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### HIGHER DERIVATIONS OF ALGEBRAIC FUNCTION FIELDS

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Let A be a commutative k-algebra with unity 1 where k is a field of characteristic zero. A higher derivation on A is a sequence  $\underline{D} = |D_0, D_1,$  $D_2, \ldots$  of endomorphisms of the k-module A where  $D_0$  is the identity map of A and  $D_n(ab) = \sum_{m=0}^n D_m(a) D_{n-m}(b)$  for every  $a, b \in A$ . Let  $\phi_{\underline{D}}$  be the embedding of A into A[t] the ring of formal power series in indeterminate t induced by the higher derivation  $\underline{D}$  and defined by  $\phi_D(a) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} D_n(a) t^n$ for every  $a \in A$ . We say that two higher derivations  $\underline{D} = |D_n: n \ge 0|$ , and  $\underline{E} = |E_n: n \ge 0|$  are equivalent if and only if  $\sigma \phi_{\underline{E}} = \phi_{\underline{D}}$  for some A-automorphism  $\sigma$  of A[t]. In a previous paper [1] the author proved that there is a one to one correspondence between the set of all higher derivations on A and the set of ordered sequences of first order derivations on A. In this paper we prove that every higher derivation  $\underline{D} = |D_n: n \ge 0, D_1$  $\neq 0$  of an algebraic function field K of transcendency degree one over a field k of characteristic zero is equivalent to the higher derivation  $\nabla =$  $\{(1/n!)\delta^n: n \ge 0\}$  where  $\delta$  is the unique extension to K of the ordinary derviation d/dx of k(x).

Our terminology is essentially the same as that of [1].

**Definition.** Two higher derivations  $\underline{D} = |D_n: n \ge 0|$  and  $\underline{E} = |E_n: n \ge 0|$  on A are said to be equivalent if and only if there exists an A-automorphism  $\sigma$  of A[t] such that  $\sigma \phi_{\underline{E}} = \phi_{\underline{D}}$  where  $\phi_{\underline{E}}, \phi_{\underline{D}}$  are the embeddings of A into A[t] induced respectively by  $\underline{E}$  and  $\underline{D}$ .

**Theorem 1([1]).** There is a one to one correspondence between the set of ordered sequences of k-derivations on A of order one and the set of higher derivations on A in such a way that if  $|\delta_n: n \ge 0$ ,  $\delta_0$  identity,  $\delta_n$  is a k-derivation of order one | and the higher derivation  $\underline{D} = |D_n: n \ge 0|$  correspond to each other, then

$$D_n = \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{r!} \sum_{(n_1,\ldots,n_r)\in P_{n,r}} \delta_{n_1} \delta_{n_2} \cdots \delta_{n_r}$$

and

$$\delta_n = \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{r+1}}{r} \sum_{(n_1,\dots,n_r) \in P_{n,r}} D_{n_1} D_{n_2} \cdots D_n,$$

for every  $n \ge 1$  and  $D_0 = \delta_0$ , where  $P_{n,r}$  stands for the set of ordered partitions of n into r-positive integers.

**Theorem 2.** If K is an algebraic function field of transcendency degree one over a field k of characteristic zero, then every higher derivation  $\underline{D} =$  $|D_n: n \ge 0, D_1 \ne 0|$  on K is equivalent to the higher derivation  $\underline{V} =$  $|(1/n!)\delta^n: n \ge 0|$  where  $\delta$  is the unique extension to K of the ordinary derivation d/dx of k(x).

