

# One combinatorial function and its application

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Abstract

## 1 Introduction

Consider the following counting problem of selection. Suppose that we have the set of balls such that every ball  $a$  is labeled by a pair of numbers  $(a_1, a_2)$ . For every finite set  $N$  of such balls and  $a \in N$  we define the numbers

$$t_N(a) = |\{b \in N | b_1 = a_1\}|$$

$$\alpha_i(N) = |\{a \in N | t_N(a) = i\}|/i$$

and a vector  $\alpha(N) = (\alpha_1(N), \alpha_2(N), \dots) \in P = \{(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots) | \alpha_i \in \mathbf{Z}_+, m, \forall n > m : \alpha_n = 0\}$ . We shall call the vector  $\alpha(N)$  *the type of the set  $N$* . Now consider  $n$  numerated boxes with our balls such that the  $i$ -th box contains only  $i$  balls:  $(1, i), (2, i), \dots, (i, i)$ .

**Definition 1** Let  $\alpha \in P$  and denote by  $K_\alpha^n$  the number of ways to choose a set of balls of the type  $\alpha$  from the given  $n$  boxes such that from one box we can take no more than one ball.

In the present work we begin the study of the function  $K_\alpha^n$  as the function of  $n$  and  $\alpha$ . We shall find the recurrence relation for this function and prove some properties of it as the function of  $n$  and  $\alpha$ . As application of this study we shall resolve the following differential equation over finite field of  $p$  elements:

$$\underbrace{(\dots(f'f)'f)' \dots f}'_{p-1} f = 0,$$

where  $f \in \mathbf{Z}_p[[x]]$ .

## 2 Preliminaries

For every vector  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m) \in P$  we can define the following numbers:

$$|\alpha| = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i, \|\alpha\| = \sum_{i=1}^m i\alpha_i, \langle \alpha \rangle = \prod_{i=1}^m \alpha_i! ((i+1)!)^{\alpha_i}$$

and partial operators  $\partial_i, i = 1, 2, \dots$  such that

$$\partial_i \alpha = \begin{cases} (\alpha_1 - 1, \alpha_2, \dots), & \text{if } i = 1 \text{ and } \alpha_1 > 0 \\ (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i-1} + 1, \alpha_i - 1, \alpha_{i+1}, \dots) & \text{if } i > 1 \text{ and } \alpha_i > 0 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

For every  $x$  and positive integer  $k$  set:

$$x^{[k]} = x(x-1)\dots(x-k+1).$$

Let  $p$  be interger positive number, denote by  $\mathbf{Q}(p)$  the ring of the  $p$ -intergers numbres, recall that a number  $a = n/m, n, m \in \mathbf{Z}$  is called  $p$ -interger if  $(n, p) = 1$

**Theorem 1** *Function  $K_\alpha^n$  satisfies the following recurrence relation:*

$$K_\alpha^{n+1} = K_\alpha^n + \sum_{i=2}^m (\alpha_{i-1} + 1) K_{\partial_i \alpha}^n + (n - \|\alpha\| + 2) K_{\partial_1 \alpha}^n \quad (2)$$

where  $\alpha \in \mathbf{Z}_+^m$ .

Moreover there exists a unitary polinomial  $f_\alpha(x) \in \mathbf{Q}[x]$  of degree  $|\alpha| - 1$  such that

$$K_\alpha^n = \frac{(n+1)^{\|\alpha\|+1} f_\alpha(n)}{\langle \alpha \rangle} \quad (3)$$

and  $f_\alpha(x) \in \mathbf{Q}_p[x]$ , if  $p$  is a prime number,  $p > \|\alpha\| + 1$ .

