

1. Introduction

The main purpose of this paper is to generalize results on modules over the Weyl algebra which appeared in [1]. Results in [1] have been obtained in a geometric context. This paper is partially expository in nature. Section 2.2 has been presented at the 9th International Conference on Mathematical Modeling in Physical Sciences to describe the action of the rational quantum Calogero–Moser system on polynomials. For the sake of clarity, we reformulate it here in a more algebraic context.

A prevailing idea in representation theory is that larger structures can be understood by breaking them up into their smallest pieces. Also the natural framework of algebraic geometry is one of the polynomials and, the development of modern algebra has given a particular status to polynomials. In this vein, we study polynomial rings as modules over a ring of invariant differential operators by elaborating its irreducible submodules. We know that the direct image of a simple module under a proper map \( \pi \) is semisimple by the decomposition theorem [2]. The simplest case is when the map \( \pi \): \( X = \text{spec} B \longrightarrow Y = \text{spec} A \) is finite; in such case, it is easy to give an elementary and wholly algebraic proof, using essentially the generic correspondence with the differential Galois group, which equals the ordinary group \( G \). The irreducible submodules of the direct image are in one-to-one correspondence with the irreducible representations of \( G \) (see [1]). In the case of the invariants of the symmetric group, \( B = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \ldots, x_n] A = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \ldots, x_n] \sigma^\alpha = \mathbb{C}[y_1, \ldots, y_n] \), an explicit basis of the \( A \)-module structure of \( B \) is given by \( H_n = \{ x^\alpha | \alpha_i \leq n - i, 1 \leq i \leq n \} \). In what follows, we endowed \( B \) with a differential structure by using directly the action of the Weyl algebra associated to \( A \) after a localization. We use the representation theory of symmetric groups to exhibit the generators of its simple components.

The approach in this paper is different from the one in [1].

Secondly, we give a geometric interpretation of the ordinary Specht polynomials which are defined as combinatorial objects [3–5].

Finally, using Brauer’s characterization of characters, we give a partial generalization to arbitrary finite maps of the fact that factors of the discriminant of a finite map \( \pi: \text{spec} B \longrightarrow \text{spec} A \) generate the irreducible factors of the direct image of \( B \) under the map \( \pi \).

1.1. Preliminaries: Specht Polynomials and Specht Modules.

In this section, we recall some general facts about the actions of symmetric group on polynomial ring. The symmetric group \( \sigma_n \) is the group of permutations of the set of variables \( \{ x_1, \ldots, x_n \} \). Let \( g \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \ldots, x_n] \) be a polynomial, and \( \sigma \in \sigma_n \); we define

\[
(\sigma g)(x_1, \ldots, x_n) = g(\sigma x_1, \ldots, \sigma x_n).
\]

(1)

Peel gave the construction of irreducible submodules of \( \mathbb{C}[x_1, \ldots, x_n] \) in the following way [4].

By a partition of \( n \), we mean a sequence \( \lambda = (\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_r) \) such that...
Let \( \lambda = (\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_r) \) be a partition; we arrange the variables \( x_1, \ldots, x_n \) in an array, with \( r \) rows and \( \lambda_1 \) columns, containing a variable in the first \( \lambda_j \) positions of the \( j \)th row; each variable occurs exactly once in the array. For example, one such array for the partition \((4, 2, 1)\) of 7 is

\[
\begin{array}{cccc}
x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 \\
x_5 & x_6 & x_7 &
\end{array}
\]

\[
\text{(3)}
\]

and such an array is called a \( \lambda \)-tableau. There are \( n! \lambda \)-tableaux for each partition \( \lambda \) of \( n \). We shall denote such tableaux by \( t \). Suppose that the variables \( a_1, \ldots, a_l \) occur in \( j \)th column of \( \lambda \)-tableau \( t \), with \( a_i \) in the \( i \)th row, we form the difference product \( \Delta(a_1, \ldots, a_l) = \prod_{i < k} (a_i - a_k) \), if \( l > 1 \), and if \( l = 1 \), \( \Delta(a_1) = 1 \). Multiplying these difference products for all the columns of \( t \), we obtain a polynomial which we denote by \( f(t) \). For \( \sigma \in S_n \), let \( \sigma t \) be the tableau obtained from \( t \) by replacing \( x_i \) in \( t \) by \( \sigma x_i \). Then, \( \sigma f(t) = f(\sigma t) \). It follows that the set of all linear combinations of the \( n! \) polynomials \( f(t) \), obtained from the \( \lambda \)-tableaux \( t \), is a cyclic \( \mathbb{C}[S_n] \)-module generated by any \( f(t) \). We denote this module by \( S^\lambda \). A \( \lambda \)-tableau is said to be standard if the variables occur in increasing order \( (x_i > x_j \text{ if } i > j) \) along each row from left to right and down each column. Peel proved the following in [4].