*Proof.* By Theorem 1, let  $\{\delta_n : n \ge 0\}$  be the sequence of k-derivations on K of order one associated to <u>D</u>. Hence

$$D_n = \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{r!} \sum_{(n_1,\ldots,n_r) \in P_{n,r}} \delta_{n_1} \delta_{n_2} \cdots \delta_{n_r}$$

but since K is a simple separable extension of k(x) we have by [2, Theorem 4.3.10]

$$\delta_{n_i} = C_{n_i} \delta$$
 for some  $C_{n_i} \in K$ 

then by Leibniz Rule we get for  $r \ge 1$ ,

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$$\delta_{n_1} \delta_{n_2} \cdots \delta_{n_r} = \sum_{q=1}^r \left[ \sum_{(q_{0,1}, q_{0,2}, \dots, q_{0,r}) \in B_{r,q}} \times Q(q_{0,1}, q_{0,2}, \dots, q_{0,r}) C_{n_1}^{q_{0,1}} C_{n_2}^{q_{0,2}} C_{n_r}^{q_{0,r}} \right] \delta^q$$

where  $B_{r,q} = \{(q_{0,1}, q_{0,2}, ..., q_{0,r}): q_{0,i}$ 's are non-negative integers such that  $q_{0,1} + q_{0,2} + \cdots + q_{0,r} = r - q$  and  $q_{0,1} + \cdots + q_{0,i} \le \min(i-1, r-q)$  for every  $1 \le i \le r\}$  and  $Q(q_{0,1}, q_{0,2}, ..., q_{0,r}) = {0 \choose q_{0,1}} {1-q_{0,1} \choose q_{0,2}} {2-q_{0,1}-q_{0,2} \choose q_{0,3}} \cdots {r-1-q_{0,1}-\cdots-q_{0,r-1} \choose q_{0,r}}$  and  $C_{n_i}^{q_{0,i}} = \delta^{q_{0,i}}(C_{n_i}), \ \delta^0(C_{n_i}) = C_{n_i}.$ 

Notice that  $q_{0,1} = 0$  and if  $\lambda = (q'_{0,1}, ..., q'_{0,m_0}, ..., q'_{s,1}, ..., q'_{s,m_s}, ..., q'_{k,1}, ..., q'_{k,m_l})$  is a permutation of  $(q_{0,1}, q_{0,2}, ..., q_{0,r})$  such that  $\sum_{s=0}^{t} m_s = r$ ,  $q'_{s,j} = q'_{s,j+1}$  and  $q'_{s,j} < q'_{s+1,j}$  for every  $0 \le s \le t$  then also  $\lambda \in B_{r,q}$ . Let

$$a_{n} = \sum_{r=1}^{n} \frac{1}{r!} \sum_{(n_{1},...,n_{r})\in P_{n,r}} \sum_{(q_{0,1},q_{0,2},...,q_{0,r})\in B_{r,1}} \\ \times Q(q_{0,1}, q_{0,2},..., q_{0,r}) C_{n_{1}}^{q_{0,1}} C_{n_{2}}^{q_{0,2}} \cdots C_{n_{r}}^{q_{0,r}}$$

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for  $n \ge 1$ . Then we get

$$D_{n} = \alpha_{n} \delta + \sum_{q=2}^{n} \left[ \sum_{r=q}^{n} \frac{1}{r!} \sum_{(n_{1},...,n_{r})\in P_{n,r}} \sum_{(q_{0,1},q_{0,2},...,q_{0,r})\in B_{r,q}} \right] \\ \times Q(q_{0,1}, q_{0,2},..., q_{0,r}) C_{n_{1}}^{q_{0,1}} C_{n_{2}}^{q_{0,2}} \cdots C_{n_{r}}^{q_{0,r}} \right] \delta^{q}$$

for  $n \ge 2$ .