**Proof.** By definition,  $K_\alpha^{n+1} = |M_\alpha^{n+1}|$ , where  $M_\alpha^{n+1}$  is the set of the selections of type  $\alpha$  from the  $(n+1)$  boxes as it was described in the Introduction. It is obvious that  $M_\alpha^{n+1} = M_\alpha^n \cup \bar{M}_\alpha^{n+1}$ , where  $\bar{M}_\alpha^{n+1} = M_\alpha^{n+1} \setminus M_\alpha^n$ . We have by construction that every selection  $a \in \bar{M}_\alpha^{n+1}$  contains a ball  $\delta_a$  with the second lable  $(n+1)$  hence  $\bar{M}_\alpha^{n+1} = \cup_{i=1}^{n+1} M_i$ , where  $M_i = \{a \in \bar{M}_\alpha^{n+1} | t_a(\delta_a) = i\}$ . Note that  $a \in M_i$  if and only if  $\alpha(a \setminus \{\delta_a\}) = \partial_i \alpha$ . But if  $a$  is a selection of the type  $\partial_i \alpha$  then the  $(n+1)$ -th box contains exactly  $(\alpha_{i-1} + 1)$ , (respectivly  $(n - \|\alpha\| + 2)$ ,) balls such that the selection  $a$

with any of those balls has the type  $\alpha$ , if  $i > 1$  (respectively  $i = 1$ ). Hence  $|M_i| = (\alpha_{i-1} + 1)K_{\partial_i\alpha}^n$  if  $i > 1$  and  $|M_1| = (n - |\alpha| + 2)K_{\partial_1\alpha}^n$ . From here the formula (2) follows.

To prove formula (3) note that  $K_\alpha^n = 0$  if  $0 \leq n < \|\alpha\|$  by definition. Hence formula (2) defines the function  $K_\alpha^n$  for all  $n$ . We shall prove (3) by induction on  $\|\alpha\|$ . If we put together all equalities (2) for  $0 \leq n \leq s$  then obtain:

$$K_\alpha^{s+1} = K_\alpha^s + \sum_{i=2}^m (\alpha_{i-1} + 1) \sum_{n=0}^s K_{\partial_i\alpha}^n + \sum_{n=0}^s (n - \|\alpha\| + 2) K_{\partial_1\alpha}^n \quad (4)$$

Note that for intergers  $k$  and  $s$  there exist rational numbers  $a_0, \dots, a_k$  such that

$$\sum_{n=0}^s n^k = n^{k+1}/(k+1) + \sum_{i=0}^k a_i n^i \quad (5)$$

By induction from (4) and (5) follows that  $K_\alpha^{s+1}$  is a polynomial on  $s$  of degree  $|\alpha| + \|\alpha\|$ . Then formula (2) is valid for all  $n \in \mathbf{Z}$ .

As we note  $K_\alpha^n = 0$  if  $0 \leq n < \|\alpha\|$ . Moreover from (2) we have

$$0 = K_\alpha^0 = K_\alpha^{-1} + \sum_{i=2}^m (\alpha_{i-1} + 1) K_{\partial_i\alpha}^{-1} + (1 - \|\alpha\|) K_{\partial_1\alpha}^{-1} \quad (6)$$

If  $\alpha = (1, 0, 0, \dots)$  then  $\|\alpha\| = 1$  and (6) implies that  $K_\alpha^{-1} = 0$ . If  $\alpha \neq (1, 0, \dots)$  then using induction on  $\|\alpha\|$ , one obtains from (6) that  $K_\alpha^{-1} = 0$ . From here we can obtain that

$$K_\alpha^n = \frac{n^{\|\alpha\|} f_\alpha(n)}{r_\alpha}, \quad (7)$$

where  $r_\alpha \in \mathbf{Q}$  and  $f_\alpha(x)$  is a unitary polynomial degree  $|\alpha| - 1$ . By induction on  $\|\alpha\|$  we shall prove that  $r_\alpha = \langle \alpha \rangle$ . Substituting (7) in (2) and canceling  $(n+1)n(n-1)\dots(n - \|\alpha\| + 2)$  we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(n+2)f_\alpha(n+1)}{r_\alpha} &= \frac{(n - |\alpha| + 1)f_\alpha(n)}{r_\alpha} + \\ &\sum_{i=2}^m \frac{(\alpha_{i-1} + 1)f_{\partial_i\alpha}(n)}{\langle \partial_i\alpha \rangle} + \frac{(n - |\alpha| + 2)f_{\partial_1\alpha}(n)}{\langle \partial_1\alpha \rangle}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\|\alpha\| = \|\partial_i\alpha\| + 1$ ,  $|\partial_i\alpha| = |\alpha|$ , if  $i > 1$  and  $|\partial_1\alpha| = |\alpha| - 1$  then comparing the coefficients of  $n^{\|\alpha\|-1}$  we have:

