$ .

**Theorem 33** i) The set  $\{\sigma_n^{i_n} \cdots \sigma_1^{i_1} \mid 0 \leq i_m < p-1\}$  is a set of left coset representatives for  $B_n$  over  $U_n$ . Here  $\langle \sigma_i \rangle \cong \langle y_i \rangle - \{\bar{0}\}$ .

ii) The set  $\{\sigma_n^{i_n} \cdots \sigma_1^{i_1} \mid 0 \leq i_m < \frac{p^m-1}{p-1}\}$  is a set of left coset representatives for  $GL_n$  over  $B_n$ . Here  $\sigma_m^{i_m} \in \mathfrak{S}_m(p-1)$  induced by  $\langle y_{n-m+1}, \dots, y_n \rangle - \{\bar{0}\}$ .

iii) Let  $N = \{n_1, \dots, n_\ell\}$  and  $\nu_t = n_1 + \dots + n_t$ . The set  $\{\prod_{t=1}^{\ell} \sigma_{1,t}^{i_{1,t}} \cdots \sigma_{n_t,t}^{i_{n_t,t}} \mid 1 \leq s \leq n_t, 0 \leq i_{s,t} < \frac{p^s-1}{p-1}\}$  is a set of left coset representatives for  $P(N, n)$  over  $B_n$ . Here  $\sigma_{k_t,t}^{i_{k_t,t}} \in \mathfrak{S}_{k_t,t}(p-1)$  induced by  $\langle y_{\nu_t-k_t+1}, \dots, y_{\nu_t} \rangle - \{\bar{0}\}$ .

**Proof.** We use the following embedding:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & GL_k \end{pmatrix} \hookrightarrow (GL_{k+1}) \text{ and } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & GL_{n_\ell} \end{pmatrix} \hookrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} GL_{n_{\ell-1}} & 0 \\ 0 & GL_{n_\ell} \end{pmatrix}$$

We recall that  $|GL_n| = \prod_{i=1}^n p^n - p^{i-1} = (p^n - 1)p^{n-1}|GL_{n-1}|$ . The idea is to construct a set of representatives for the last block and to extend it step by step until we cover the whole group.

i) We use induction. Let  $C(B_{n-1}/U_{n-1})$  be a set of representatives for  $B_{n-1}$  over  $U_{n-1}$ . Let  $\sigma_n$  be a primitive element in  $\langle y_1 \rangle^*$ . This element has order  $p-1$ , acts linearly and moves every element of  $\langle y_1 \rangle$ . Since  $U_n$  fixes  $y_1$ ,  $\{\sigma_n^{i_n} \mid 0 \leq i_n < p-1\}C(B_{n-1}/U_{n-1}) = C(B_n/U_n)$ .

ii) Let  $C(GL_{n-1}/B_{n-1})$  be a set of representatives for  $GL_{n-1}$  over  $B_{n-1}$ . Let  $\sigma_n^i$  be an element in  $\mathfrak{S}_n(p-1)$ . This element has order  $p^n-1$ , acts linearly and moves every element of  $\langle y_1, \dots, y_n \rangle$ . Moreover,  $\sigma_n^i y_1^{p-1} \neq y_1^{p-1}$ . Since  $B_n$  fixes  $(y_1^{p-1})$ ,  $\mathfrak{S}_n(p-1)C(GL_{n-1}/B_{n-1}) = C(GL_n/B_n)$ .

iii) We only have to show that

$$C(\mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2)/B_{n_1+n_2}) = C(GL_{n_1}/B_{n_1})C(GL_{n_2}/B_{n_2})$$

and then the argument follows by induction on the number of blocks. To prove the claim we use induction on  $n_1$ . For  $n_1 = 2$ ,  $\mathfrak{S}_{1,1}(p-1) = \{e\}$  and  $\mathfrak{S}_{2,1}(p-1) = \{\sigma_{2,1}^i \mid 0 \leq i < p+1\}$ . Now the claim follows. ■



The method used above to determine coset representatives for  $\mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2)$  over  $B_n$  can not be applied for  $GL_n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2)$  for the same reasons as in a free module basis construction of the appropriate rings of invariants.

**Proposition 34** Let  $GL_n = \bigsqcup_{i=1}^{|GL_n:B_n|} \sigma_i B_n$  and  $\mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2) = \bigsqcup_{j=1}^{|\mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2):B_n|} \tau_j B_n$

as constructed before. Then  $GL_n = \bigsqcup_{k=1}^{|GL_n:\mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2)|} u_k B_n$  where  $u_k = \sigma_{i(k)}$  such that  $\sigma_{i(k)} \notin \mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2)$  and  $\sigma_{i(k)} \notin \sigma_{i(j)} \mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2)$  for  $k > j$ .