Define

$$\sigma(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n t^n$$

Since  $D_1 = \delta_1 = c_1 \delta = \alpha_1 \delta \neq 0$  hence  $\alpha_1 \neq 0$ . It is easily seen that  $\sigma$  can be extended to a K-automorphism of K(t), and that, for such  $\sigma$ , we have  $\sigma \phi_{\underline{r}} = \phi_{\underline{p}}$  if and only if

$$D_n = \sum_{q=1}^n \frac{1}{q!} \left[ \sum_{(n_1,\ldots,n_q) \in P_{n,q}} \alpha_{n_1} \alpha_{n_2} \cdots \alpha_{n_q} \right] \delta^q.$$

Hence to prove the assertion it is sufficient to show that

$$\sum_{r=q}^{n} \frac{1}{r!} \sum_{(n_1,\dots,n_r)\in P_{n,r}} \sum_{(q_{0,1},q_{0,2},\dots,q_{0,r})\in B_{r,q}} \\ \times Q(q_{0,1}, q_{0,2},\dots, q_{0,r}) C_{n_1}^{q_{0,1}} C_{n_2}^{q_{0,2}} \cdots C_{n_r}^{q_{0,r}} \\ = \frac{1}{q!} \sum_{(n_1,\dots,n_q)\in P_{n,q}} \alpha_{n_1} \alpha_{n_2} \cdots \alpha_{n_q} \text{ for every } q \ge 1.$$

For convenience let  $B_{i_j,1} = |(q'_{j,1}, ..., q'_{j,i_j}): q'_{j,e}$ 's are non-negative integers such that  $q'_{j,1} + \cdots + q'_{j,i_j} = i_j - 1$  and  $q'_{j,1} + \cdots + q'_{j,e} \le \min(e-1, i_j-1)$  for every  $1 \le e \le i_j$  and

$$Q_{ij} = Q(q'_{j,1}, \dots, q'_{j,ij})$$
$$R_{ij} = C_{nj_1}^{q'_{j,1}} C_{nj_2}^{q'_{j,2}} \cdots C_{nj_ij}^{q'_{j,ij}}$$

It is easily seen that for every  $q \ge 1$ ,  $n \ge 2$  we have

$$\begin{split} \sum_{i(n_1,\dots,n_q)\in P_{n,q}} &\alpha_{n_1} \alpha_{n_2} \cdots \alpha_{n_q} \\ &= \sum_{(n_1,\dots,n_q)\in P_{n,q}} C_{n_1} C_{n_2} \cdots C_{n_q} \\ &+ \sum_{\tau=q+1}^n \sum_{i(n_1,\dots,n_q)\in P_{n,q}} \sum_{i(t_1,\dots,t_q)\in P_{\tau,q}} \\ &\times \frac{1}{i_1! i_2! \cdots i_q!} \sum_{\substack{(n_j),\dots,n_{j(j)}\in P_{nj,ij} \\ (q'_{j_1},\dots,q'_{j,ij})\in B_{ij_1} \\ \text{for every } 1 \le J \le q}} (Q_{i_1} \cdots Q_{i_q} R_{i_1} \cdots R_{i_q}). \end{split}$$

Hence it is sufficient to show that

$$\frac{1}{r!} \sum_{(n_1,...,n_r)\in P_{n,r}} \sum_{(q_{0,1},...,q_{0,r})\in B_{r,q}} \\
\times Q(q_{0,1},...,q_{0,r}) C_{n_1}^{q_{0,1}} C_{n_2}^{q_{0,2}} \cdots C_{n_r}^{q_{0,r}} \\
= \frac{1}{q!} \sum_{(n_1,...,n_q)\in P_{n,q}} \sum_{(i_1,...,i_q)\in P_{r,q}} \\
\times \sum_{\substack{(n_j_1,...,n_{j(j)}\in P_{nj,i_j} \\ (q'_{j,1},...,q'_{j,(j)})\in B_{ij,1} \\ \text{for every } 1 \le j \le q}} \left( \frac{1}{i_1!\cdots i_q!} Q_{i_1} \cdots Q_{i_q} R_{i_1} \cdots R_{i_q} \right)$$

for every  $1 \leq q \leq r \leq n$ .

It is clear that both sides of this relation have the same number of terms and that they are equal for q = 1,  $r \ge 1$  and for q = r.

