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GENERALIZED BURNSIDE ALGEBRA OF TYPE B_n

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we firstly give an alternative method to determine the size of $C(S_n)$ which is the set of elements of type S_n in a finite Coxeter system (W_n, S_n) of type B_n . We also show that all cuspidal classes of W_n are actually the conjugacy classes \mathcal{K}_{λ} for every $\lambda \in \mathcal{DP}^+(n)$. We then define the generalized Burnside algebra $HB(W_n)$ for W_n and construct a surjective algebra morphism between $HB(W_n)$ and Mantaci-Reutenauer algebra $\mathcal{MR}(W_n)$. We obtain a set of orthogonal primitive idempotents $e_{\lambda}, \lambda \in \mathcal{DP}(n)$ of $HB(W_n)$, that is, all the characteristic class functions of W_n . Finally, we give an effective formula to compute the number of elements of all the conjugacy classes $\mathcal{K}_{\lambda}, \lambda \in \mathcal{DP}(n)$ of W_n .

1. INTRODUCTION

Solomon's descent algebra of a finite Coxeter system (W, S) was introduced by Solomon in 1976 in [11]. In 1992, Bergeron, Bergeron, Howlett and Taylor elegantly reconstructed the Solomon's descent algebra for a finite Coxeter system by using the group structure of Coxeter group and also they introduced a family of orthogonal primitive idempotents of the Solomon's descent algebra by lifting orthogonal primitive idempotents of parabolic Burnside algebra in [1].

Let W_n be the Coxeter group of type B_n . As a convention, throughout this paper, we denote by $HB(W_n)$, $\mathcal{MR}(W_n)$, $\mathcal{SC}(n)$ and $\mathcal{DP}(n)$ the generalized Burnside algebra of type B_n , the Mantaci-Reutenauer algebra, the set of all signed compositions of n and the set of all double partitions of n, respectively.

Mantaci-Reutenauer algebra $\mathcal{MR}(W_n)$, which is a subalgebra of the group algebra $\mathbb{Q}W_n$ and contains the Solomon's descent algebras of type A_n and B_n , was firstly constructed in [10]. In [2], Bonnafé and Hohlweg reconstructed $\mathcal{MR}(W_n)$ by the methods which depend more on the structure of W_n as a Coxeter group. Bonnafé studied the representation theory of Mantaci-Reutenauer algebra in [3].

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In Section 3, we prove that for every positive signed composition A of n, the parabolic closure of the reflection subgroup W_A is W_n . As a result of this, we obtain that the number of all elements of type S_n is equal to $\sum_{\lambda \in \mathcal{DP}^+(n)} |\mathcal{K}_{\lambda}|$ and realize that all cuspidal classes of W_n are the conjugacy classes \mathcal{K}_{λ} for $\lambda \in \mathcal{DP}^+(n)$.

In Section 4, we introduce the Burnside algebra $HB(W_n)$ generated by isomorphism classes of reflection subgroups of W_n corresponding to signed compositions of n. We call $HB(W_n)$ generalized Burnside algebra of type B_n . Generalized Burnside algebra $HB(W_n)$ is isomorphic to the algebra $\mathbb{Q}IrrW_n$ generated by the irreducible characters of W_n . Then we construct a set of orthogonal primitive idempotents of $HB(W_n)$. These orthogonal primitive idempotents are actually all the characteristic class functions of the Coxeter group W_n . We determine the coefficient of the sign character ε_n of W_n in the expression of the each orthogonal primitive idempotent of $HB(W_n)$ in terms of irreducible characters of W_n . We get a formula to compute the number of elements of all the conjugacy classes \mathcal{K}_{λ} , $\lambda \in \mathcal{DP}(n)$ of W_n .

2. Preliminaries

2.1. Hyperoctahedral group. Let (W_n, S_n) denote a Coxeter group of type B_n and write its generating set as $S_n = \{t, s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}\}$. Any element w of W_n acts by the permutation on the set $X_n = \{-n, \dots, -1, 1, \dots, n\}$ such that for every $i \in I_n, w(-i) = -w(i)$. The Dynkin diagram of W_n is as follows:

$$B_n : \stackrel{t}{\circ} \Leftarrow \stackrel{s_1}{\circ} - \stackrel{s_2}{\circ} - \cdots - \stackrel{s_{n-1}}{\circ}.$$

If $J \subset S_n$, the subgroup W_J generated by J is called a *standard parabolic subgroup* of W_n . A *parabolic subgroup* of W_n is a subgroup of W_n conjugate to W_J for some $J \subset S_n$. Let $t_1 := t$ and $t_i := s_{i-1}t_{i-1}s_{i-1}$ for each i, $2 \le i \le n$. Put $T_n := \{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$. It is well-known that there are the following relations between the elements of S_n and T_n :

- (1) $t_i^2 = 1, s_j^2 = 1$ for all $i, j, \ 1 \le i \le n, \ 1 \le j \le n-1;$
- (2) $ts_1ts_1 = s_1ts_1t;$
- (3) $s_i s_{i+1} s_i = s_{i+1} s_i s_{i+1}$ for all $i, 1 \le i \le n-2;$
- (4) $ts_i = s_i t, \ 1 < i \le n 1;$
- (5) $s_i s_j = s_j s_i$ for |i j| > 1;
- (6) $t_i t_j = t_j t_i$ for $1 \le i, j \le n$.

We denote by $l: W_n \to \mathbb{N}$ the length function attached to S_n . Let \mathcal{T}_n denote the reflection subgroup of W_n generated by \mathcal{T}_n . It is also clear that \mathcal{T}_n is a normal subgroup of W_n . Now let $S_{-n} = \{s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}\}$ and let W_{-n} denote the reflection subgroup of W_n generated by S_{-n} , where W_{-n} is isomorphic to the symmetric group Ξ_n of degree n. Thus $W_n = W_{-n} \ltimes \mathcal{T}_n$.

Let $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ be the canonical basis of the Euclidian space \mathbb{R}^n over \mathbb{R} . Let

$$\Psi_n^+ = \{e_i : 1 \le i \le n\} \cup \{e_j + \lambda e_i : \lambda \in \{-1, 1\} \text{ and } 1 \le i < j \le n\}.$$

Then Ψ_n is a root system of type B_n . For further information about the Coxeter groups of type B_n , see [8], [9].