**Theorem 1.** \( B^\lambda = \{ f(t) : t \text{ is a standard } \lambda \text{-tableau} \} \) is a basis of \( S^\lambda \).

We call \( f(t) \) the Specht polynomial corresponding to the \( \lambda \)-tableau \( t \), we call \( S^\lambda \) the Specht module corresponding to the partition \( \lambda \), and \( f(t) \) is a standard Specht polynomial if \( t \) is a standard tableau.

**Theorem 2.** \( S^\lambda \) for \( \lambda \)-\( n \) forms a complete list of irreducible \( \delta_n \)-module over the complex field.

## 2. Geometric Interpretation of the Specht Polynomials

In this section, we establish a decomposition theorem and give a geometric interpretation of the Specht polynomials.

### 2.1. Notation

Let \( D_X = \mathbb{C}\langle x_1, \ldots, x_n, \partial/\partial x_1, \ldots, \partial/\partial x_n \rangle \) be the ring of differential operators associated to \( \mathcal{O}_X = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \ldots, x_n] \), and let \( \mathcal{O}_Y = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \ldots, x_n]^{\delta_n} = \mathbb{C}[y_1, \ldots, y_n] \) be the ring of invariant under the symmetric group \( \delta_n \) where

\[
y_j = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^j, \quad \text{for } j = 1, \ldots, n.
\]

We denote by \( D_Y = \mathbb{C}\langle y_1, \ldots, y_n, \partial/\partial y_1, \ldots, \partial/\partial y_n \rangle \) the ring of differential operators associated to \( \mathcal{O}_Y = \mathbb{C}[y_1, \ldots, y_n] \). Since \( \mathcal{O}_X \) is a simple \( D_X \)-module [6], the direct image \( \pi_* (\mathcal{O}_X) \) of \( \mathcal{O}_X \) under the map \( \pi : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n/\delta_n \) is semisimple [2]. We would like to study \( \mathcal{O}_X \) as a \( D_Y \)-module without the machinery of the direct image structure but by the direct actions of \( D_Y \) on \( \mathcal{O}_X \). By localization, \( \mathcal{O}_X \) can be turned into a \( D_Y \)-module, as the following lemma states.

**Lemma 1.** Let \( A = (a_{i,j}^{-1})_{1 \leq i,j \leq p_n} \), \( \Delta = \det(A) \), and \( \mathcal{O}_X = \mathcal{O}_X[\Delta^{-1}] \) and let \( \mathcal{O}_Y = \mathcal{O}_Y[\Delta^{-1}] \) be the localization of \( D_Y \) at \( \Delta \). Then, \( \mathcal{O}_X \) is a \( D_Y \)-module.

**Proof.** Let us make clear the actions of \( \mathcal{O}_Y \) on \( \mathcal{O}_X \).

We have \( y_j = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^j / j!, \quad j = 1, \ldots, n \), and hence \( \partial/\partial y_j = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^j/ i! \partial/\partial x_i \), \( j = 1, \ldots, n \). We get the following equation:

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
\frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \\
\vdots \\
\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}
\end{pmatrix} = A
\begin{pmatrix}
\frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} \\
\vdots \\
\frac{\partial}{\partial y_n}
\end{pmatrix},
\]

Since \( \Delta \neq 0 \), it follows that

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
\frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} \\
\vdots \\
\frac{\partial}{\partial y_n}
\end{pmatrix} = A^{-1}
\begin{pmatrix}
\frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \\
\vdots \\
\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}
\end{pmatrix},
\]

and it is clear that \( \mathcal{O}_X \) is a \( D_Y \)-module.

What are the simple components \( \mathcal{O}_X \) as \( D_Y \)-module and their multiplicities? \( \square \)

**Example 1.** For \( n = 2 \), \( \mathcal{O}_Y = \mathbb{C}[x_1, x_2, \partial/\partial y_1, \partial/\partial y_2, \Delta^{-1}] \) and \( \mathcal{O}_X = \mathbb{C}[x_1, x_2, \Delta^{-1}] \) where \( \Delta = x_1 - x_2 \) and

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
\frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} \\
\frac{\partial}{\partial y_2}
\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}
\frac{x_2}{x_2-x_1} & \frac{x_1}{x_2-x_1} \\
\frac{-1}{x_2-x_1} & \frac{1}{x_2-x_1}
\end{pmatrix}
\]

We have that

\[
\mathcal{O}_X = M_1 \oplus M_2,
\]

where \( M_1 = \mathcal{O}_Y[\Delta^{-1}] \) and \( M_2 = \mathcal{O}_Y(x_1 - x_2) \) are \( D_Y \)-simple modules.