**Definition 35** Let the trace over the matrix  $\sigma_m$  be defined by  $Tr_m(-) = (p^m - 1)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{p^m-1} \sigma_m^i(-)$  and  $Tr_{m,t}^{(p-1)}(-) = \left(\frac{p^m-1}{p-1}\right)^{-1} \sum_{i=0}^{\frac{p^m-1}{p-1}} \sigma_{m,t}^{(p-1)i}(-)$ .

Then  $\tau^*(f) = \prod_m Tr_m(f)$  for  $H_n$  over  $G$  and  $\tau^*(f) = \prod_t \prod_m Tr_{m,t}^{(p-1)}(f)$  for  $B_n$  over  $G$ . Here  $G$  is  $\mathbb{F}_p(N, n)$  or  $GL_n$ .

Because of the properties of the matrices  $\sigma_m$  and the generators for  $D_n$ ,  $\mathbb{F}_p(N, n)$ ,  $B_n$ , and  $H_n$  we conclude:

$$\tau^*(h_1^{i_1} \cdots h_m^{i_m} \cdots h_n^{i_n}) = Tr_n(h_1^{i_1} \cdots Tr_{n-m+1}(h_m^{i_m} \cdots Tr_1(h_n^{i_n}) \cdots))$$

**Definition 36** Let  $b_i = h_i^{p-1}$  and  $TR_{i,t} = Tr_{i,t}^{(p-1)}$ .

$$\tau^*(b_1^{i_1} \cdots b_{n_1}^{i_{n_1}} b_{n_1+1}^{i_{n_1+1}} \cdots b_{\nu_{\ell-1}+1}^{i_{\nu_{\ell-1}+1}} \cdots b_{\nu_{\ell}}^{i_{\nu_{\ell}}}) = \prod_t TR_{n_t,t}(b_{\nu_{t-1}+1}^{i_{\nu_{t-1}+1}} \cdots TR_{1,t}(b_{\nu_t}^{i_{\nu_t}}) \cdots).$$

Let  $\xi : H_n \rightarrow D_n$  be the natural  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -epimorphism. Campbell and Hughes have shown that the map  $\xi$  is actually the induced transfer map between  $U_n$  and  $GL_n$ -invariants. We showed that the same is true for  $\xi : H_n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2)$  in [3].

Next we consider the map above for parabolic subgroups:  $\xi : \mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2) \rightarrow D_n$ .

The next lemma plays a key role in the proof of the main theorem of this section.

**Lemma 37**  $\sum_{u \in V} u^r \begin{cases} = 0 & \text{if } r \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p^n - 1} \\ \neq 0 & \text{if } r \equiv 0 \pmod{p^n - 1} \end{cases}$  in  $\mathbb{F}_p[V]$ .

**Proof.** Let  $u \in V^*$ . Since  $|V^*| = (p-1)(p^{n-1} + \dots + 1)$ , we write its elements as follows:

$\{a_i(y_i + v_i) \mid a_i \in \mathbb{F}_p^*, v_i \in \langle y_{i-1}, \dots, y_1 \rangle\}$ . We use induction on  $n$ . For  $n = 1$ ,  $\sum a^{(p-1)k} y_1^{(p-1)k} = (p-1)y_1^{(p-1)k}$ . If  $r \neq (p-1)k$ , then  $\sum a^r = 0$ . Let  $r = 0 \pmod{(p^n - 1)}$ , then  $a_i^r = 1$ . Hence,  $\sum_{a_n} a_n^r (y_n + v_n)^r = (p-1)(y_n + v_n)^r$ .  $\sum_{v_n} (y_n + v_n)^{(p^n-1)} = \sum_{v_n} \sum y_n^{p^n-1-t} v_n^t$ . The last sum contains the term  $\sum_{v_n} y_n^{p^n-p^{n-1}} v_n^{p^n-1-1}$  which is non-zero by induction. The second claim follows. For the first claim, if  $r \neq 0 \pmod{(p-1)}$ , then  $\sum a_i^r (y_i + v_i)^r = 0$ . Otherwise,  $\sum_{a_i} a_i^r (y_i + v_i)^r = (p-1)(y_i + v_i)^r$ . Now,  $\sum_{u \in V} u^r = (p-1) \sum_{i,v_i} (y_i + v_i)^r = \sum_{v_n} (p-1)(y_n + v_n)^r + v_n^r$ . Let  $y_n = 0$ , then our sum is zero and hence divisible by  $y_n$ . On the other hand, this sum is a  $GL_n$ -invariant. Thus, this sum is divisible by  $d_{n,0}$ . ■

**Remark 4** Let  $r = (p-1)k \neq 0 \pmod{(p^n - 1)}$ . By lemma above,  $\sum_{u \in V} u^r = (p-1) \sum_{i,v_i} (y_i + v_i)^r = 0$ . Hence  $\sum_{i,v_i} (y_i + v_i)^{(p-1)k} = 0$ .