A signed composition of n is an expression of n as a finite sequence $A = (a_1, \dots, a_k)$ whose each part consists of non-zero integers such that $\sum_{i=1}^k |a_i| = n$. Put $|A| = \sum_{i=1}^k |a_i|$. We write $\mathcal{SC}(n)$ to denote the set of all signed compositions of n.

Let $A = (a_1, \dots, a_k) \in \mathcal{SC}(n)$. A is said to be *positive*(resp. *negative*) if $a_i > 0$ (resp. $a_i < 0$) for every $i \ge 1$. If $a_i < 0$ for every $i \ge 2$, then A is called *parabolic*. Let define $A^+ = (|a_1|, \dots, |a_r|)$. Then A^+ is a positive signed composition of n. The set of positive signed compositions of n is denoted by $\mathcal{SC}^+(n)$.

A double partition $\mu = (\mu^+; \mu^-)$ of n consists of a pair of partitions μ^+ and μ^- such that $|\mu| = |\mu^+| + |\mu^-| = n$. If the number of positive parts of n (resp. negative parts of n) is equal to zero, then we write \emptyset instead of μ^+ (resp. μ^-). We denote the set of all double partitions of n by $\mathcal{DP}(n)$. We define $\mathcal{DP}^+(n) = \{\mu = (\mu^+; \mu^-) \in \mathcal{DP}(n) : \mu^- = \emptyset\}$. For $\mu = (\mu^+; \mu^-) \in \mathcal{DP}(n)$, $\hat{\mu} := \mu^+ * -\mu^-$ is the signed composition obtained by appending the sequence of components of μ^+ to that of $-\mu^-$ [2].

Now let $A \in \mathcal{SC}(n)$. If μ^+ (resp. μ^-) is rearrangement of the positive parts (resp. absolute value of negative parts) of A in decreasing order, then $\lambda(A) := (\mu^+; \mu^-)$ is a double partition of n and also $\lambda(\hat{\mu}) = \mu$ for every $\mu \in \mathcal{DP}(n)$ [2]. In [2], Bonnafé and Hohlweg constructed some reflection subgroups of W_n corresponding to signed compositions of n as an analogue to Ξ_n as follows: For each $A = (a_1, \dots, a_k) \in$ $\mathcal{SC}(n)$, the reflection subgroup W_A of W_n is generated by S_A , which is

$$S_A = \{ s_p \in W_{-n} : |a_1| + \dots + |a_{i-1}| + 1 \le p \le |a_1| + \dots + |a_i| - 1 \}$$
$$\cup \{ t_{|a_1| + \dots + |a_{j-1}| + 1} \in T_n \} | a_j > 0 \} \subset S'_n$$

where $S'_n = \{s_1 \cdots s_{n-1}, t_1, t_2, \cdots, t_n\}$. By the definition of S_A , there exists an isomorphism $W_A \cong W_{a_1} \times \cdots \times W_{a_k}$ [2]. By taking into account the definition of the generating set S_A and the isomorphism $W_A \cong W_{a_1} \times \cdots \times W_{a_r}$, for $i, 1 \leq i \leq r$ if $a_i > 0$ then we have rank $W_{a_i} = a_i$ and if $a_i < 0$ then we have rank $W_{a_i} = |a_i| - 1$. Therefore, we get

$$\operatorname{rank} W_A = |S_A| = n - ng(A),$$

where ng(A) denotes the number of negative parts of A. Because of $\sum_{i=1}^{r} |a_i| = n$, we obtain rank $W_A = |S_A| \leq n$.

For $A, B \in \mathcal{SC}(n)$, we write $A \subset B$ if $W_A \subset W_B$, where \subset is a partial ordering relation on $\mathcal{SC}(n)$ [2]. For $A \in \mathcal{SC}(n)$ let \cos_A be a Coxeter element of W_A in terms of generating set S_A . For $B, B' \subset A$, we write $B \equiv_A B'$ if W_B is conjugate to $W_{B'}$ under W_A and also \cos_B and $\cos_{B'}$ are conjugate to each other in W_A if and only if $B \equiv_A B'$ [3]. We write $B \equiv_n B'$ if W_B is conjugate to $W_{B'}$ under W_n . This equivalence is a special case for these kind of reflection subgroups of W_n , because this statement is not true for every reflection subgroup of W_n . Although some two

reflection subgroups R and R' of W_n contain W_n -conjugate Coxeter elements \cos_R and $\cos_{R'}$ respectively, these subgroups are not able to W_n -conjugate to each other [6]. For every element w of W_n , there exists a unique $\lambda \in \mathcal{DP}(n)$ such that w is W_n -conjugate to $\cos_{\hat{\lambda}}$ [3]. Let \mathcal{K}_{λ} be the conjugacy class of W_n corresponding to $\lambda \in \mathcal{DP}(n)$. Since the number of conjugacy classes of W_n is equal to $|\mathcal{DP}(n)|$, thus we may split up W_n into $|\mathcal{DP}(n)|$ conjugacy classes. In [3], Bonnafé showed that for $A, B \in \mathcal{SC}(n), W_A$ is conjugate to W_B in W_n if and only if $\lambda(A) = \lambda(B)$.

For a subset X of W_n , we denote by $\operatorname{Fix}(X) = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^n : \forall x \in X, x(v) = v\}$ the subspace of \mathbb{R}^n fixed by X and let write $W_{\operatorname{Fix}(X)} = \{w \in W_n : \forall v \in \operatorname{Fix}(X), w(v) = v\}$ for the stabilizer of $\operatorname{Fix}(X)$ in W_n . By [6], the set $W_{\operatorname{Fix}(X)}$ is called the *parabolic* closure of X and it is denoted by A(X). For any $w \in W_n$, if we take $X = \{w\}$ then we write $\operatorname{Fix}(w)$ and A(w) instead of $\operatorname{Fix}(\{w\})$ and $A(\{w\})$, respectively. By [1], w is said to be an element of type J if there exists a $J \subset S_n$ such that A(w) is conjugate to W_J under W_n .