### 2.2. Simple Components and Their Multiplicities

In this section, we state our first main result. We use the representation theory of symmetric groups to yield results on modules over the ring of differential operators. It is well known that
Let us consider the multiplicative closed set $S = \{ \Delta^k \}_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathcal{O}_X$. It follows that

$$S^{-1}\mathcal{O}_X = \mathcal{C}[\mathcal{S}_n] \otimes S^{-1}\mathcal{O}_Y \text{ as } S^{-1}\mathcal{O}_Y - \text{modules},$$

where $S^{-1}\mathcal{O}_X$ and $S^{-1}\mathcal{O}_Y$ are the localization of $\mathcal{O}_X$ and $\mathcal{O}_Y$ at $S$, respectively. But $S^{-1}\mathcal{O}_X = \mathcal{O}_X$ and $S^{-1}\mathcal{O}_Y = \mathcal{O}_Y$, whereby we get

$$\mathcal{O}_X = \mathcal{C}[\mathcal{S}_n] \otimes \overline{\mathcal{O}} \text{ as } \mathcal{S}_n - \text{modules}.$$  

**Lemma 2.** There exists an injective map

$$\mathcal{C}[\mathcal{S}_n] \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{O}_X, \overline{\mathcal{O}}).$$

**Proof.** The $\mathcal{S}_n$-module $\mathcal{C}[\mathcal{S}_n]$ acts on itself by multiplication, and this multiplication yields an injective map $\mathcal{C}[\mathcal{S}_n] \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{C}[\mathcal{S}_n], \mathcal{C}[\mathcal{S}_n])$. Since $\overline{\mathcal{O}}$ is invariant under this action of $\mathcal{C}[\mathcal{S}_n]$, we get the expected injective map. $\square$

**Proposition 1.** There exists an injective map

$$\mathcal{C}[\mathcal{S}_n] \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}_Y}(\mathcal{O}_X, \overline{\mathcal{O}}).$$

**Proof.** Since $\mathcal{D}_Y = \mathcal{C}\langle y_1, \ldots, y_n, \partial y_1, \ldots, \partial y_n, \Delta^{-2} \rangle$, we only need to show that every element of $\mathcal{C}[\mathcal{S}_n]$ commutes with $y_1, \ldots, y_n, \partial y_1, \ldots, \partial y_n$.

(i) It is clear that every element of $\mathcal{C}[\mathcal{S}_n]$ commutes with $y_i$, $i = 1, \ldots, n$.

(ii) Let us show that every element of $\mathcal{C}[\mathcal{S}_n]$ commutes with $\partial y_i$, $i = 1, \ldots, n$. Let $\Delta$ be a derivation on the field $\overline{\mathcal{O}} = \mathcal{C}\langle y_1, \ldots, y_n \rangle$ (the field of fractions of $\mathcal{O}_Y$); then, $(\overline{\mathcal{O}}, \Delta)$ is a differential field. Since $\overline{\mathcal{O}} = \mathcal{C}\langle x_1, \ldots, x_n \rangle$ (the field of fractions of $\mathcal{O}_X$) is a Galois extension of $\overline{\mathcal{O}}$, by [7, Theorem 6.2.6] there exists a unique derivation on $\overline{\mathcal{O}}$ which extends $\Delta$; then, $(\overline{\mathcal{O}}, \Delta)$ is also a differential ring. In the same way, $\sigma^{-1}D\sigma = D$ for every $\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_n$. Therefore, $\sigma D = D\sigma$ and $\sigma$ commute with $D$. $\square$

**Corollary 1**

$$\mathcal{C}[\mathcal{S}_n] \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}_Y}(\overline{\mathcal{O}}, \overline{\mathcal{O}}).$$

**Proof.** see [[11], Corollary 2.6]. Before we state our first main result, let us recall some facts.

By Maschke’s theorem [[9], Chap XVIII], we know that $\mathcal{C}[\mathcal{S}_n]$ is a semisimple ring, and

$$\mathcal{C}[\mathcal{S}_n] = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbb{N}} R_k,$$

where the sum is taken over all the partitions of $n$ and $R_k$ are simple rings. We have the following corresponding decomposition of the identity element of $\mathcal{C}[\mathcal{S}_n]$:

$$1 = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} r_k,$$

where $r_k$ is the identity element of $R_k$, $r_k^2 = 1$ and $r_k r_{k'} = 0$ if $k \neq k'$, and the set $\{r_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ is the set of central idempotents of $\mathcal{C}[\mathcal{S}_n]$.