**Lemma 38**  $TR_{n_t-m+1,t}(b_{\nu_{t-1}+m}^{i_m}) = 0$  for  $b_{\nu_{t-1}+m}^{i_m} = h_{\nu_{t-1}+m}^{(p-1)i_m}$  in  $B_{\mathbb{F}_p(N,n)}(\mathbb{F}_p[V]^{B_n})$ .

**Proof.** By definition,  $TR_{n_t-m+1,t}(b_{\nu_{t-1}+m}^{i_m}) = \sum_{s=0} \sigma_{n_t-m+1,t}^s(b_{\nu_{t-1}+m}^{i_m})$ . Here  $0 \leq i_m < \frac{p^m-1}{p-1}$ ,  $1 < m \leq n_t$ . For the rest of the proof, let us simplify the coefficients  $\sigma_{n_t-m+1,t}^s \rightarrow \sigma_m^s$  and  $b_{\nu_{t-1}+m}^{i_m} \rightarrow b_m^{i_m}$ . We recall that  $\sigma_m^s$  is a primitive element in  $\langle y_{\nu_{t-1}+m}, \dots, y_{\nu_t} \rangle^*$  and fixes  $y_t$  for  $t < \nu_{t-1} + m$ . Recall that  $h_m(y_m) = y_m^{p^m-1} + \sum (-1)^i d_{m-1,i} y_m^i$ ,  $h_m$  is linear in  $y_m$ . Now, we evaluate the sum in the argument.  $\sum_{s=0} \sigma_m^s(h_m^{(p-1)i_m}) = \sum_{s=0} \left( h_m^{(p-1)i_m}(\sigma_m^s y_m) \right) = \sum_{i,u_i} \left( h_m^{(p-1)i_m}(y_i + u_i) \right)$ . Here  $i = \nu_{t-1} + m, \dots, \nu_t$  and  $u_i \in \langle y_{\nu_{t-1}+m}, \dots, y_i \rangle$ . The last sum is zero, because of remark 4. ■

A direct application of the last lemma and remark 35 is the next theorem.

**Theorem 39** *i)* Let  $h \neq 1$  be an element of the set  $B_{\mathbb{F}_p[V]^{B_n}}(H_n)$ . Then  $\tau^*(h) = 0$ .

*ii)* Let  $h(p-1) \neq 1$  be an element of the set  $B_{\mathbb{F}_p(N,n)}(\mathbb{F}_p[V]^{B_n})$ . Then  $\tau^*(h(p-1)) = 0$ .

The next theorem follows from last.

**Theorem 40** *i) Let  $\xi : H_n \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}_p[V]^{B_n}$  be the natural  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -epimorphism. Then  $\xi = \tau^*$ .*

*ii) Let  $\xi : \mathbb{F}_p[V]^{B_n} \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}_p(N, n)$  be the natural  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -epimorphism. Then  $\xi = \tau^*$ .*

The obvious step at this point is to extend the statements above to  $\tau^* : \mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2) \rightarrow D_n$ . Let  $B$  denote the set  $B_{D_n}(\mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2))$ .

**Theorem 41** *Let  $\xi : \mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2) \longrightarrow D_n$  be the natural  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -epimorphism with respect to basis  $B$ . Then  $\xi = \tau^*$ .*

**Proof.** The statement follows from the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{F}_p[V]^{B_n} & \xrightarrow{\tau=\xi} & \mathbb{F}_p(n_1, n_2) \\ & \searrow \tau=\xi & \downarrow \\ & & D_n \end{array}$$

Here  $\tau$  and  $\xi$  refer to the right map. ■

Kuhn and Priddy have examined a multiplicative property of the transfer between certain subgroups of the symmetric group in [5]. We examine an analogy between certain rings of invariants.