2.2. Mantaci-Reutenauer algebra. For any $A \in \mathcal{SC}(n)$, we set

$$D_A = \{ x \in W_n : \forall s \in S_A, \ l(xs) > l(x) \}.$$

By [2] and [7], D_A is the set of distinguished coset representatives of W_A in W_n . Let

$$d_A = \sum_{w \in D_A} w \in \mathbb{Q}W_n,$$

and let

$$\mathcal{MR}(W_n) = \bigoplus_{A \in \mathcal{SC}(n)} \mathbb{Q}d_A.$$

For every $A \in \mathcal{SC}(n)$, from [2] $\Phi_n : \mathcal{MR}(W_n) \to \mathbb{Q}\operatorname{Irr} W_n$ is a surjective algebra morphism such that $\Phi_n(d_A) = \operatorname{Ind}_{W_A}^{W_n} 1_A$, where 1_A stands for the trivial character of W_A . It is well-known from [2] that the radical of $\mathcal{MR}(W_n)$ is $\operatorname{Ker} \Phi_n = \bigoplus_{A,B \in \mathcal{SC}(n), A \equiv_n B} \mathbb{Q}(d_A - d_B)$

By [2], for $A, B \in \mathcal{SC}(n)$, the set of distinguished double coset representatives is defined as $D_{AB} = D_A^{-1} \cap D_B$ and for any $x \in D_{AB}$,

$$W_A \cap {}^x W_B = W_{A \cap {}^x B}.$$

For $A, B \in \mathcal{SC}(n)$, let define [3] the sets $D_{AB}^{\subset} = \{x \in D_{AB} : x^{-1}W_A \subset W_B\}$ and $D_{AB}^{\equiv} = \{x \in D_{AB} : W_A = xW_B\}.$

The following proposition proved by Bonnafé in [3] gives the ring multiplication structure in $\mathcal{MR}(W_n)$.

Proposition 1 ([3]). Let A and B be any two signed composition of n. Then,

i. There is a map $f_{AB}: D_{AB} \to \mathcal{SC}(n)$ satisfying the following conditions:

- For every $x \in D_{AB}$, $f_{AB}(x) \subset B$ and $f_{AB}(x) \equiv_B {x^{-1}}A \cap B$.
- $d_A d_B \sum_{x \in D_{AB}} d_{f_{AB}(x)} \in \mathcal{MR}_{\subsetneq_{\lambda}A}(W_n) \cap \mathcal{MR}_{\prec B}(W_n) \cap Ker\Phi_n.$

ii. If A parabolic or B is semi-positive, then f_{AB}(x) = x⁻¹A∩B for x ∈ D_{AB} and d_Ad_B = ∑_{x∈D_{AB}} d_{x⁻¹A∩B}.
iii. τ_{λ(A)}(d_B) = |D^C_{AB}|.
iv. D[≡]_{AB} = {x ∈ W_n : S_A = x S_B}.
v. W(B) = {w ∈ W_n :^w S_B = S_B}.
vi. W(B) is a subgroup of N_{W_n}(W_B).
vii. N_{W_n}(W_B) = W(B) × W_B.

In the Proposition 1, the symbols \subset_{λ} and \prec denote a pre-order and an ordering defined on $\mathcal{SC}(n)$, respectively. If $A \equiv_n B$, then it is clear $D_{AB}^{\equiv} = D_{AB}^{\subset}$ and $\mathcal{W}(A) = D_{AA}^{\subset}$. Thus $\mathcal{MR}(W_n)$ is called *Mantaci-Reutenauer algebra* of W_n .

For $\lambda \in \mathcal{DP}(n)$, the map $\tau_{\lambda} : \mathcal{MR}(W_n) \to \mathbb{Q}, x \mapsto \Phi_n(x)(\cos_{\hat{\lambda}})$ is independent of the choice of $\cos_{\hat{\lambda}} \in \mathcal{K}_{\lambda}$ and it is also an algebra morphism [2].

3. Some Properties of Coxeter group of type B_n

Let $A \in SC(n)$ and let $l_A : W_A \to \mathbb{N}$ be the length function of W_A in terms of its generating set S_A . When A is not a parabolic signed composition of n, the value $l_A(w)$ is not equal to l(w) for some $w \in W_A$. The following lemma gives a relation between these two length functions. The proof of the following lemma is clear from the fact that $l(t_i) = 2i - 1$ for i, $1 \leq i \leq n$.

Lemma 2. Let $A \in SC(n)$. Then for every $w \in W_A$

$$l(w) \equiv l_A(w) \pmod{2}.$$

Let ε_n and ε_A be the sign character of W_n and W_A , respectively. As a result of the previous lemma, we get

$$\varepsilon_n(w) = (-1)^{l(w)} = (-1)^{l_A(w)} = \varepsilon_A(w).$$

Since the restriction of ε_n to W_A , that is $\operatorname{res}_{W_A}^{W_n} \varepsilon_n$, is an irreducible character of W_A for every $A \in \mathcal{SC}(n)$ and Lemma 2, then we have $\operatorname{res}_{W_A}^{W_n} \varepsilon_n = \varepsilon_A$.

Example 3. For a concrete example, let $A = (-2, 3, -1, -3, 1) \in \mathcal{SC}(10)$. Then $S_A = \{s_1\} \cup \{t_3, s_3, s_4\} \cup \{s_7, s_8\} \cup \{t_{10}\} \subset S'_{10}$ and $S'_A = W_A \cap S'_{10} = \{s_1\} \cup \{t_3, s_3, s_4, t_4, t_5\} \cup \{s_7, s_8\} \cup \{t_{10}\}$. Thus $W_A \cong W_{-2} \times W_3 \times W_{-1} \times W_{-3} \times W_1$. For $w = s_7 t_3 s_3 s_1 t_{10} \in W_A$, $l_A(w) = 5$ and also

 $w = s_7 t_3 s_3 s_1 t_{10} = s_7 s_2 s_1 t_1 s_1 s_2 s_3 s_1 s_9 s_8 s_7 s_6 s_5 s_4 s_3 s_2 s_1 t_1 s_1 s_2 s_3 s_4 s_5 s_6 s_7 s_8 s_9 \in W_{10},$ so l(w) = 27. It follows that $l(w) \equiv l_A(w) \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$.

Proposition 4. If $B \in SC^+(n)$, then the parabolic closure of W_B is $A(W_B) = W_n$.