$$\frac{(1 + |\alpha|)}{r_\alpha} = \frac{1 - \|\alpha\|}{r_\alpha} + \sum_{i=2}^m \frac{(\alpha_{i-1} + 1)}{\langle \partial_i\alpha \rangle} + \frac{1}{\langle \partial_1\alpha \rangle}$$

or

$$\frac{||\alpha|| + |\alpha|}{r_\alpha} = \frac{\sum_{i=2}^m (i+1)\alpha_i + 2\alpha_1}{\langle \alpha \rangle} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m i\alpha_i + \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i}{\langle \alpha \rangle}$$

hence  $r_\alpha = \langle \alpha \rangle$ .

Let  $p$  be a prime number and  $p > ||\alpha|| + 1$ , we have to prove that  $f_\alpha(x) \in \mathbf{Q}_{p()}[x]$ . It is obvious that we can write

$$K_\alpha^n = \sum_{i=||\alpha||+1}^{||\alpha||+|\alpha|} a_\alpha^i (n+1)^{[i]}$$

and  $f_\alpha(x) \in \mathbf{Q}_{(p)}[x]$  if and only if  $a_\alpha^i \in \mathbf{Q}(p)$ ,  $i = ||\alpha|| + 1, \dots, |\alpha| + ||\alpha||$ , because  $\langle \alpha \rangle \in \mathbf{Q}(p)$ .

By induction on  $|\alpha| + ||\alpha||$  we have  $K_\beta^{p+j} \equiv 0$  for  $|\beta| + ||\beta|| < |\alpha| + ||\alpha||$  and  $j = -1, 0, 1, \dots, ||\beta|| - 1$ . Hence for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, ||\alpha|| - 2$  we have from (2):

$$K_\alpha^{p+j} - K_\alpha^{p+j-1} \equiv 0. \quad (8)$$

Here and above  $a \equiv b$  means  $a \equiv b \pmod{p}$ .

Note that  $pa_\alpha^i$ ,  $i = ||\alpha|| + 1, \dots, |\alpha| + ||\alpha||$  and  $a_\alpha^j$ ,  $j = ||\alpha|| + 1, \dots, p-1$  are  $p$ -intergers. Indeed,

$$a_\alpha^i = (K_\alpha^{i-1} - \sum_{j=||\alpha||+1}^{i-1} a_\alpha^j i^{[j]})/i!$$

and now it is enough to note that  $|\alpha| + ||\alpha|| \leq 2||\alpha|| < 2(p-1)$ .

From here we have for  $j = -1, 0, \dots, |\alpha| + ||\alpha||$

$$\begin{aligned} K_\alpha^{p+j} &= \sum_{i=||\alpha||+1}^{|\alpha|+||\alpha||} a_\alpha^i (p+j+1)^{[i]} \\ &= \sum_{i=p}^{|\alpha|+||\alpha||} a_\alpha^i (p+j+1)^{[i]} \\ &= \sum_{i=p}^{p+j+1} a_\alpha^i (p+j+1)^{[i]} \\ &= \sum_{i=p}^{p+j+1} pa_\alpha^i [(p+j+1)^{[i]}/p]. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

From (8) and (9) hence that the numbers

$$A_j = \sum_{i=p}^{p+j+1} a_\alpha^i (j+1)! (p-1)^{[i-j-2]} - j! (p-1)^{[i-j-1]} \quad (10)$$

are  $p$ -intergers for  $j = 0, \dots, ||\alpha|| + |\alpha|$ .