**Lemma 42** *Let  $h^I$  be an element of the set  $B_{D_n}(H_n)$ . Then  $\exists h^J$ , an other basis element, such that  $\tau^*(h^{I+J}) \neq 0$ .*

**Proof.** We provide two different types of elements.

i) Let  $I = (i_1, \dots, i_n)$ , we define  $J = (j_1, \dots, j_n)$  such that

$$j_t = \begin{cases} p^{n-t+1} - 1 - i_t, & i_t \neq 0 \\ 0, & i_t = 0 \end{cases}$$

Claim:  $\tau^*(h^{I+J}) = \prod_{t=0}^{n-1} d_{n,t}^{\varepsilon_t}$  where  $\varepsilon_t = 1$  if  $i_t \neq 0$  and 0 otherwise. We pro-

ceed by induction on the non-zero indexes of  $I$ . It is known that  $h_t^{p^{n-t+1}-1} = d_{n,t-1} + \text{"others"}$  ([3]). Let us recall that this is the way the basis  $B_{D_n}(\mathbb{F}_p[V]^{B_n})$  was constructed. Moreover,  $\tau^*(f) = 0$  for all monomials  $f$  involved in

"others". Thus  $h^{I+J} = \prod_{t=0}^{n-1} d_{n,t}^{\varepsilon_t} + \text{"others"}$  and  $\tau^*(f) = 0$  for all monomials  $f$  involved in "others".

ii) There also exists an other element  $h^J$  of degree less or equal than the degree of  $h^I$  defined above. Let  $l = \max\{t | i_t \neq 0\}$  and  $\{i_{s_1}, \dots, i_{s_r} = l\}$  be the non-zero elements of  $I$ . Define

$$j'_t = \begin{cases} p^{n-l+1} - 1 - i_l & \\ p^{n-i_{s_t}+1} - 1 - i_{s_t} & \text{for } t < r, i_{s_t} > p^{i_{s_{t+1}}-i_{s_t}}(p^{n-i_{s_{t+1}}+1} - 1) \\ p^{i_{s_{t+1}}-i_{s_t}}(p^{n-i_{s_{t+1}}+1} - 1) - i_{s_t} & \text{for } t < r, 0 < i_{s_t} \leq p^{i_{s_{t+1}}-i_{s_t}}(p^{n-i_{s_{t+1}}+1} - 1) \\ 0 & \text{for } i_{s_t} = 0 \text{ or } t > l \end{cases}$$

Then  $\tau^*(h^{I+J}) \neq 0$ . This is because

$$h_{i_{s_{t+1}}}^{p^{n-i_{s_{t+1}}+1}-1} = d_{n,i_{s_{t+1}}-1} - h_{i_{s_t}}^{p^{i_{s_{t+1}}-i_{s_t}}(p^{n-i_{s_{t+1}}+1}-1)} + \text{"others"}. \blacksquare$$

**Proposition 43** Let  $h = \sum_{h^I \in B_{D_n}(H_n)} h^I$ , then  $\tau^*(hf) \neq 0$  for any non-zero element of  $H_n$ .

**Proof.** We apply last lemma for  $f$  a monomial of the form  $h'd$  where  $h'$  is a basis element and  $d \in D_n$ . Then we extend linearly for any element of  $H_n$ .  $\blacksquare$

**Remark 5** Lemma and Proposition above extend easily to the case  $B_{D_n}(\mathbb{F}_p[V]^{B_n})$ .

**Theorem 44** Let  $\tau^* : \mathbb{F}_p[V]^G \rightarrow D_n$  be the transfer map, where  $G = U_n$  or  $B_n$ . Let  $x, y \in H_n$  or  $\mathbb{F}_p[V]^{B_n}$ . Then  $\tau^*(xy) = \tau^*(x)\tau^*(y)$  for all  $y$  iff  $x \in D_n$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\tau^*(x) = z$  and  $\tau^*(y) = w$ . Now decompose  $x$  and  $y$  with respect to the given basis, then  $x = z + h_x$  and  $y = w + h_y$ . Hence  $\tau^*(xy) = zw + \tau^*(h_x h_y)$ . The last implies that  $\tau^*(h_x h_y) = 0$  and  $\tau^*(h_x) = 0$ . We shall show that  $h_x = 0$ . Assume that  $h_x \neq 0$ . Choose  $h_y = \sum_{h^I \in B_{D_n}(H_n)} h^I$  then

$$h_x h_y = d_{xy} + h_{xy} \text{ and } \tau^*(h_{xy}) = 0. \text{ Thus } \tau^*(h_x h_y) = d_{xy}. \blacksquare$$

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