Proof. Since $B \in \mathcal{SC}^+(n)$, we have $\mathcal{T}_n \leq W_B$ and so $w_n \in W_B$. By considering w_n as a linear map $-id_{\mathbb{R}^n} : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$, we obtain $\operatorname{Fix}(w_n) = \{\vec{0}\}$. Thus, the parabolic closure of w_n is $A(w_n) = W_{\operatorname{Fix}(w_n)} = W_n$. Because of the relation $w_n \in W_B \subset A(\cos_B) = A(W_B)$, we get $w_n \in A(\cos_B)$. By [11], the inclusion $A(w_n) \subset W_B$.

 $A(\cos_B) = A(W_B)$ holds. If we take into account the fact that $A(w_n) = W_n$, then we have $A(W_B) = W_n$. This completes the proof.

As a consequence of Proposition 4, if $B \in \mathcal{SC}^+(n)$, then the parabolic closure of W_B is W_n and each element of $\mathcal{K}_{\lambda(B)}$ is of type S_n .

Lemma 5. Let A be a signed composition of n. Then w_n belongs to W_A if and only if $A \in SC^+(n)$.

Proof. When A is a positive signed composition of n, we can easily see from the proof of Proposition 4 that w_n is an element of W_A . Conversely, let w_n be in W_A . We suppose that $A = (a_1, \dots, a_i, \dots, a_r)$ is not a positive signed composition of n. Then there exists $a_i < 0$ for some $i, 1 \le i \le r$. Thus from the definition of W_A , we obtain $t_{|a_1|+\dots+|a_{i-1}|+1}, \dots, t_{|a_1|+\dots+|a_i|} \notin S'_A = W_A \cap S'_n$. Hence for any $x \in W_A$ and $e_{|a_1|+\dots+|a_{i-1}|+1} + \dots + e_{|a_1|+\dots+|a_i|} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we have $x(e_{|a_1|+\dots+|a_{i-1}|+1} + \dots + e_{|a_1|+\dots+|a_i|}) = e_{|a_1|+\dots+|a_{i-1}|+1} + \dots + e_{|a_1|+\dots+|a_i|}$ and so $e_{|a_1|+\dots+|a_{i-1}|+1} + \dots + e_{|a_1|+\dots+|a_i|} \in \operatorname{Fix}(W_A)$. This is a contradiction, because the subspace $\operatorname{Fix}(W_A)$ consists of only $\vec{0}$. Therefore, we get $A \in \mathcal{SC}^+(n)$.

Theorem 6. If the set $C(S_n)$ denotes the set of all elements of W_n of type S_n , then we have

$$\mathcal{C}(S_n) = \coprod_{\lambda \in \mathcal{DP}^+(n)} \mathcal{K}_{\lambda}.$$
 (1)

Proof. For each $\lambda \in \mathcal{DP}^+(n)$, we have $\hat{\lambda} \in \mathcal{SC}^+(n)$. From Proposition 4, for every element of \mathcal{K}_{λ} is of type S_n and so the reverse inclusion holds. Now let $w \in \mathcal{C}(S_n)$. Then w is W_n -conjugate to \cos_A for some $A \in \mathcal{SC}(n)$. Thus we get $A(w) = A(\cos_A) = A(W_A) = W_n$. From here, for every $x \in W_n$ and every $v \in \operatorname{Fix}(W_A)$ we obtain x(v) = v. In particular, if we take $w_n = -id_{\mathcal{R}^n} \in W_n$, then it is seen that $\operatorname{Fix}(W_A)$ includes just $\{\vec{0}\}$. Thus w_n is an element of W_A . Otherwise, if $A \notin \mathcal{SC}^+(n)$, then from the proof of Lemma 5 we get $\operatorname{Fix}(W_A) \neq \{\vec{0}\}$, which is a contradiction. Hence $A \in \mathcal{SC}^+(n)$. By taking the definition of λ into account, we get a $\lambda \in \mathcal{DP}^+(n)$ such that $\lambda(A) = \lambda$. Thus w belongs to \mathcal{K}_{λ} and so it is seen that the inclusion $\mathcal{C}(S_n) \subset \prod_{\lambda \in \mathcal{DP}^+(n)} \mathcal{K}_{\lambda}$ satisfies. It is required. \Box

Since the exponents of W_n are in turn $1, 3, \dots, 2n-1$, then from [1] the number of elements of type S_n is equal to the product of exponents of W_n and so $|\mathcal{C}(S_n)| = 1 \cdot 3 \cdots 2n - 1$. By the equation (1), we obtain the formula

$$|\mathcal{C}(S_n)| = \sum_{\mu \in \mathcal{DP}^+(n)} |\mathcal{K}_{\mu}|.$$

Thus Theorem 6 gives us an alternative method to compute the number of elements of type S_n . We will give a formula in Corollary 19 to find the number of elements of every conjugacy class $\mathcal{K}_{\lambda}, \lambda \in \mathcal{DP}(n)$ of W_n . Moreover, we will give an example for Theorem 6 in Section 5.

A conjugacy class of a finite Coxeter group W which does not contain an element of a proper standard parabolic subgroup of W is called a *cuspidal class* of W [8].

Corollary 7. Let A be a positive signed composition of n. Then the conjugacy class $\mathcal{K}_{\lambda(A)}$ is a cuspidal class of W_n .

If we consider the proof of Proposition 4 and Corollary 7, then all cuspidal classes of W_n are the conjugacy classes $\mathcal{K}_{\lambda(A)}$ for every $A \in \mathcal{SC}^+(n)$. From Theorem 6, the set $\mathcal{C}(S_n)$ is disjoint union of cuspidal classes of W_n . Therefore, each element of W_n of type S_n belongs to a unique cuspidal class of W_n .

4. Generalized Burnside Algebra of W_n

Let A, B be any two signed compositions of n. Then, we have that

$$A \equiv_n B \Leftrightarrow W_A \sim_{W_n} W_B \Leftrightarrow [W/W_A] = [W/W_B]$$

where $[W/W_A]$ represents the isomorphism class of W_n -set W/W_A . The orbits of W_n on $W/W_A \times W/W_B$ are of the form $(W_A x, W_B)$ where $x \in D_{AB}$. The stabilizer of $(W_A x, W_B)$ in W_n is $x^{-1}W_A \cap W_B = W_{x^{-1}A \cap B}$. Therefore

$$[W/W_A].[W/W_B] = [W/W_A \times W/W_B] = \sum_{x \in D_{AB}} [W/W_{x^{-1}A \cap B}].$$

Thus, we are now in a position to give the following definition.