Now we shall prove the following useful property of  $K_\alpha^n$ :

**Proposition 1**

$$\sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} (-1)^{|\beta|} K_{\beta}^{|\beta|+n} K_{\alpha-\beta}^{-|\beta|-n-2} = 0. \quad (11)$$

**Proof.** We shall prove this identity by induction on  $|\alpha|$  and with fixed  $|\alpha|$  on  $n$ . It is obvious that it is enough to prove (9) for all  $n \geq -1$ . For  $n = -1$  it is obvious since  $K_{\beta}^{|\beta|-1} = 0$  and  $K_{\alpha}^{-1} = 0$ . And now:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} (-1)^{|\beta|} K_{\beta}^{|\beta|+n+1} K_{\alpha-\beta}^{-|\beta|-n-3} = (\text{from (2)}) = \\ & (-1)^{|\alpha|} K_{\alpha}^{|\alpha|+n+1} + \\ & \sum_{\beta < \alpha} (-1)^{|\beta|} K_{\beta}^{|\beta|+n+1} (K_{\alpha-\beta}^{-|\beta|-n-2} - \\ & \sum_{i=2}^m (\alpha_{i-1} - \beta_{i-1} + 1) K_{\partial_i(\alpha-\beta)}^{-|\beta|-n-3} - (|\beta| - n - 3 - |\alpha| + |\beta| + 2) K_{\partial_1(\alpha-\beta)}^{-|\beta|-n-3}) = \\ & (-1)^{|\alpha|} (K_{\alpha}^{|\alpha|+n} + \sum_{i=2}^m (\alpha_{i-1} + 1) K_{\partial_i \alpha}^{|\alpha|+n} + (|\alpha| + n + 1 - |\alpha| + 2) K_{\partial_1 \alpha}^{|\alpha|+n}) + \\ & K_{\alpha}^{-|\alpha|-n-2} - \sum_{i=2}^m (\alpha_{i-1} + 1) K_{\partial_i \alpha}^{-n-3} + (n + |\alpha| + 1) K_{\partial_1 \alpha}^{-n-3} + \\ & \sum_{0 < \beta < \alpha} (-1)^{|\beta|} (K_{\beta}^{|\beta|+n} + \\ & \sum_{i=2}^m (\beta_{i-1} + 1) K_{\partial_i \beta}^{|\beta|+n} + (|\beta| + n - |\beta| + 2) K_{\partial_1 \beta}^{|\beta|+n}) K_{\alpha-\beta}^{-|\beta|-n-2} - \\ & \sum_{i=2}^m \sum_{\beta < \alpha} (-1)^{|\beta|} (\alpha_{i-1} - \beta_{i-1} + 1) K_{\beta}^{|\beta|+n+1} K_{\partial_i(\alpha-\beta)}^{-|\beta|-n-3} + \\ & (n + |\alpha| + 1) \sum_{\beta < \alpha} (-1)^{|\beta|} K_{\beta}^{|\beta|+n+1} K_{\partial_1(\alpha-\beta)}^{-|\beta|-n-3} + \\ & (-1)^{|\alpha|} S_{\alpha}^n + \sum_{i=2}^m (\alpha_{i-1} + 1) ((-1)^{|\alpha|} K_{\partial_i \alpha}^{|\alpha|+n} - K_{\partial_i \alpha}^{-n-3}) + \\ & \sum_{i=2}^m \sum_{0 < \beta < \alpha} (-1)^{|\beta|} (\beta_{i-1} + 1) K_{\partial_i \beta}^{|\beta|+n} K_{\alpha-\beta}^{-|\beta|-n-2} - \\ & \sum_{i=2}^m \sum_{\beta < \alpha} (-1)^{|\beta|} (\alpha_{i-1} - \beta_{i-1} + 1) K_{\beta}^{|\beta|+n+1} K_{\partial_i(\alpha-\beta)}^{-|\beta|-n-3} + \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& (n+2)((-1)^{|\alpha|} K_{\partial_1 \alpha}^{|\alpha|+n} + \sum_{0 < \beta < \alpha} (-1)^{|\beta|} K_{\partial_1 \beta}^{|\beta|+n} K_{\alpha-\beta}^{-|\beta|-n-2}) + \\
& (n+|\alpha|+1)(K_{\partial_1 \alpha}^{-n-3} + \sum_{\beta < \alpha} (-1)^{|\beta|} K_{\beta}^{|\beta|+n+1} K_{\partial_1(\alpha-\beta)}^{-|\beta|-n-3}) \quad (12)
\end{aligned}$$