Let $n$ be a positive integer, $\lambda$ be a partition of $n$, $\text{Tab}(\lambda)$ be the set of standard tableau of shape $\lambda$, and $\text{Tab}(n) = \cup_{\lambda \vdash n} \text{Tab}(\lambda)$. We have $r_\lambda = \sum e_i \in \text{Tab}(\lambda)$ where $e_i$ is the primitive idempotent associated to the standard tableau $t \in \text{Tab}(\lambda)$ (see [10]). $\square$

**Theorem 3.** For every primitive idempotent $e_i \in \mathcal{C}[\mathcal{S}_n]$,

(1) $e_i \overline{\mathcal{O}}$ is a nontrivial $\mathcal{D}_Y$-submodule of $\overline{\mathcal{O}}$

(2) The $\mathcal{D}_Y$-module $e_i \overline{\mathcal{O}}$ is simple

(3) There exist a partition $\lambda \vdash n$ and a Specht polynomial $p_\lambda$ associated to a standard tableau of shape $\lambda$ such that $e_i \overline{\mathcal{O}} = \mathcal{D}_Y p_\lambda$

**Proof.**

(1) Let $e_i \in \mathcal{C}[\mathcal{S}_n]$ be a primitive idempotent; by [10, Theorem 4.3], there exists a Specht polynomial $p_\lambda$ such that $e_i p_\lambda$ is a scalar multiple of $p_\lambda$; then, $0 \neq p_\lambda \in e_i \overline{\mathcal{O}}$ and $e_i \overline{\mathcal{O}} \neq \{0\}$. Since $e_i$ commutes with every element of $\mathcal{D}_Y$ and $\overline{\mathcal{O}}$ is a $\mathcal{D}_Y$-module, it follows that $e_i \overline{\mathcal{O}}$ is a $\mathcal{D}_Y$-module.

(2) Assume that $1 = \sum_{i \leq s} e_i$, where $\{e_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq s}$ is the set of primitive idempotents of $\mathcal{C}[\mathcal{S}_n]$; then, $\overline{\mathcal{O}} = \sum_{i \leq s} e_i \overline{\mathcal{O}}$. Let $m \in e_i \overline{\mathcal{O}} \cap e_j \overline{\mathcal{O}}$ with $i \neq j$; then, $m = e_i m_j$ and $m = e_j m_i$ but $e_i e_j = 0$ then $m = e_i e_j m_i = 0$ and hence $m = 0$. Therefore, $\overline{\mathcal{O}} = \bigoplus_{i \leq s} e_i \overline{\mathcal{O}}$, and we get

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}_Y}(\overline{\mathcal{O}}, \overline{\mathcal{O}}) \cong \bigoplus_{i \leq s} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}_Y}(e_i \overline{\mathcal{O}}, e_i \overline{\mathcal{O}}).$$

(17)

and by Corollary 1, we get

$$\mathcal{C}[\mathcal{S}_n] \cong \bigoplus_{i \leq s} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}_Y}(e_i \overline{\mathcal{O}}, e_i \overline{\mathcal{O}}).$$

(18)

We also have, by [10, Proposition 3.29], that $\mathcal{C}[\mathcal{S}_n] \cong \bigoplus_{l \vdash n} \text{End}_C(S^l)$ where $S^l$ is the Specht module associated with the partition $l \vdash n$. But

$$\mathcal{C}[\mathcal{S}_n] \cong \bigoplus_{l \vdash n} r_{l} \mathcal{C}[\mathcal{S}_n] \cong \text{End}_C(S^l),$$