Definition 8. The generalized Burnside algebra of W_n is Q-spanned by the set $\{[W/W_A] : A \in \mathcal{SC}(n)\}$ and it is denoted by $HB(W_n)$.

From part (i) of Proposition 1 and the structure of $\operatorname{Ker}(\Phi_n)$, the ring multiplication rule in $\mathcal{MR}(W_n)$ may be expressed by

$$d_A d_B = \sum_{x \in D_{AB}} d_{f_{AB}(x)} + \sum_{N \equiv_n N'} a_{NN'} (d_N - d_{N'}),$$

where $a_{NN'} \in \mathbb{Z}$; $N, N' \subsetneq_{\lambda} A$; $N, N' \prec B$; $f_{AB}(x) \subset B$ and $f_{AB}(x) \equiv_B x^{-1} A \cap B$. Now we define

$$\psi$$
: $\mathcal{MR}(W_n) \to HB(W_n), d_A \mapsto [W/W_A].$

Thus ψ is well-defined and surjective linear map. By considering the structure of $\operatorname{Ker}\Phi_n$ and $f_{AB}(x) \equiv_B {}^{x^{-1}}A \cap B \Rightarrow W_{f_{AB}(x)} \sim_{W_B} W_{x^{-1}}_{A \cap B}$, we get

$$\psi(d_A d_B) = \psi(\sum_{x \in D_{AB}} d_{f_{AB}(x)} + \sum_{N \equiv_n N'} a_{NN'}(d_N - d_{N'}))$$
$$= \sum_{x \in D_{AB}} [W/W_{f_{AB}(x)}]$$
$$= \psi(d_A)\psi(d_B).$$

Then the map ψ is an algebra morphism. Since $\dim_{\mathbb{Q}} \operatorname{HB}(W_n) = \dim_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}\operatorname{Irr} W_n = |\mathcal{DP}(n)|$, then there is an algebra isomorphism between $\operatorname{HB}(W_n)$ and $\mathbb{Q}\operatorname{Irr} W_n$ such that

$$\operatorname{HB}(W_n) \to \mathbb{Q}\operatorname{Irr} W_n, \ [W/W_A] \mapsto \operatorname{Ind}_{W_A}^{W_n} 1_A.$$

Now let $\lambda, \mu \in \mathcal{DP}(n)$ and let $\varphi_{\lambda} = \operatorname{Ind}_{W_{\lambda}}^{W_{n}} 1_{\hat{\lambda}}$. From part (iii) of Proposition 1, $\varphi_{\lambda}(\cos_{\hat{\lambda}}) = \tau_{\lambda}(d_{\hat{\lambda}}) = |D_{\hat{\lambda}\hat{\lambda}}^{\subset}| \neq 0$ and $\tau_{\lambda}(d_{\hat{\mu}}) = 0$ if $\lambda \not\subseteq \mu$. Thus the matrix $(\tau_{\lambda}(d_{\hat{\lambda}}))_{\lambda,\mu\in\mathcal{DP}(n)}$ is lower diagonal. Then $(\varphi_{\lambda}(\cos_{\hat{\mu}}))_{\lambda,\mu}$ is upper diagonal and also has positive diagonal entries. Therefore $(\varphi_{\lambda}(\cos_{\hat{\mu}}))_{\lambda,\mu}$ is invertible and we write $(u_{\lambda\mu})_{\lambda,\mu\in\mathcal{DP}(n)}$ for the inverse of $(\varphi_{\lambda}(\cos_{\hat{\mu}}))_{\lambda,\mu}$. We define

$$e_{\lambda} = \sum_{\mu \in \mathcal{DP}(n)} u_{\lambda \mu} \varphi_{\mu}$$

By definition of e_{λ} and $(\varphi_{\lambda}(\cos_{\hat{\mu}}))^{-1} = (u_{\lambda\mu})$, we obtain that

$$e_{\lambda}(\cos_{\hat{\mu}}) = \sum_{\gamma \in \mathcal{DP}(n)} u_{\lambda\gamma} \varphi_{\gamma}(\cos_{\hat{\mu}}) = \delta_{\lambda,\mu}.$$

Hence the set $\{e_{\lambda} : \lambda \in \mathcal{DP}(n)\}$ is a collection of orthogonal primitive idempotents of HB(W_n). Consequently, we have $HB(W_n) = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \mathcal{DP}(n)} \mathbb{Q}e_{\lambda}$.

For each $A \in \mathcal{SC}(n)$,

$$s_A: HB(W_n) \to \mathbb{Q}, \ s_A([X]) = |^{W_A}X|$$

is an algebra map, where ${}^{W_A}X = \{x \in X : W_Ax = x\}$. Since $HB(W_n)$ is semisimple and commutative algebra, then all algebra maps $HB(W_n) \to \mathbb{Q}$ are of the form s_A for every $A \in \mathcal{SC}(n)$. The proof of the following lemma is immediately seen from [5].

Lemma 9. For $A, B \in \mathcal{SC}(n)$, we have that

$$s_A = s_B \Leftrightarrow \boldsymbol{\lambda}(A) = \boldsymbol{\lambda}(B).$$

Thus the dual basis of $HB(W_n)$ is $\{s_{\hat{\lambda}} : \lambda \in \mathcal{DP}(n)\}$. For any $\lambda, \mu \in \mathcal{DP}(n)$, we have the following equality

$$s_{\hat{\lambda}}(e_{\mu}) = \delta_{\lambda,\mu},\tag{2}$$

and so any element x in $HB(W_n)$ can be expressed as $x = \sum_{\lambda \in \mathcal{DP}(n)} s_{\hat{\lambda}}(x) e_{\lambda}$.

Let A be a signed composition of n. Induction and restriction of characters give rise to two maps between $HB(W_A)$ and $HB(W_n)$. For any $A, B \in \mathcal{SC}(n)$ such that $B \subset A$, we have $\operatorname{Ind}_{W_A}^{W_n}([W_A/W_B]) = [W_n/W_B]$.