Note that:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=2}^m \sum_{0 < \beta < \alpha} (-1)^{|\beta|} (\beta_{i-1} + 1) K_{\partial_i \beta}^{|\beta|+n} K_{\alpha-\beta}^{-|\beta|-n-2} = \\
& \sum_{i=2}^m \sum_{0 < \gamma < \partial_i \alpha} (-1)^{|\gamma|+1} (\gamma_{i-1}) K_{\gamma}^{|\gamma|+n+1} K_{\partial_i \alpha - \partial_i \beta}^{-|\gamma|-n-3} = \\
& \sum_{i=2}^m \sum_{0 < \beta < \partial_i \alpha} (-1)^{|\beta|+1} (\beta_{i-1}) K_{\beta}^{|\beta|+n+1} K_{\partial_i \alpha - \partial_i \beta}^{-|\beta|-n-3} \quad (13)
\end{aligned}$$

since  $(-1)^{|\alpha|} = -(-1)^{|\partial_i \alpha|}$ , if  $\alpha_i > 0$ , and  $\alpha - \beta = \partial_i \alpha - \partial_i \beta$ ,  $|\beta| = |\partial_i \beta| + 1$  if  $\beta_i > 0$ .

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned}
& (-1)^{|\alpha|} K_{\partial_1 \alpha}^{|\alpha|+n} + \sum_{0 < \beta < \alpha} (-1)^{|\beta|} K_{\partial_1 \beta}^{|\beta|+n} K_{\alpha-\beta}^{-|\beta|-n-2} = \\
& \sum_{0 \leq \gamma \leq \partial_1 \alpha} (-1)^{|\gamma|+1} K_{\gamma}^{|\gamma|+n+1} K_{\partial_1 \alpha - \gamma}^{-|\gamma|-n-3} = S_{\partial_1 \alpha}^{n+1}, \quad (14)
\end{aligned}$$

since  $|\beta| = |\partial_1 \beta| + 1$  and  $\partial_1 \alpha - \partial_1 \beta = \alpha - \beta$ , if  $\beta_1 > 0$ .

By analogy

$$\begin{aligned}
& K_{\partial_1 \alpha}^{-n-3} + \sum_{\beta < \alpha} (-1)^{|\beta|} K_{\beta}^{|\beta|+n+1} K_{\partial_1(\alpha-\beta)}^{-|\beta|-n-3} = \\
& \sum_{\beta \leq \partial_1 \alpha} (-1)^{|\beta|} K_{\beta}^{|\beta|+n+1} K_{\partial_1 \alpha - \beta}^{-|\beta|-n-3} = S_{\partial_1 \alpha}^{n+1}, \quad (15)
\end{aligned}$$

since  $\partial_1(\alpha - \beta) = \partial_1 \alpha - \beta$ .

Substituting (10),(11) and (12) in (9) we obtain

$$S_{\alpha}^{n+1} = (-1)^{|\alpha|} S_{\alpha}^n + \sum_{i=2}^m (\alpha_i + 1) S_{\partial_i \alpha}^{n+1} + (|\alpha| - 1) S_{\partial_1 \alpha}^{n+1}.$$

From here by induction we have  $S_{\alpha}^{n+1} = 0$ . Proposition is proved.

**Corollary 1** *Let  $p$  be a prime number, then*

$$\sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} (-1)^{|\beta|} K_{\beta}^{|\beta|+n} K_{\alpha-\beta}^{p-|\beta|-n-2} = 0.$$

Consider the following interpretation of function  $K_{\alpha}^n$ .