(19)

where $l^j = \text{dim}S^l$. We recall that each standard tableau $t_i$ is associated with an idempotent $e_i$. 
Let us show that $\text{Hom}_{D_t} (e_i \bar{O}_X, e_j \bar{O}_X)$. Let $x$ be an element of $C \{S_n\}$ and $r_j$ be a central idempotent with $\lambda \vdash n$. Then, $x$ induces a $D_{\lambda}$-homomorphism $\bar{O}_X \to \bar{O}_X$, $m \mapsto x \cdot m$. Since $r_j$ is in the center of $C \{S_n\}$, $x \cdot r_j \bar{O}_X$ $= (x \cdot r_j) \bar{O}_X \subseteq r_j \bar{O}_X$, which means $x \in \text{Hom}_{D_{\lambda}} (r_j \bar{O}_X, r_j \bar{O}_X)$. Then, $\text{Hom}_{D_{\lambda}} (e_i \bar{O}_X, e_j \bar{O}_X) = \{0\}$ if $t_i \in \text{Tab}(\lambda)$, $t_j \in \text{Tab}(\lambda)$ and $\lambda \neq \lambda'$. We get

$$\text{Hom}_{D_{\lambda}} (e_i \bar{O}_X, e_j \bar{O}_X) \cong \oplus_{t_1 \in \text{Tab}(\lambda)} \text{Hom}_{D_{\lambda}} (e_t \bar{O}_X, e_t \bar{O}_X).$$

(20)

The number of direct factors in the sum $\oplus_{t_1 \in \text{Tab}(\lambda)} \text{Hom}_{D_{\lambda}} (e_t \bar{O}_X, e_t \bar{O}_X)$ is $(f^1)^2$. Let us show that $\text{Hom}_{D_{\lambda}} (e_t \bar{O}_X, e_t \bar{O}_X) \cong C$ if $t_i, t_j \in \text{Tab}(\lambda)$. Consider the following commutative diagram:

$$C \{S_n\} \quad \phi \quad \text{Hom}_{D_{\lambda}} (\bar{O}_X, \bar{O}_X)$$

$\alpha_\lambda \downarrow \quad \quad \downarrow \beta_\lambda$

$r_i C \{S_n\} \quad \psi \quad \text{Hom}_{D_{\lambda}} (r_i \bar{O}_X, r_i \bar{O}_X)$

where $\beta_\lambda: \oplus_{t \in \text{Tab}(\lambda)} \text{Hom}_{D_{\lambda}} (r_i \bar{O}_X, r_i \bar{O}_X) \to \text{Hom}_{D_{\lambda}} (r_i \bar{O}_X, r_i \bar{O}_X)$ and $\alpha_\lambda: \oplus_{t \in \text{Tab}(\lambda)} C \{S_n\} \to r_i C \{S_n\}$ are canonical projections and $\phi$ is the isomorphism of Corollary 1. It follows that $\psi$ is an isomorphism, and hence $r_i C \{S_n\} \cong \text{Hom}_{D_{\lambda}} (r_i \bar{O}_X, r_i \bar{O}_X)$. Now we identify $r_i C \{S_n\}$ with the set $\text{Mat}_{\lambda_j} (C)$ of square matrices of order $f^1$ with coefficients in $C$ or with $\text{End}_{D_{\lambda}} (C^{f^1})$.

Let $E_{ij}$ be the square matrix of order $f^1$ with 1 at the position $(i, j)$ and 0 elsewhere and $E_i = \sum_{j=1}^{f^1} E_{ij}$, and then we identify the idempotent $e_i \in r_i C \{S_n\}$ with $E_i$ in $\text{Mat}_{\lambda_j} (C)$. Let $B = (a_{ij}) \in \text{Mat}_{\lambda_j} (C)$; we get $B = \sum_{i=1}^{f^1} a_{ij} E_{ij}$ in fact $E_{ij}$ is the matrix with $a_{ij}$ in the position $(i, j)$ and 0 elsewhere; if $R = \text{Mat}_{\lambda_j} (C)$, we get that $E_i R E_j \cong C$. This isomorphism $\psi$ implies that $\oplus_{t_1 \in \text{Tab}(\lambda)} E_i R E_j \cong \oplus_{t_1 \in \text{Tab}(\lambda)} \text{Hom}_{D_{\lambda}} (e_t \bar{O}_X, e_t \bar{O}_X)$; the restriction of $\psi$ to $E_i R E_j$ yields a map $E_i R E_j \to \text{Hom}_{D_{\lambda}} (e_t \bar{O}_X, e_t \bar{O}_X)$ and this map is surjective; moreover, we have $E_i R E_j \cong \text{Hom}_{D_{\lambda}} (e_t \bar{O}_X, e_t \bar{O}_X)$ therefore, $\text{Hom}_{D_{\lambda}} (e_t \bar{O}_X, e_t \bar{O}_X) \cong C$. Let us assume that $e_t \bar{O}_X$ is not a simple $D_{\lambda}$-module; then, $e_t \bar{O}_X$ may be written as $e_t \bar{O}_X = \oplus_{j=1}^{N_j} N_j$ where $N_j$ are simple $D_{\lambda}$-modules and $|J| > 1$. It follows that $\dim_C (\text{Hom}_{D_{\lambda}} (e_t \bar{O}_X, e_t \bar{O}_X)) \geq |J|$ but $\text{Hom}_{D_{\lambda}} (e_t \bar{O}_X, e_t \bar{O}_X) \cong C$, so we obtain that $J = 1$, which necessarily implies that $e_t \bar{O}_X$ is a simple $D_{\lambda}$-module.