Definition 10. Let $A, B \in \mathcal{SC}(n)$ be such that $B \subset A$. The *restriction* is a linear map

$$\operatorname{res}_{W_B}^{W_A} : HB(W_A) \to HB(W_B), \ \operatorname{res}_{W_B}^{W_A}([W_A/W_C]) = \sum_{d \in W_A \cap D_{CB}} [W_B/W_{B \cap d^{-1}C}].$$

Before going into a further discussion of the restriction and induced character theories of generalized Burnside algebra, we shall first mention the number of elements of the conjugacy class of W_A in W_n .

Proposition 11. Let $A \in SC(n)$ and $\lambda(A) = \lambda$. The number of all reflection subgroups of W_n which are conjugate to W_A is

$$|[W_A]| = |D_A| \cdot u_{\lambda,\lambda}.$$

Proof. Put $[W_A] = \{ {}^{x}W_A : x \in W_n \}$. Now we note that $xW_A x^{-1} = yW_A y^{-1}$ if and only if $x \in yN_{W_n}(W_A)$. Thus, the number of distinct conjugates of W_A in W_n is $[W_n : N_{W_n}(W_A)]$. Since also $N_{W_n}(W_A) = \mathcal{W}(A) \ltimes W_A$, we have

$$|[W_A]| = \frac{|W_n|}{|W(A)| \cdot |W_A|} = \frac{|D_A|}{|W(A)|}.$$

Furthermore, from the fact that $\tau_{\lambda(A)}(d_A) = |D_{AA}^{\subset}| = |\mathcal{W}(A)|$ and $\varphi_{\lambda}(\cos_{\hat{\lambda}}) = \tau_{\lambda(A)}(d_A) = \frac{1}{u_{\lambda,\lambda}}$, as desired.

Example 12. We consider the set $D_{(2,1)} = \{1, s_2, s_1s_2\}$ consisting of the distinguished coset representatives of reflection subgroup $W_{(2,1)}$ in W_3 . The number of all reflection subgroups conjugate to $W_{(2,1)}$ in W_3 is

$$|[W_{(2,1)}]| = |D_{(2,1)}| \cdot u_{(2,1;\emptyset),(2,1;\emptyset)} = 3 \cdot 1 = 3.$$

These are explicitly $W_{(2,1)}$, $W_{(1,2)}$ and ${}^{s_2}W_{(2,1)} = \langle s_2s_1s_2, t_1, t_2 \rangle$. We note that the reflection subgroup ${}^{s_2}W_{(2,1)}$ does not coincide with any subgroup of W_3 corresponding to any signed composition of 3.

Remark 13. For $A, B \in SC(n)$ such that $B \subset A$ and for any $x \in HB(W_n)$, by using the definition of s_A one can see that there exists the relation $s_B^A(res_{W_A}^{W_n}(x)) = s_B(x)$.

We can now give the following proposition.

Proposition 14. Let be $A, B \in SC(n)$ and let A_1, A_2, \dots, A_r be representatives of the W_A -equivalent classes of subsets of A, which are W_n -equivalent to B. Then,

$$\operatorname{res}_{W_A}^{W_n} e_B = \sum_{i=1}^r e_{A_i}^A.$$

If B is not W_n -equivalent to any subset of A then $\operatorname{res}_{W_A}^{W_n} e_B = 0$.

Proof. Since $\operatorname{res}_{W_A}^{W_n} e_B$ is an element of $HB(W_A)$, then we have

$$\operatorname{res}_{W_A}^{W_n} e_B = \sum_{A_i \subset A} s_{A_i}^A (\operatorname{res}_{W_A}^{W_n}(e_B)) e_{A_i}^A.$$

Then by using Remark 13 and the relation (2), we get

$$\operatorname{res}_{W_A}^{W_n} e_B = \sum_{A_i \subset A} s_{A_i}(e_B) e_A^A$$



Proposition 15. Let $A, B \in SC(n)$ and let $B \subset A$. Then we have

$$Ind_{W_A}^{W_n}e_B^A = \frac{|\mathcal{W}(B)|}{|W_A \cap \mathcal{W}(B)|} \cdot e_B$$

Proof. Firstly, we assume that A = B and cox_A is a Coxeter element of W_A . Since the image of cox_A under permutation character of W_n on the cosets of W_A is $|\mathcal{W}(A)|$ then it follows from the fact that

$$x^{-1} \operatorname{cox}_A x \in W_A \Leftrightarrow x \in N_{W_n}(W_A).$$

Thus we obtain

$$\operatorname{Ind}_{W_A}^{W_n} e_A^A(\operatorname{cox}_A) = |D_A \cap N_{W_n}(W_A)|$$
$$= |\mathcal{W}(A)|.$$

As $\operatorname{Ind}_{W_A}^{W_n} e_A^A$ takes value zero except for the elements conjugate to cox_A and so we get

$$\operatorname{Ind}_{W_A}^{W_n} e_A^A = |\mathcal{W}(A)| e_A.$$

By transitivity of induced characters, we generally get

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Ind}_{W_A}^{W_n} e_B^A &= \operatorname{Ind}_{W_A}^{W_n} \left(\frac{1}{|W_A \cap \mathcal{W}(B)|} |W_A \cap \mathcal{W}(B)| e_B^A \right) \\ &= \operatorname{Ind}_{W_A}^{W_n} \left(\frac{1}{|W_A \cap \mathcal{W}(B)|} \operatorname{ind}_{W_B}^{W_A} e_B^B \right) \\ &= \frac{|\mathcal{W}(B)|}{|W_A \cap \mathcal{W}(B)|} e_B. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, there is also the equality $\operatorname{Ind}_{W_A}^{W_n} e_B^A = |N_{W_n}(W_B) : N_{W_A}(W_B)|e_B.$

Theorem 16. Let $A, B \in SC(n)$ be such that $\lambda(B) \subset \lambda(A)$. If B_1, B_2, \dots, B_r are the representatives of the W_A -equivalence classes of subsets of A which are W_n -equivalent to B, then for $cox_B \in W_n$,

$$Ind_{W_A}^{W_n} \mathbb{1}_A(cox_B) = \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{|\mathcal{W}(B)|}{|W_A \cap \mathcal{W}(B_i)|}.$$