The symmetric group  $S_n$  acts naturally on the ring  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n] : (x_i)^{\sigma} = x_{\sigma i}$ . Denote by  $\Delta(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \Delta_n = \Delta$  the set of all monomials from  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ . For  $v, w \in \Delta$  we shall write  $v \sim w$  if  $v^{\sigma} = w$  for some  $\sigma \in S_n$ . If  $N$  is a selection of balls as in the Introduction with the first label  $\leq n$  then we can construct the corresponding element  $v(N) \in \Delta$  :

$$v(N) = \prod_{a \in N} x_{a_1}.$$

If  $M$  is another selection of balls then we have:

$$v(N) \sim v(M) \iff \alpha(N) = \alpha(M). \quad (16)$$

For every  $v \in \Delta$  denote by  $\{v\} = \{v\}_n$  equivalence class:  $\{v\} = \{w \in \Delta_n | w \sim v\}$ . It is obvious that  $\{v\}$  contains a unique monomial of the form:  $x_1 \dots x_{\alpha_1} x_{\alpha_1+1}^2 \dots x_{\alpha_1+\alpha_2}^2 \dots x_{\alpha_1+\dots+\alpha_{k-1}+1} \dots x_{\alpha_1+\dots+\alpha_k}^k$ , where  $\alpha_i \in \mathbf{Z}_+$ . In this case equivalence class  $\{v\}_n$  we denote by  $\{\alpha\}_n = \{\alpha\}$  and  $\sum_{w \in \{v\}_n} w$  denote by  $v_{\alpha}^n$ , where  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m)$ . Note that for a selection of balls  $N$  :

$$v(N) \in \{\alpha\} \text{ if and only if } \alpha = \alpha(N).$$

Denote by  $\sigma_n^i(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  the standart symmetric function:

$$(x - x_1)(x - x_2) \dots (x - x_n) = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \sigma_n^i(x_1, \dots, x_n) x^{n-i}. \quad (17)$$

**Definition 2** *Let  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbf{Q}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  and  $\alpha \in P$ . If  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{v \in \Delta} f_v v$  then by definition*

$$\alpha(f(x_1, \dots, x_n)) = \sum_{v \in \{\alpha\}} f_v.$$

And now we can prove:

**Proposition 2**  $K_{\alpha}^n = \alpha(\sigma_n^{|\alpha|}(x_1, x_1 + x_2, \dots, x_1 + \dots + x_n))$

**Proof.** First we note that for  $\alpha \in \mathbf{Z}_+^m$  and  $v \in \{\alpha\}_n$ ,  $f_v \neq 0$  implies  $|\alpha| = \deg v$ . By definition,  $K_{\alpha}^n$  is a number of ways to choose the  $\alpha$ -type selections from  $n$  boxes if a  $i$ -th box contains the balls  $(1, i), (2, i), \dots, (i, i)$  or  $K_{\alpha}^n = |M_{\alpha}^n|$ , where

$$M_{\alpha}^n = \{a = [(i_1, j_1), \dots, (i_t, j_t)] | 1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_t \leq n, 1 \leq j_s \leq i_s, \alpha(a) = \alpha\}.$$

Define on the set  $M_{\alpha}^n$  an equivalence  $\sim$ :

$$\forall a, b \in M_{\alpha}^n : a \sim b \text{ if and only if } v(a) = v(b).$$

Let  $M_1, \dots, M_r$  be equivalence classes of  $M_\alpha^n$ . Then  $K_\alpha^n = \sum_{i=1}^r |M_i|$ .  
 Note that  $f_v = |M_i|$  if  $v = v(a), a \in M_i$ , which proves Proposition.

**Corollary 2**  $\sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \sigma_n^t(x_{\sigma_1}, \dots, x_{\sigma_1} + \dots + x_{\sigma_n}) = \sum_{|\alpha|=t} K_\alpha^n v_\alpha^n$ .