Let

$$\lambda = (q_{0,1}, \dots, q_{0,m_0}, \dots, q_{s,1}, \dots, q_{s,m_s}, \dots, q_{t,1}, \dots, q_{t,m_t}) \in B_{\tau,q}$$

such that  $\sum_{s=0}^{t} m_s = r$ ,  $q_{s,j} = q_{s,j+1}$  and  $q_{s,j} < q_{s+1,j}$  for every  $0 \le s \le t$ , and

$$[\lambda] = \{\mu \in B_{r,q} : \mu \text{ is a permutation of } \lambda\}.$$

Then for any  $(n_{0,1}, \ldots, n_{t,m_t}) \in P_{n,r}$  it is seen without essential difficulty that the coefficient of  $C_{n_{0,1}}^{q_{0,1}} C_{n_{0,2}}^{q_{0,2}} \cdots C_{n_{t,m_t}}^{q_{t,m_t}}$  in the left side of this relation after collecting similar terms is

$$\frac{1}{r!}\sum_{\mu\in[\lambda]}L_1L_2\cdots L_tQ(\mu)$$

where  $L_s$  is the number of permutations of  $(n_{s,1}, \ldots, n_{s,m_s})$  for every  $0 \le s \le t$ , and the coefficient of the same expression in the right side of this relation is

$$\frac{1}{q!} \left[ \sum_{\substack{(q'_{j_1},\dots,q'_{j_ilj})\in B_{lj,1}\\\text{for every } 1 \le j \le q \text{ such that}\\ (q'_{i_1,1},\dots,q'_{i_il_1},\dots,q'_{q_il_q})\in [\lambda]\\\text{and } (i_{l_1,\dots,lq})\in P_{r,q}} \left( L_1 L_2 \cdots L_t \cdot \frac{Q_{i_1} Q_{i_2} \cdots Q_{i_q}}{(i_1)!(i_2)!\cdots(i_q)!} \right) \right].$$

Let  $\mu \in [\lambda]$  which can be written in the form  $\mu = (\mu_{i_1}, ..., \mu_{i_{\ell}})$  for some positive integers,  $i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_{\ell}$  where  $\mu_{i_j} = (\lambda_{1,i_j}^j \text{ repeated } n_{j_1} \text{ times}, ..., \lambda_{s_j,i_j}^j \text{ repeated } n_{j_{s_j}} \text{ times})$  and

$$\lambda_{k,i_j}^j = (q_{k,1}^j, ..., q_{k,i_j}^j) \in B_{i_j,1}$$
 for every  $1 \le j \le p$  and  $1 \le k \le s_j$ 

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such that  $\sum_{j=1}^{p} \sum_{k=1}^{s_j} n_{jk} = q$ ,  $\sum_{j=1}^{p} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{s_j} n_{jk} \right] i_j = r$  and  $\lambda_{k_1,i_j}^j \neq \lambda_{k_2,i_j}^j$  for every  $1 \le j \le p$  and  $1 \le k_1 \ne k_2 \le s_j$  and such that  $q_{k,e}^j$ 's in each  $\lambda_{k,i_j}^j$  are ordered in the same way as in  $\lambda$ .

Let  $\overline{\mu} = \{\mu' \in [\lambda] : \mu' \text{ is obtained from } \mu \text{ by a permutation of } \lambda_{k,i_j}^j$ 's in  $\mu\}$ .

It is clear that such a  $\mu$  exists and  $|\overline{\mu}| = \frac{q!}{\prod_{j=1}^{p} \prod_{k=1}^{s_j} (n_{j_k})!}$ . For simplicity we set

$$f(r, q; \lambda) = \sum_{\mu \in [\lambda]} Q(\mu)$$

and

$$N_j = \sum_{k=1}^{s_j} n_{jk}$$

and

$$g(r, q; \lambda) = \frac{r!}{q!} \sum_{\substack{(q'_{j_1}, \dots, q'_{j_i j}) \in B_{ij_1} \\ \text{for every } 1 \le j \le q \\ \text{such that} \\ (q'_{i_1}, \dots, q'_{i_i j_i}, \dots, q'_{q_i l_q}) \in |\lambda|} \left( \frac{1}{(i_1)! \cdots (i_p)!} \cdot Q_{l_1} Q_{l_2} \cdots Q_{l_q} \right).$$

