

We let  $g = \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (1 - x_j z)$ . Let  $F_a$  for  $a = 0, \dots, n-1$  be the formal power series in  $z$  defined by  $F_a = \frac{1}{1-x_a z} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{c}{k} (g-1)^k \right)$  where  $\binom{c}{k} = \frac{c(c-1)\dots(c-k+1)}{k!}$ . We note that the coefficients of this power series lie in  $A$ ; we will get the generators of the ideal  $J$  from these coefficients.

**Proposition 0.1.** *Let  $f_a$  be the coefficient of  $z^p$  in the power series  $F_a$ . Then  $f_a$  for  $a = 0, \dots, n-1$  are annihilated by the Dunkl operators.*

*Proof.* Taking the Dunkl operator of an element of  $A$  consists of taking derivatives in the  $x_i$ , dividing by polynomials in the  $x_i$ , and letting the symmetric group act on the  $x_i$ , in addition to linear operations. We see that this means we can apply the Dunkl operators to  $F_a$  and check that the coefficient of  $z^p$  in the result is 0 to show that the Dunkl operators annihilate the  $f_a$ .

We note that each  $F_a$  is symmetric in the  $x_i$  not including  $x_a$ , and that for any transposition  $s_{ab} \in \Sigma_n$ ,  $s_{ab}F_a = F_b$ . Therefore we need only consider the action of the Dunkl operators on  $F_0$ . We also note that  $\mathfrak{h}$  is spanned by  $y_i - y_0$  for  $0 < i \leq n-1$ ; if the Dunkl operator corresponding to  $y_j$  is  $D_j$ , then using the fact that  $F_0$  is symmetric in the  $x_i$  with  $i \neq 0$ , we need only show that  $(D_1 - D_0)(F_0)$  has  $z^p$  coefficient 0 to show that all of the  $f_a$  are annihilated by the Dunkl operators.

We also note that adding powers  $z^k$  with  $k > p$  will not change the value of the  $z^p$  coefficient in  $(D_1 - D_0)(F_0)$ . In particular, we note that since  $x_0 + \dots + x_{n-1} = 0$  divides the coefficient of  $z$  in  $g$ , we have  $z^2 \mid g - 1$ . Then since  $p > 2$ , we note that  $z^{p+1} \mid z^{2p-2} \mid (g-1)^{p-1}$ . Therefore we can add multiples of  $(g-1)^{p-1}$  when taking the Dunkl operator's action on  $F_0$ , since even when multiplied by another power series it cannot contribute anything to the coefficient of  $z^p$ . We also note that we can add  $n$  times any multiple of  $F_0$  since  $n \equiv 0 \pmod p$ .

Using the allowed manipulations and the fact that  $x_{n-1} = -x_0 + \dots - x_{n-2}$ , we see that  $\frac{\partial F_0}{\partial x_1} = \left( \frac{zc}{1-x_{n-1}z} - \frac{zc}{1-x_1z} \right) F_0$  and  $\frac{\partial F_0}{\partial x_0} = \left( \frac{zc}{1-x_{n-1}z} + \frac{z(1-c)}{1-x_1z} \right) F_0$  up to the  $z^p$  coefficient, which is all that we need.

We note that when  $0 < i, j$  we have  $\frac{1-s_{ij}}{x_i-x_j} (F_0) = 0$ . We also see that for  $0 < i \leq n-1$  we have  $\frac{1-s_{ij}}{x_i-x_j} (F_0) = \frac{z}{1-x_iz} F_0$ .

We also consider  $\frac{\partial F_0}{\partial z}$ ; up to the addition of some multiple of  $(g-1)^{p-1}$ , this is equal to  $\frac{x_0}{1-x_0z} F_0 - \sum_{j \geq 0} \frac{-x_j c}{1-x_j z} F_0$ .

Then we see that:

$$\begin{aligned}
(D_1 - D_0)(F_0) &= \frac{\partial F_0}{\partial x_1} - \frac{\partial F_0}{\partial x_0} - c \frac{1 - s_{01}}{x_1 - x_0}(F_0) + c \sum_{j>0} \frac{1 - s_{0j}}{x_0 - x_j}(F_0) \\
&= \left( \frac{zc}{1 - x_{n-1}z} - \frac{zc}{1 - x_1z} \right) F_0 - \left( \frac{zc}{1 - x_{n-1}z} + \frac{z(1-c)}{1 - x_1z} \right) F_0 + \frac{zc}{1 - x_1z} F_0 + \sum_{j>0} \frac{zc}{1 - x_jz} F_0 \\
&= \frac{z(c-1)}{1 - x_0z} F_0 + \sum_{j>0} \frac{zc}{1 - x_jz} F_0 \\
&= -\frac{z}{1 - x_0z} f_0 + \sum_j \frac{zc}{1 - x_jz} f_0 \\
&= -\frac{z}{1 - x_0z} f_0 + \left( \sum_j \frac{zc}{1 - x_jz} f_0 \right) - nzc f_0 \\
&= -zf_0 + \frac{z - x_0z^2}{1 - x_0z} f_0 - \frac{z}{1 - x_0z} f_0 + \left( \sum_j \frac{-zc + x_jcz^2}{1 - x_jz} f_0 + \frac{zc}{1 - x_jz} f_0 \right) \\
&= -zf_0 + \frac{-x_0z^2}{1 - x_0z} f_0 + \left( \sum_j \frac{x_jcz^2}{1 - x_jz} f_0 \right) \\
&= -zf_0 - z^2 \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial z}
\end{aligned}$$

Then if  $b$  is the coefficient of  $z^{p-1}$  in  $f_0$ , we see that the coefficient of  $z^p$  in  $-zf_0$  is  $-b$ , and the coefficient of  $z^p$  in  $-z^2 \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial z}$  is  $-(p-1)b = b$ . Therefore the coefficient of  $z^p$  in  $(D_1 - D_0)(F_0)$  is  $-b + b = 0$ ; this means that  $(D_1 - D_0)(f_0) = 0$ .