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Proof. Let $A, B \in SC(n)$. If $A \equiv_n B$ then it is easy to prove that |W(A)| = |W(B)|. We write $1_A = \sum_E e_E^A$, where $E \in SC(n)$ runs over W_A -conjugacy classes of subsets of A. From Proposition 15, we have

$$\operatorname{Ind}_{W_A}^{W_n} 1_A = \sum_E \operatorname{Ind}_{W_A}^{W_n} e_E^A \Rightarrow \operatorname{Ind}_{W_A}^{W_n} 1_A = \sum_E \frac{|\mathcal{W}(E)|}{|W_A \cap \mathcal{W}(E)|} \cdot e_E.$$

Since each B_i is W_n -equivalent to B, then $e_E(\cos_B) = 1$ if and only if $E \equiv_{W_A} B_i$. Thus we obtain that

$$\operatorname{Ind}_{W_A}^{W_n} 1_A(\operatorname{cox}_B) = \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{|\mathcal{W}(B)|}{|W_A \cap \mathcal{W}(B_i)|}.$$

Hence the theorem is proved.

Theorem 17 and Proposition 18 give us a useful computation to determine the coefficient of the sign character ε_n in the expression of the orthogonal primitive idempotent e_{λ} , $\lambda \in \mathcal{DP}(n)$ in terms of irreducible characters of W_n .

Theorem 17. $u_{(n;\emptyset),(\emptyset;1,\dots,1)} = \frac{(-1)^n}{2n}$.

Proof. Let $\chi_{reg}: W_n \to \mathbb{Z}$ be the regular character of W_n . For $A = (-1, \dots, -1)$ it is satisfied $\operatorname{Ind}_{W_A}^{W_n} 1_A = \chi_{reg}$. The character ε_n is contained in χ_{reg} with the property that its coefficient is just 1, thus we have

$$\operatorname{Ind}_{W_A}^{W_n} 1_A, \varepsilon_n \rangle = 1.$$

Now let $A \neq (-1, \dots, -1)$. By using Frobenius Reciprocity and the formula $\operatorname{res}_{W_A}^{W_n} \varepsilon_n = \varepsilon_A$, it is obtained that $\langle \operatorname{Ind}_{W_A}^{W_n} 1_A, \varepsilon_n \rangle = 0$. If w is conjugate to cox_{W_n} under W_n , then we have $e_{(n;\emptyset)}(w) = 1$ and $\varepsilon_n(w) = \varepsilon_n(\operatorname{cox}_{W_n}) = (-1)^{l(w)} = (-1)^n$. Let $\operatorname{ccl}_{W_n}(\operatorname{cox}_{W_n})$ denote the conjugacy class of cox_{W_n} in W_n . By considering the formula $|\operatorname{ccl}_{W_n}(\operatorname{cox}_{W_n})| = \frac{|W_n|.n}{2N}$ in [4], we obtain

$$\langle e_{(n;\emptyset)}, \varepsilon_n \rangle = \frac{(-1)^n}{2n}$$

On the other hand, $\langle e_{(n;\emptyset)}, \varepsilon_n \rangle = \sum_{\mu \in \mathcal{DP}(n)} u_{(n;\emptyset)\mu} \langle \varphi_{\mu}, \varepsilon_n \rangle = u_{(n;\emptyset),(\emptyset;1,\cdots,1)}$ and so the proof is completed.

Proposition 18. For $\lambda \in \mathcal{DP}(n)$ and $\lambda \neq (n; \emptyset)$, then we have

$$u_{\lambda,(\emptyset;1,\cdots,1)} = (-1)^{|S_{\hat{\lambda}}|} \cdot \frac{|\mathcal{K}_{\lambda}|}{|W_n|}.$$

Proof. Since the sign character is constant on the conjugacy classes, then we have

$$\begin{split} \langle e_{\lambda}, \varepsilon_n \rangle &= \frac{1}{|W_n|} \sum_{w \in \mathcal{K}_{\lambda}} (-1)^{l(w)} \; (\operatorname{rank} W_{\hat{\lambda}} = |S_{\hat{\lambda}}|) \\ &= (-1)^{|S_{\hat{\lambda}}|} \cdot \frac{|\mathcal{K}_{\lambda}|}{|W_n|}. \end{split}$$

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Note that $\langle \varphi_{\mu}, \varepsilon_n \rangle$ has value 1 for $\mu = (\emptyset; 1, \dots, 1)$ and zero for the others. Henceforth, we obtain $\langle e_{\lambda}, \varepsilon_n \rangle = \sum_{\mu \in \mathcal{DP}(n)} u_{\lambda\mu} \langle \varphi_{\mu}, \varepsilon_n \rangle = u_{\lambda,(\emptyset;1,\dots,1)}$. Eventually, we have $u_{\lambda,(\emptyset;1,\dots,1)} = (-1)^{|S_{\hat{\lambda}}|} \cdot \frac{|\mathcal{K}_{\lambda}|}{|W_n|}$.

Notice that calculation of the inner product $\langle e_\lambda, 1_{W_n}\rangle$ leads to the following corollary.

Corollary 19. Let $\lambda \in \mathcal{DP}(n)$. Then

$$|W_n| \sum_{\mu \in \mathcal{DP}(n)} u_{\lambda,\mu} = |\mathcal{K}_\lambda|.$$

By means of Corollary 19 and the matrix $(u_{\lambda\mu})_{\lambda,\mu\in\mathcal{DP}(n)}$, one can readily determine the sizes of all the conjugacy classes of W_n .