Then it is easily seen that

$$g(r, q; \lambda) = \frac{r!}{q!} \sum_{\substack{\mu \in |\lambda| \\ \text{corresponding to} \\ \text{distinct classes } \overline{\mu}}} \left[ \frac{1}{(i_1!)^{N_1} \cdots (i_p!)^{N_p}} \\ \cdot \frac{q!}{\prod_{j=1}^p \prod_{k=1}^{s_j} (n_{j_k})!} \cdot \prod_{k=1}^p \prod_{k=1}^{s_j} (f(i_{j,1}; \lambda_{k,i_j}^j))^{n_{j_k}} \right].$$

Hence to prove the assertion it is sufficient to show that  $f(r, q; \lambda) = g(r, q; \lambda)$  for every  $r \ge q \ge 1$  and  $\lambda \in B_{r,q}$ .

We prove this equality by induction on r.

(1) It is clear that the equality holds for q = 1,  $r \ge 1$  and for q = r and that  $f(r, r; \lambda) = g(r, r; \lambda) = 1$ .

(2) We prove the following two lemmas.

Lemma 1. Let  $\lambda_s \in B_{r-1,q_{s,1}+q-1}$  obtained by deleting  $q_{s,1}$  from  $\lambda$ , then we have

$$f(r, q; \lambda) = \sum_{s=0}^{t} \binom{q_{s,1}+q-1}{q_{s,1}} f(r-1, q_{s,1}+q-1; \lambda_s)$$

for every  $q \ge 2$  and  $f(r, 1; \lambda) = \sum_{s=1}^{t} f(r-1, q_{s,1}; \lambda_s)$  for r > 1.

*Proof.* It follows easily from the definition of  $Q(\lambda_s)$ .

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Lemma 2. Let  $\gamma^{e} = (q_{0,1}^{e}, ..., q_{0,h_{0}}^{e}, ..., q_{s',1}^{e}, ..., q_{s',hs'}^{e}, ..., q_{\iota,1}^{e}, ..., q_{\iota,h_{\iota}}^{e}) \in B_{e,q-1} \text{ and } \gamma^{r-e} = (q_{0,1}^{r-e}, ..., q_{0,20}^{r-e}, ..., q_{s',1}^{r-e}, ..., q_{s',2s'}^{r-e}, ..., q_{\nu,1}^{r-e}, ..., q_{\nu,2\nu}^{r-e}) \in B_{r-e,1} \text{ where } r > e \ge q-1 \text{ and the } q_{0,\iota}^{e} \text{'s in } \gamma^{e} \text{ and } q_{0,\iota}^{r-e} \text{'s in } \gamma^{r-e} \text{ are ordered in the same way as in } \lambda \text{ and such that } (\gamma^{e}, \gamma^{r-e}) = (q_{0,1}^{e}, ..., q_{\iota,h_{\iota}}^{e}, q_{0,1}^{r-e}, ..., q_{\nu,2\nu}^{r-e}) \in [\lambda].$ 

$$g(r, q; \lambda) = \sum_{\substack{(e, r-e) \in P_{r,2} \\ \text{such that there exist} \\ \gamma^e \in B_{e,q-1} \text{ and} \\ \gamma^{r-e} \in B_{r-e,1} \text{ with } (\gamma^e, \gamma^{r-e}) \in [\lambda]}} \\ \times \sum_{\substack{\gamma^e \in B_{e,q-1} \\ \gamma^{r-e} \in B_{r-e,1} \\ \text{such that} \\ (\gamma^e, \gamma^{r-e}) \in [\lambda]}} \binom{r-1}{e} g(e, q-1; \gamma^e) f(r-e, 1; \gamma^{r-e}).$$