**Theorem 2** Let  $R = \mathbf{Z}_p[[x]]$  be a ring of power series of  $x$  over the field of  $p$  elements for prime  $p$ . Then for every  $f \in R$  we have

$$\underbrace{(\dots(f'f)'f)' \dots f}'_{p-1} + (f^{p-1})^{(p-2)} = 0. \quad (18)$$

**Prove.** Let  $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i$  be an arbitrary element from  $R$ . A straightforward calculation shows that the coefficient of  $x^n$  in the left part of (14) is the following:

$$\sum_{(i_1, \dots, i_{p-1}) \in \Gamma_n} c_{i_1 \dots i_{p-1}} a_{i_1} \dots a_{i_{p-1}}$$

$$[i_1(i_1 + i_2 - 1)(i_1 + i_2 + i_3 - 2) \dots (i_1 + \dots + i_{p-2} - p + 2) - \\ (i_1 + \dots + i_{p-1})(i_1 + \dots + i_{p-1} - 1) \dots (i_1 + \dots + i_{p-1} - p + 2)],$$

where  $\Gamma_n = \{(i_1, \dots, i_{p-1}) | i_j \in \mathbf{Z}_+, i_1 + \dots + i_{p-1} = n + p - 2\}$ ,  $c(i_1, \dots, i_{p-1}) = c(i_{\sigma_1}, \dots, i_{\sigma_{(p-1)}}), \forall \sigma \in S_{p-1}$  and  $c(i_1, \dots, i_{p-1}) = 1/j_1! \dots j_s!$ , if  $i_1 = \dots = i_{j_1} < i_{j_1+1} = \dots = i_{j_1+j_2} < \dots < i_{j_1+\dots+j_{s-1}+1} = \dots i_{j_1+\dots+j_s} = i_{p-1}$ .

Now the Theorem follows from the following

**Proposition 3** In the ring of polynomials from  $x_1, \dots, x_{p-1}$  with intergers coefficients we have the following comparison modulo  $p$ :

$$(x_1 + \dots + x_{p-1})(x_1 + \dots + x_{p-1} - 1) \dots (x_1 + \dots + x_{p-1} - p + 2) \equiv$$

$$\sum_{\sigma \in S_{p-1}} x_{\sigma_1}(x_{\sigma_1} + x_{\sigma_2} - 1) \dots (x_{\sigma_1} + \dots + x_{\sigma_{(p-1)}} - p + 2) \pmod{p}. \quad (19)$$

**Proof.** Introduce the new variables:  $y = y_1 + \dots + y_{p-1}$ ,  $y_i = x_i - 1, i = 1, \dots, p - 1$ . Then (15) we can rewrite in the following form:

$$(y - 1)(y - 2) \dots (y - (p - 1)) \equiv$$

$$\sum_{\sigma \in S_{p-1}} (y_{\sigma_1} + 1)(y_{\sigma_1} + y_{\sigma_2} + 1) \dots (y_{\sigma_1} + \dots + y_{\sigma_{p-1}} + 1) \pmod{p}. \quad (20)$$

But

$$(y - 1)(y - 2) \dots (y - (p - 1)) \equiv y^{p-1} - 1, \quad (21)$$



And from (15) with  $x = -1$  we have:

$$(y_1 + 1)(y_1 + y_2 + 1) \dots (y_i + \dots + y_{p-1} + 1) =$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \sigma_{p-1}^i(y_1, y_1 + y_2, \dots, y_1 + \dots + y_{p-1}), \quad (22)$$

hence from (19),(20) and Corollary 3 we can rewrite the equality (18):

$$\begin{aligned} y_{p-1} - 1 &\equiv (p-1)! + \sum_{\sigma \in S_{p-1}} \prod_{i=1}^{p-1} (y_{\sigma_1} + \dots + y_{\sigma_i}) + \\ &\sum_{\sigma \in S_{p-1}} \sum_{i=1}^{p-2} \sigma_{p-1}^i(y_{\sigma_1}, \dots, y_{\sigma_1} + \dots + y_{\sigma_{(p-1)}}) \equiv 0. \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

We prove that

$$S = \sum_{\sigma \in S_{p-1}} \sum_{i=1}^{p-2} \sigma_{p-1}^i(y_{\sigma_1}, \dots, y_{\sigma_1} + \dots + y_{\sigma_{(p-1)}}) \equiv 0. \quad (24)$$

**Lemma 1** *If  $g \in \mathbf{Q}[x_1, \dots, x_n], h \in \mathbf{Q}[x_{n+1}, \dots, x_m]$  and  $f = gh$  then for  $\alpha \in P$  we have*

$$\alpha(f) = \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} \beta(g)(\alpha - \beta)(h).$$