Theorem 20. Let $A \in SC(n)$ and $\lambda \in DP(n)$. Then

$$\sum_{\mu\in\mathcal{DP}(n)} u_{\lambda\mu} a_{\hat{\mu}A(-1,\cdots,-1)} = (-1)^{|S_{\hat{\lambda}}|} \frac{|\mathcal{K}_{\lambda} \cap W_A|}{|W_A|},$$

where $a_{\hat{\mu}A(-1,\dots,-1)} = |\{x \in D_{\hat{\mu}A} : x^{-1}\hat{\mu} \cap A = (-1,\dots,-1)\}|.$

Proof. The term $d_{(-1,\dots,-1)}$ in the multiplication $d_{\hat{\mu}}d_A$ lies in the summand $\sum_{x \in D_{\hat{\mu}A}} d_{f_{\hat{\mu}A}(x)}$ from the structure of Ker Φ_n and part (i) of Proposition 1. If we

write the coefficient of $d_{(-1,\dots,-1)}$ in this summand as $a_{\hat{\mu}A(-1,\dots,-1)}$, and so we get $a_{\hat{\mu}A(-1,\dots,-1)} = |\{x \in D_{\hat{\mu}A} : f_{\hat{\mu}A}(x) - (-1,\dots,-1)\}|$

$$a_{\hat{\mu}A(-1,\cdots,-1)} = |\{x \in D_{\hat{\mu}A} : f_{\hat{\mu}A}(x) = (-1,\cdots,-1)\}|.$$

By using part (i) of Proposition 1 along with the fact $f_{\hat{\mu}A}(x) \equiv_A x^{-1} \hat{\mu} \cap A$, it is seen that there is the equivalence $x^{-1} \hat{\mu} \cap A \equiv_A (-1, \dots, -1)$. Since no element in $\mathcal{SC}(n)$ is congruent to $(-1, \dots, -1)$ except for $(-1, \dots, -1)$, it then follows that $x^{-1} \hat{\mu} \cap A = (-1, \dots, -1)$. Hence we have deduced the equality $a_{\hat{\mu}A(-1,\dots,-1)} = |\{x \in D_{\hat{\mu}A} : x^{-1} \hat{\mu} \cap A = (-1,\dots,-1)\}|$ holds. Therefore, by Frobenius Reciprocity and Mackey Theorem, we have

$$\langle e_{\lambda}, \operatorname{ind}_{W_{A}}^{W_{n}} \varepsilon_{A} \rangle = \sum_{\mu \in \mathcal{DP}(n)} u_{\lambda\mu} \sum_{x \in D_{\hat{\mu}A}} \langle \operatorname{ind}_{W_{x^{-1}\hat{\mu}\cap A}}^{W_{A}} 1_{x^{-1}\hat{\mu}\cap A}, \varepsilon_{A} \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{\mu \in \mathcal{DP}(n)} u_{\lambda\mu} \sum_{\substack{x \in D_{\hat{\mu}A} \\ x^{-1}\hat{\mu}\cap A = (-1, \cdots, -1)}} 1_{x^{-1}\hat{\mu}\cap A}$$

$$= \sum_{\mu \in \mathcal{DP}(n)} u_{\lambda\mu} a_{\hat{\mu}A(-1, \cdots, -1)}.$$

Also, $\varepsilon_n(w)$ is the same value for every $w \in \mathcal{K}_{\lambda}$ and so $\varepsilon_n(w) = \varepsilon_n(\cos_{\hat{\lambda}}) = (-1)^{|S_{\hat{\lambda}}|}$. Therefore, by Lemma 2, we have

$$\langle e_{\lambda}, \operatorname{ind}_{W_{A}}^{W_{n}} \varepsilon_{A} \rangle = \frac{1}{|W_{A}|} \sum_{w \in \mathcal{K}_{\lambda} \cap W_{A}} (-1)^{l_{A}(w^{-1})}$$

$$= \frac{1}{|W_A|} \sum_{w \in \mathcal{K}_\lambda \cap W_A} (-1)^{l(w)} = \frac{1}{|W_A|} (-1)^{|S_{\hat{\lambda}}|} |\mathcal{K}_\lambda \cap W_A|$$

Putting these two results together, we see that theorem is proved.

5. Example

We consider the Coxeter group W_3 . For all $\lambda, \mu \in \mathcal{DP}(3)$, by means of the character table of $\mathcal{MR}(W_3)$ in [3], we can write the values $\varphi_{\lambda}(\cos_{\hat{\mu}})$ as in the following table:

	$c_{(3;\emptyset)}$	$c(\emptyset;3)$	$c_{(2,1;\emptyset)}$	$c_{(2;1)}$	$c_{(1;2)}$	$c_{(\emptyset;2,1)}$	$c_{(1,1,1;\emptyset)}$	$c_{(1,1;1)}$	$c_{(1;1,1)}$	$c(\emptyset;1,1,1)$
$\varphi(3:\emptyset)$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$\varphi(0:3)$	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	8
$\varphi(2,1\cdot 0)$	0	0	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3
$\varphi(2:1)$	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	4	6
$\varphi_{(1:2)}$	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	4	12
$\varphi(\emptyset;2,1)$	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	24
$\varphi(1, 1, 1; \emptyset)$	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	6	6
$\varphi(1,1:1)$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	8	12
$\varphi_{(1:1,1)}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	24
$\varphi_{(\emptyset;1,1,1)}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48

The matrices $(u_{\lambda,\mu})_{\lambda,\mu\in\mathcal{DP}(n)}$ is

1	1	-1/2	-1	0	0	1/2	1/3	0	0	-1/6	•
	0	1/2	0	0	0	-1/2	0	0	0	1/6	
	0	0	1	-1/2	-1/2	1/4	-1/2	1/4	1/4	-1/8	
	0	0	0	1/2	0	-1/4	0	-1/4	0	1/8	
	0	0	0	0	1/2	-1/4	0	0	-1/4	1/8	
	0	0	0	0	0	1/4	0	0	0	-1/8	.
	0	0	0	0	0	0	1/6	-1/4	1/8	-1/48	
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1/4	-1/4	1/16	
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1/8	-1/16	
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1/48	
)	1

For $\lambda = (3; \emptyset)$, $(2, 1; \emptyset)$, $(1, 1, 1; \emptyset) \in \mathcal{DP}(3)$, the size of \mathcal{K}_{λ} is calculated by means of Corollary 19 and matrix $(u_{\lambda,\mu})_{\lambda,\mu\in\mathcal{DP}(n)}$ the above. Since $|\mathcal{K}_{(3;\emptyset)}| = 8$, $|\mathcal{K}_{(2,1;\emptyset)}| = 6$ and $|\mathcal{K}_{(1,1,1;\emptyset)}| = 1$, then we have found that the number of elements of type S_3 is $|\mathcal{C}(S_3)| = 15$.

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