(3) By proof (i), there exists a Specht polynomial $p_1 \in e_t \bar{O}_X \| \lambda \vdash n$ such that $e_t \bar{O}_X = \bar{D}_Y p_1$. 

Corollary 2. With the above notations, $e_t \bar{O}_X \cong e_i \bar{O}_X$, if $t_i$ and $t_j$ have the same size (if there is a partition $\lambda \vdash n$ such that $t_i, t_j \in \text{Tab}(\lambda)$).

Proof. The $D_{\lambda}$-modules $e_t \bar{O}_X$ are simple and $\text{Hom}_{D_{\lambda}} (e_t \bar{O}_X, e_t \bar{O}_X) \cong C$ whenever there exists a partition $\lambda \| \lambda \vdash n$ such that $t_i, t_j \in \text{Tab}(\lambda)$. Since $\text{Hom}_{D_{\lambda}} (e_t \bar{O}_X, e_t \bar{O}_X) \cong C \neq \{0\}$, we conclude by using the Schur lemma. 

Proposition 2. For every young tableau $t$, let $f (t)$ be the associated Specht polynomial; then, we have

1. $\bar{O}_X \cong \oplus_{t \in \text{Tab}(\lambda)} \bar{D}_Y f (t)$.
2. $\bar{O}_X \cong \oplus_{t \in \text{Tab}(\lambda)} \bar{D}_Y f (t)$.

where $t_i \in \text{Tab}(\lambda)$.

Proof. We have by the proof of Theorem 3 that $\bar{O}_X = \oplus e_i \bar{O}_X$.

and $e_t \bar{O}_X$ are simple $D_{\lambda}$-modules. Since to each $e_t$ corresponds a partition $\lambda \| \lambda$ and a $\lambda$-tableau $t_i$ such that $e_t \bar{O}_X = \bar{D}_Y f (t)$, then $\bar{O}_X = \oplus_{t \in \text{Tab}(\lambda)} \bar{D}_Y f (t)$. If $t$ and $t'$ are two $\lambda$-tableaux, by Corollary 2, $\bar{D}_Y f (t) = \bar{D}_Y f (t')$. Therefore, $\bar{O}_X \cong \oplus_{t \in \text{Tab}(\lambda)} \bar{D}_Y f (t)$ with $t_i \in \text{Tab}(\lambda)$.

2.3. Example. We consider the case $n = 3, 4$

For $n = 3$, the Specht polynomials corresponding to standard tableaux are

$$\begin{align*}
\text{f} (t_1) &= 1, f (t_2) = (x_1 - x_2), f (t_3) = (x_1 - x_3), \\
\text{f} (t_4) &= (x_1 - x_2)(x_1 - x_3)(x_2 - x_3).
\end{align*}$$

Correspondingly, we have that

$$\begin{align*}
\bar{O}_X &= \bar{D}_Y \oplus \bar{D}_Y (x_1 - x_2) \oplus \bar{D}_Y (x_1 - x_3) \oplus \bar{D}_Y \\
&\quad \cdot (x_1 - x_2)(x_1 - x_3)(x_2 - x_3).
\end{align*}$$

For $n = 4$, the Specht polynomials corresponding to standard tableaux are

$$\begin{align*}
\text{f} (t_1) &= 1, f (t_2) = (x_1 - x_2), f (t_3) = (x_1 - x_3), \\
\text{f} (t_4) &= (x_1 - x_4), \\
\text{f} (t_5) &= (x_1 - x_2)(x_3 - x_4), f (t_6) = (x_1 - x_3)(x_2 - x_4), \\
\text{f} (t_7) &= (x_1 - x_2)(x_1 - x_3)(x_2 - x_3), \\
\text{f} (t_8) &= (x_1 - x_2)(x_3 - x_4), f (t_9) = (x_2 - x_3)(x_4 - x_4), \\
\text{f} (t_{10}) &= (x_1 - x_2)(x_3 - x_4)(x_1 - x_3)(x_2 - x_4)(x_3 - x_4). \quad (24)
\end{align*}$$

Correspondingly, we have that
2.4. Geometric Interpretation of Specht Polynomials. Specht polynomials were introduced as combinatorial objects [3, 4]. In fact, the Specht polynomials were first used by Wilhem Specht to generate rational representations of the symmetric group $\delta_\lambda$ [5].