*Proof.* Notice that the expression  $\prod_{j=1}^{p} \prod_{k=1}^{s_j} [f(i_j, 1; \lambda_{k,i_j}^j)]^{n_{j_k}}$  appears in the right side when  $r-e = i_j$  and  $\gamma^{r-e} = \lambda_{k,i_j}^j$  and  $\gamma^e$  is obtained from  $\mu$  by deleting  $\lambda_{k,i_j}^j$  for every  $1 \le j \le p$  and  $1 \le k \le s_j$ . Hence its coefficient is

$$\begin{split} \sum_{j=1}^{p} \frac{(r-1)!}{(r-i_{j})!(i_{j}-1)!} \cdot \frac{(r-i_{j})!}{(q-1)!} \cdot \frac{(i_{j})!}{(i_{1}!)^{N_{1}} \cdots (i_{p}!)^{N_{p}}} \cdot \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{s_{j}} n_{j_{k}} \cdot (q-1)!}{\prod_{j=1}^{p} \prod_{k=1}^{s_{j}} (n_{j_{k}})!} \\ &= \frac{(r-1)!}{(i_{1}!)^{N_{1}} \cdots (i_{p}!)^{N_{p}} \prod_{j=1}^{p} \prod_{k=1}^{s_{j}} (n_{j_{k}})!} \cdot \sum_{j=1}^{p} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{s_{j}} n_{j_{k}} \right] i_{j}} \\ &= \frac{r!}{(i_{1}!)^{N_{1}} \cdots (i_{p}!)^{N_{p}} \prod_{j=1}^{p} \prod_{k=1}^{s_{j}} (n_{j_{k}})!} \end{split}$$

= the coefficient of the same expression in  $g(r, q; \lambda)$ . (3) By Lemma 1 and induction hypothesis we have

 $f(r, q; \lambda) = \sum_{s=0}^{t} \binom{q_{s,1}+q-1}{q_{s,1}} g(r-1, q_{s,1}+q-1; \lambda_s).$ 

On the other hand by Lemma 2 we have

$$g(r, q; \lambda) = \sum_{\substack{(e, r-e) \in P_{r,2} \\ \text{such that there exist} \\ \gamma^e \in B_{e,q-1} \text{ and} \\ \gamma^{r-e} \in B_{r-e,1} \text{ with } (\gamma^e, \gamma^{r-e_i} \in |\lambda|)}} \\ \times \sum_{\substack{\gamma^e \in B_{e,q-1} \\ \gamma^{r-e} \in B_{r-e,1} \\ \text{such that} \\ (\gamma^e, \gamma^{r-e}) \in |\lambda|}} {r-1 \choose e} g(e, q-1; \gamma^e) f(r-e, 1; \gamma^{r-e}).$$

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Since the term in  $f(r, q; \lambda)$  corresponding to s = 0 is equal to the term in  $g(r, q; \lambda)$  corresponding to r-e = 1 and by Lemma 2 and induction hypothesis we have

$$f(r-e, 1; \gamma^{r-e}) = \sum_{s'=1}^{\nu} g(r-e-1, q_{s',1}^{r-e}; \gamma_{s'}^{r-e})$$
 for  $r-e > 1$ 

where  $\gamma_{s'}^{r-e}$  is obtained from  $\gamma^{r-e}$  by deleting  $q_{s',1}^{r-e}$ .

Hence it is sufficient to show that

$$\begin{split} \sum_{s=1}^{t} \binom{q_{s,1}+q-1}{q_{s,1}} g(r-1, q_{s,1}+q-1; \lambda_s) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{(e,r-e-1)\in P_{r-1,2} \\ \text{ such that there exist } \gamma^e \in B_{e,q-1} \text{ and} \\ \gamma^{r-e}_{s'} \in B_{r-e-1}, q^{r-e}_{s',1} \text{ with } (\gamma^e, \gamma^{r-e}) \in |\lambda|} \\ &\qquad \times \sum_{\substack{\gamma^e \in B_{e,q-1} \\ \gamma^{r-e}_{s'} \in B_{r-e-1}, q^{r-e}_{s',1} \\ \text{ such that } (\gamma^e, \gamma^{r-e}) \in |\lambda|}} \left[ \sum_{\substack{s'=1 \\ s'=1}}^{\nu} \binom{r-1}{e} g(e, q-1; \gamma^e) \\ \cdot g(r-e-1, q^{r-e}_{s',1}; \gamma^{r-e}_{s'}) \right]. \end{split}$$