**Proof.** Let  $\Delta_1$  and  $\Delta_2$  be the sets of monomials from  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  and  $x_{n+1}, \dots, x_m$  respectively. Note that for  $v \in \Delta_1$  and  $w \in \Delta_2$  if  $v \in \{b\}$  and  $w \in \{g\}$  we have that  $vw \in \{\beta + \gamma\}$ . And now if  $g = \sum_{\beta \in \Delta_1} g_\beta v, h = \sum_{w \in \Delta_2} h_w w$  then

$$\alpha(f) = \alpha(gh) = \alpha\left(\sum_u \sum_{vw=u} g_v h_w u\right) = \sum_{vw=u \in \{\alpha\}} g_v h_w =$$

$$\sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} \sum_{v \in \{\beta\}} \sum_{w \in \{\alpha - \beta\}} g_v h_w = \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} \left(\sum_{v \in \{\beta\}} g_v\right) \left(\sum_{w \in \{\alpha - \beta\}} h_w\right) = \alpha(g)\alpha(h).$$

Lemma is proved. Note that  $y_{p-1} = y - y_1 - \dots - y_{p-2}$  and substitute  $y_{p-1}$

in (22) we receive:

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \sum_{\sigma \in S_{(j)}} \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \\ &\sigma_{p-1}^i(y_{\sigma_1}, \dots, y_{\sigma_1} + \dots + y_{\sigma_{(j-1)}}, y - y_{\sigma_{(j+1)}} - \dots - y_{\sigma_{(p-1)}}), \dots, y) = \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} L_k y^k,$$

where  $S_{(i)} = \{\sigma \in S_{p-1} | \sigma(i) = p-1\}$ . Using the fact that that

$$\sigma_n^i(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}, y - x_j, \dots, y - x_{n-1}, y) =$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-j+1} y^k \left[ \sum_{l=0}^{j-1} (-1)^{i-l-k} \sigma_{j-1}^l(x_1, \dots, x_{j-1}) \sigma_{n-j}^{i-l-k}(x_j, \dots, x_{n-1}) \right]$$

and  $\sigma_n^m(\dots) = 0$ , if  $m > n$  we calculate  $L_k$  :

$$L_k = \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \sum_{\sigma \in S_{(j)}} \sum_{i=1}^{p-2} \sum_{l=0}^{j-1} (-1)^{i-l-k}$$

$$\sigma_{j-1}^l(y_{\sigma_1}, \dots, y_{\sigma_1} + \dots + y_{\sigma(j-1)}) \sigma_{p-j-1}^{i-l-k}(y_{\sigma(p-1)}, \dots, y_{\sigma(j+1)} - \dots - y_{\sigma(p-1)}).$$

Hence for  $\alpha \in P$  we have from Lemma 1:

$$\alpha(L_k) = \sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \sum_{\sigma \in S_{(j)}} \sum_{i=1}^{p-2} \sum_{l=0}^{j-1} \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha, ||\beta||=l} (-1)^{i-l-k}$$

$$\beta(\sigma_{j-1}^l(y_{\sigma_1}, \dots, y_{\sigma_1} + \dots + y_{\sigma(j-1)})) (\alpha - \beta) (\sigma_{p-j-1}^{i-l-k}(y_{\sigma(p-1)}, \dots, y_{\sigma(j+1)} - \dots - y_{\sigma(p-1)})).$$

Note that every terms in the last sum does not depend of  $\sigma \in S_j$ ,  $|S_j| = (p-2)! \equiv 1$ ,  $||\alpha|| = i$ . We have from Proposition 2 and Corollary 2:

$$\alpha(L_k) = (-1)^{i-k} \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} K_{\beta}^{j-1} K_{\alpha-\beta}^{p-j-2} \equiv 0.$$

Finally, one can prove similarly that

$$\sum_{\sigma \in S_{p-1}} \sigma_{p-1}^{p-1}(y_{\sigma_1}, \dots, y_{\sigma_1} + \dots + \sigma(p-1)) \equiv y^{p-1}$$

Proposition and, hence Theorem 2, is proved.

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