We give a geometric interpretation of those polynomials as follows.

Let $\mathcal{O}_X = \mathbb{Z}[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$ and $\mathcal{O}_Y = \mathcal{O}_X^\mathcal{Y}$. Let $I \subseteq \{1, \ldots, n\}$, and we define

$$\Delta(I) = \prod_{i,j \in I, i < j} (x_i - x_j).$$

(26)

Let $J = P_1 \cup \cdots \cup P_s$ be a partition of $\{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$ as a set. To such partition, we associated the subgroup $\delta_J = \delta_{P_1} \times \cdots \times \delta_{P_s}$ of $\delta_\lambda$ and the ring $\mathcal{O}_Y = \mathbb{Z}[x_1, \ldots, x_n]^\mathcal{Y}$. Let $Y_J = \text{spec}\mathcal{O}_Y, X = \text{spec}\mathcal{O}_X$, and $Y = \text{spec}\mathcal{O}_Y$. The maps $\pi': X \twoheadrightarrow Y_J$ and $\pi'' : Y_J \twoheadrightarrow Y$ are the obvious ones, and we get the following commutative diagram.

We clearly have the map $\pi|_J : Y_J \to Y_j$, whenever $I$ is a refinement of $J$. The Jacobian of $\pi'$ is

$$p_j = \prod_{i=1}^k \Delta(P_i),$$

(27)

a product of Vandermonde determinants on each of the set of variables with subscript in $P_i$. This is a Specht polynomial. Now $J$ defines a numerical partition $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_k)$ such that $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \cdots \leq \lambda_k$ and $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \cdots + \lambda_k = n$ where each $\lambda_i = |P_i|$ for some $i$. This partition induces a Ferrers diagram where the first column has $\lambda_1$ boxes, the second column has $\lambda_2$ boxes, and so on. Moreover, one gets an induced tableau by filling (in increasing order) the numbers in $P_1$ in the first column, the numbers in $P_2$ in the second column, and so on, where $P_1$ is the subset of integers in the first column, $P_2$ is the subset of integers in the second, and so on. Conversely to every tableau corresponds a partition of $\{1, \cdots, n\}$ given by letting the integers in the different columns form the partition. Hence, to every tableau $T$, we can associate a Specht polynomial $p_T$. These are geometrical objects, since they are Jacobians of certain polynomials maps.

Proposition 3. From the previous section, we get the following fact:

(a) $p_j^i \in \mathcal{O}_{Y_j}$

(b) The submodules $(\mathcal{O}_Y)_{p_j^i}$ and $(\mathcal{O}_Y)_{p_j} : p_j$ are factors of rank one in the decomposition of $(\mathcal{O}_X)_{p_j}$ as $(\mathcal{O}_Y)_{p_j}$-module, i.e.,

$$\mathcal{O}_X = (\mathcal{O}_Y)_{p_j} \oplus \mathcal{O}_Y \oplus \cdots.$$
\[ \text{Proposition 5 (see [1])} \]

(i) Define \( \pi^*: \text{Mod}(k[H_2]) \rightarrow \text{Mod}(k[H_1]) \) as the restriction associated to the injection \( k[H_1] \subset k[H_2] \).

Then,

\[ \pi^*(\mathcal{V}(V)) = \mathcal{V}(\pi^*(V)). \]

(ii) Define \( \pi_*: \text{Mod}(k[H_1]) \rightarrow \text{Mod}(k[H_3]) \) as the coinduction associated to the injection \( k[H_1] \subset k[H_3] \), defined in the following way:

\[ \pi_*(V) = \text{Hom}_k[H_1](k[H_3], V). \]

Then,

\[ \pi_*(\mathcal{V}(V)) = \mathcal{V}(\pi_*(V)). \]

The study of the decomposition factors of \( \pi_*\mathcal{O}_X \) can be reduced to the behavior of the direct image over the complement to the branch locus or even over the generic point. Let \( j: U \subset X \) and \( i: V \subset Y \) be the inclusions.

\[ \text{Proposition 6} \text{ (see [1]). Let } \pi: X \rightarrow Y \text{ be a finite map. Then,} \]

(i) \( \pi_*\mathcal{O}_X \) is semisimple as a \( \mathcal{D}_Y \)-module.