Since

$$g(r-1, q_{s,1}+q-1; \lambda_s) = \frac{(r-1)!}{(q_{s,1}+q-1)!} \sum_{\substack{\mu \in [\lambda_s] \\ \text{corresponding to} \\ \text{distinct classes } \bar{\mu}}} \frac{1}{(i_1!)^{M_1} \cdots (i_{p'}!)^{M_{p'}}} \cdot \frac{(q_{s,1}+q-1)!}{\prod_{j=1}^{p'} \prod_{k=1}^{S_j} [f(i_j, 1; \Omega_{k,i_j}^j)]^{n_{j_k}}}$$

where  $\sum_{j=1}^{p'} \sum_{k=1}^{s_j} n'_{jk} = q_{s,1} + q - 1$ ,  $\sum_{j=1}^{p'} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{s_j} n'_{jk} \right] i_j = r - 1$  and  $M_j = \sum_{k=1}^{s_j} n'_{jk}$ .

Let T be the collection of all factors in the expression  $\prod_{j=1}^{p} \prod_{k=1}^{s_j} [f(i_j, 1; \Omega_{k,i_j}^j)]^{n_{j_k}}$  and for each  $1 \leq s \leq t$  let  $T_{q_{s,1}}$  and  $T_{q-1}$  be a partition of T into two collections containing respectively  $q_{s,1}$  and q-1 factors. It is clear that if P(T) is the number of permutations of T then we have

$$P(T) = \sum_{\substack{T_{q_{s_{1}}} \cup T_{q-1} = T \\ r_{q_{s_{1}}} \cap T_{q_{s_{1}}}} P(T_{q_{s_{1}}}) \cdot P(T_{q-1}) \\ = \frac{(q_{s_{1}} + q - 1)!}{\prod_{j=1}^{p'} \prod_{k=1}^{s_{j}} (n'_{j_{k}})!}.$$

Next the assertion follows easily from the fact that for each  $1 \leq s \leq t$  the coefficient of the expression  $\prod_{j=1}^{p} \prod_{k=1}^{s_{j}} [f(i_{j}, 1; \Omega_{k,i_{j}}^{j})]^{n_{j_{k}}}$  in the left side is

$$=\frac{(r-1)!}{(q-1)!(q_{s,1})!}\cdot\frac{1}{(i_1!)^{M_1}\cdots(i_{p'}!)^{M_{p'}}}\cdot P(T).$$

While the coefficient of the same expression in the right side is

$$= \sum_{T_{q_{s,1}} \cup T_{q-1}=T} \left[ \frac{(r-1)!}{e!(r-e-1)!} \cdot \frac{e!}{(q-1)!} \cdot \frac{(r-e-1)!}{(q_{s,1})!} \right]$$
$$\cdot \frac{1}{(i_{1}!)^{M_{1}} \cdots (i_{p'}!)^{M_{p'}}} \cdot P(T_{q_{s,1}}) \cdot P(T_{q-1}) \right]$$
$$= \frac{(r-1)!}{(q-1)!(q_{s,1})!} \cdot \frac{1}{(i_{1}!)^{M_{1}} \cdots (i_{p'}!)^{M_{p'}}} \sum_{T_{q_{s,1}} \cup T_{q-1}=T} P(T_{q_{s,1}}) \cdot P(T_{q-1})$$

Which is obtained by noticing that for each possible value of e we have  $q_{s,1} = q_{s',1}^{r-e}$  for some s'.

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