Then as we discussed above, the symmetry of the  $f_a$  means that all the  $f_a$  are annihilated by the Dunkl operators, as desired. □

**Proposition 0.2.** *The  $f_a$  for  $a = 0, \dots, n-2$  are linearly independent, with  $f_{n-1} = -\sum_{a=0}^{n-2} f_a$ .*

*Proof.* We recall that  $F_a = \frac{1}{1-x_az} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{c}{k} (g-1)^k \right) = \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x_a^k z^k \right) \left( \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{c}{k} (g-1)^k \right)$ . It is then clear that  $f_a$  is a homogeneous polynomial in the  $x_i$  of degree  $p$ , since the coefficient of  $z^k$  for any  $k$  in  $F_a$  is a homogeneous polynomial in the  $x_i$  of degree  $k$  for all  $k$  (this follows from the fact that this is true in both multiplicands in  $F_a$ ).

We also note that:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{a=0}^{n-1} F_a &= \left( \sum_a \frac{1}{1-x_az} \right) \left( \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{c}{k} (g-1)^k \right) \\
&= \left( \sum_a \frac{1}{1-x_az} \right) \left( \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{c}{k} (g-1)^k \right) - n \left( \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{c}{k} (g-1)^k \right) \\
&= \left( \sum_a \frac{x_az - 1}{1-x_az} + \frac{1}{1-x_az} \right) \left( \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{c}{k} (g-1)^k \right) \\
&= \left( \frac{-x_az}{1-x_az} \right) \left( \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{c}{k} (g-1)^k \right) \\
&= \frac{z}{c} \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} c \binom{c}{k} (g-1)^k \right) \\
&= z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{c}{k} (g-1)^k \right)
\end{aligned}$$

This equality only holds up to the  $z^p$  coefficient, since we implicitly add a multiple of  $(g-1)^{p-1}$  in the last step.

Then the coefficient of  $z^p$  in this sum is the coefficient of  $z^{p-1}$  in  $\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{c}{k} (g-1)^k \right)$ , which is  $p$  times the coefficient of  $z^p$  in  $\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{c}{k} (g-1)^k$ , which must be 0 since we are in characteristic  $p$ . The coefficient of  $z^p$  in this sum is also  $\sum_{a=0}^{n-1} f_a$ , so we have  $\sum_{a=0}^{n-1} f_a = 0$ , and  $f_{n-1} = -\sum_{a=0}^{n-2} f_a$ .

We note that we can write the  $f_a$  as polynomials in  $c$  with coefficients from the polynomial ring  $\mathbb{F}_p[x_i]$ ; we can therefore consider the ‘constant term’ of  $f_a$  as a polynomial in  $c$ . Recall that  $f_a$  is the coefficient of  $z^p$  in  $F_a = (\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x_a^k z^k) \left( \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \binom{c}{k} (g-1)^k \right)$ . Then as polynomials it is clear that  $c \mid \binom{c}{k}$  for all  $k > 0$ ; therefore when trying to find the constant term of the coefficient of  $z^p$ , we can ignore the terms with  $k > 0$  in the second multiplicand. The term for  $k = 0$  is just 1; it is then clear that the constant term (the coefficient of  $c^0$ ) of  $f_a$  is  $x_a^p$ .

If  $\sum_{a=0}^{n-2} \lambda_a f_a = 0$  for some  $\lambda_a$  rational functions in  $c$ , we can multiply through by a least common denominator and assume the  $\lambda_a$  are polynomials in  $c$ . Then the constant term of this sum is  $\sum_{a=0}^{n-2} C(\lambda_a) x_a^p$  where  $C(\lambda_a)$  represents the constant term of  $\lambda_a$ . Since the  $x_a^p$  for  $a = 0, \dots, n-2$  are clearly linearly independent, we see that  $C(\lambda_a)$  must be 0 for  $a = 0, \dots, n-2$ . Then we can factor out  $c$  from all of the  $\lambda_a$ , since if  $\sum_{a=0}^{n-2} \lambda_a f_a = 0$ , we have  $\sum_{a=0}^{n-2} \frac{1}{c} \lambda_a f_a = 0$  as well; we have that  $\frac{1}{c} \lambda_a$  is a polynomial since the constant terms in all the  $\lambda_a$  are 0. Then we see that by the same logic, the constant terms of  $\lambda_a/c$  for all  $a$  are 0, so the coefficient of  $c$  in all of the  $\lambda_a$  is 0. This means that  $c^2 \mid \lambda_a$  for all  $a$ , so we can perform the same calculation again to get that the coefficient of  $c^2$  is 0 and so forth. If  $e = \max_a \deg \lambda_a$ , we need only apply this logic  $e$  times to show that the coefficients of  $e = 1, c, \dots, c^e$  in all of the  $\lambda_a$  are 0, meaning all of the  $\lambda_a$  are 0.

Then since  $\sum_{a=0}^{n-2} \lambda_a f_a = 0$  means all the  $\lambda_a$  are 0, we see that  $f_a$  for  $a = 0, \dots, n-2$  are linearly independent as desired. □

let  $I$  the ideal generated by  $f_a$

**Proposition 0.3.**  $A/I$  is a complete intersection.

**Theorem 0.4.** *The  $f_a$  generate the ideal  $J$ ;  $A/J$  has Hilbert series  $\left(\frac{1-t^p}{1-t}\right)^{n-1}$ .*