(ii) If \( \pi_*\mathcal{O}_X = \oplus \mathcal{M}_k, k \in I \) is a decomposition into simple (non-zero) \( \mathcal{D}_Y \)-modules, then \( \pi_*\mathcal{O}_U = \oplus \mathcal{N}_k, k \in I \), is a decomposition of \( \pi_*\mathcal{O}_U \) into simple (nonzero) \( \mathcal{D}_Y \)-modules.

For simplicity, we assume that we are in a generic situation, working with fields. Consider a factorization

\[ \pi = \pi_2 \circ \pi_1: X \rightarrow Z \rightarrow Y. \]

Generically, this corresponds to extensions of fields \( K \subset E \subset L \), and we have isomorphisms \( T_{L/k} \cong L \otimes_k T_{K/k} \).

Assume that \( K \subset L \) is Galois with group \( G \). The field \( E \) corresponds to a subgroup \( H \), and \( (\pi_1)_*\mathcal{O}_X \cong 1 \) \( \cong k[H] \). Maps \( \lambda: H \rightarrow k^* \) may be factored through the quotient \( H/H' \) with the commutator subgroup \( H' = [H, H] \) and give rise to one-dimensional representations. Corresponding functions \( \chi_j \in L \) exist using the functor \( \mathcal{V} \), characterized by the property that \( \chi_j \lambda = \lambda(h)\chi_j \).

Hence, \( (\pi_1)_*\mathcal{O}_X \) contains as direct factor the \( D_E \)-submodule \( \sum_i E_{x_i} \), where the sum runs over all homomorphisms \( \lambda: H \rightarrow k^* \). This is actually the sum of all one-dimensional \( D_E \)-submodules of \( \pi_1\mathcal{O}_X \). Each gives rise to submodules \( (\pi_3)_*E_{x_i} \). As seen in the example below, these functions may sometimes be thought of as powers of characters (corresponding to the extension \( E \subset L^{H'/H} \)). In the case of the symmetric group, the Specht polynomials were such functions for the sign representation \( S_2 \rightarrow k^* \).

An immediate consequence of Brauer’s characterization of characters [11, Theorem 20], saying that any character of a finite group is a linear sum of monomial characters with integer coefficients, is then the generic case of the following theorem.

\[ \text{Theorem 4. Let } \pi: X \rightarrow Y \text{ be an affine finite map. The Grothendieck group generated by the } \mathcal{D}_Y \text{ submodules of } \pi_*\mathcal{O}_X, \text{ is also generated by } (\pi_2)_*\mathcal{R}, \text{ where } \mathcal{R} \text{ is a rank } 1 \text{ } \mathcal{D}_Z \text{ submodule of } (\pi_1)_*\mathcal{O}_X \text{ and } Z \text{ is an intermediate factorization } \pi = \pi_2 \circ \pi_1. \]

Proof. The corresponding generic result follows from Brauer’s theorem and the correspondence of irreducible modules with group representations. Then, the result follows by Proposition 6. \[ \square \]

3.1. Example: Cyclic Affine Covering. Consider the affine finite map \( f: \mathbb{A}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1 \) given by the map on rings \( \mathbb{C}[y] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[x] \) that identifies \( y = x^n \). Then, we claim that, as (left) \( \mathcal{D}_Y \)-modules,

\[ f_*\mathbb{C}[x] \cong \mathbb{C}[y] \otimes \mathbb{C}[y, y^{-1}] \otimes \mathbb{C}[y, y^{-1}] \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{C}[y, y^{-1}] \subset \mathbb{C}[x, y^{-1}]. \]
We use the description of the direct image in [1, Lemma 2.3]; it is thus a question of finding the $D_Y$-module generated by $C[x] \subset C[x, y^{-1}]$.

The extension of function fields $K = C(y) \subset C(x)$ is a Galois extension with Galois group, the cyclic group of order $n$. Abelian groups only have one-dimensional irreducible representations. Hence, by the theory in [1], we know that $f_x, C[x]$ splits as a sum of rank 1 simple $D_Y$-modules.

But we may of course also easily see this using the action of $D_X$. The relation between $D_X$ and $D_Y$ is described by

\[ z_x = nx^{n-1}z_y. \] (40)

This implies that all the factors in (39) above are $D_Y$-modules:

\[ \partial_x(\frac{1}{y}x) = \left( -k + \frac{1}{n} \right)x^{k-1}y. \] (41)

Hence, $D_Y x = C[y, y^{-1}]x$, and this module, as rank 1 and torsion-free $C[y]$-module, is irreducible.

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