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# A NOTE ON THE GROTHENDIECK RING OF THE SYMMETRIC GROUP 

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#### Abstract

Let $p$ be a prime number and let $n$ be a non-zero natural number. We compute the descending Loewy series of the algebra $\mathcal{R}_{n} / p \mathcal{R}_{n}$, where $\mathcal{R}_{n}$ denotes the ring of virtual ordinary characters of the symmetric group $\mathfrak{S}_{n}$.


Let $p$ be a prime number and let $n$ be a non-zero natural number. Let $\mathbb{F}_{p}$ be the finite field with $p$ elements and let $\mathfrak{S}_{n}$ be the symmetric group of degree $n$. Let $\mathcal{R}_{n}$ denote the ring of virtual ordinary characters of the symmetric group $\mathfrak{S}_{n}$ and let $\overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}=\mathbb{F}_{p} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{R}_{n}=\mathcal{R}_{n} / p \mathcal{R}_{n}$. The aim of this paper is to determine the descending Loewy series of the $\mathbb{F}_{p}$-algebra $\overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}$ (see Theorem A). In particular, we deduce that the Loewy length of $\overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}$ is $[n / p]+1$ (see Corollary B). Here, if $x$ is a real number, $[x]$ denotes the unique $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $r \leqslant x<r+1$.

Let us introduce some notation. If $\varphi \in \mathcal{R}_{n}$, we denote by $\bar{\varphi}$ its image in $\overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}$. The radical of $\overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}$ is denoted by $\operatorname{Rad} \overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}$. If $X$ and $Y$ are two subspaces of $\overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}$, we denote by $X Y$ the subspace of $\overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}$ generated by the elements of the form $x y$, with $x \in X$ and $y \in Y$.

Compositions, partitions. A composition is a finite sequence $\lambda=\left(\lambda_{1}, \ldots, \lambda_{r}\right)$ of non-zero natural numbers. We set $|\lambda|=\lambda_{1}+\cdots+\lambda_{r}$ and we say that $\lambda$ is a composition of $|\lambda|$. The $\lambda_{i}$ 's are called the parts of $\lambda$. If moreover $\lambda_{1} \geqslant \lambda_{2} \geqslant \ldots \geqslant \lambda_{r}$, we say that $\lambda$ is a partition of $|\lambda|$. The set of compositions (resp. partitions) of $n$ is denoted by $\operatorname{Comp}(n)$ (resp. Part $(n)$ ). We denote by $\hat{\lambda}$ the partition of $n$ obtained from $\lambda$ by reordering its parts. So $\operatorname{Part}(n) \subset \operatorname{Comp}(n)$ and $\operatorname{Comp}(n) \rightarrow \operatorname{Part}(n)$, $\lambda \mapsto \hat{\lambda}$ is surjective. If $1 \leqslant i \leqslant n$, we denote by $r_{i}(\lambda)$ the number of occurences of $i$ as a part of $\lambda$. We set

$$
\pi_{p}(\lambda)=\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left[\frac{r_{i}(\lambda)}{p}\right]
$$

Recall that $\lambda$ is called $p$-regular (resp. $p$-singular) if and only if $\pi_{p}(\lambda)=0$ (resp. $\left.\pi_{p}(\lambda) \geqslant 1\right)$. Note also that $\pi_{p}(\lambda) \in\{0,1,2, \ldots,[n / p]\}$ and that $\pi_{p}(\hat{\lambda})=\pi_{p}(\lambda)$. Finally, if $i \geqslant 0$, we set

$$
\operatorname{Part}_{i}^{(p)}(n)=\left\{\lambda \in \operatorname{Part}(n) \mid \pi_{p}(\lambda) \geqslant i\right\}
$$

Young subgroups. For $1 \leqslant i \leqslant n-1$, let $s_{i}=(i, i+1) \in \mathfrak{S}_{n}$. Let $S_{n}=$ $\left\{s_{1}, s_{2}, \ldots, s_{n-1}\right\}$. Then $\left(\mathfrak{S}_{n}, S_{n}\right)$ is a Coxeter group. We denote by $\ell: \mathfrak{S}_{n} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ the associated length function. If $\lambda=\left(\lambda_{1}, \ldots, \lambda_{r}\right) \in \operatorname{Comp}(n)$, we set

$$
S_{\lambda}=\left\{s_{i} \mid \forall 1 \leqslant j \leqslant r, i \neq \lambda_{1}+\cdots+\lambda_{j}\right\}
$$

Let $\mathfrak{S}_{\lambda}=<S_{\lambda}>$. Then $\left(\mathfrak{S}_{\lambda}, S_{\lambda}\right)$ is a Coxeter group: it is a standard parabolic subgroup of $\mathfrak{S}_{n}$ which is canonically isomorphic to $\mathfrak{S}_{\lambda_{1}} \times \cdots \times \mathfrak{S}_{\lambda_{r}}$. Note that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathfrak{S}_{\lambda} \text { and } \mathfrak{S}_{\mu} \text { are conjugate in } \mathfrak{S}_{n} \text { if and only if } \hat{\lambda}=\hat{\mu} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

We write $\lambda \subset \mu$ if $\mathfrak{S}_{\lambda} \subset \mathfrak{S}_{\mu}$ and we write $\lambda \leqslant \mu$ if $\mathfrak{S}_{\lambda}$ is contained in a subgroup of $\mathfrak{S}_{n}$ conjugate to $\mathfrak{S}_{\mu}$. Then $\subset$ is an order on $\operatorname{Comp}(n)$ and $\leqslant$ is a preorder on $\operatorname{Comp}(n)$ which becomes an order when restricted to $\operatorname{Part}(n)$.

Let $X_{\lambda}=\left\{w \in \mathfrak{S}_{n} \mid \forall x \in \mathfrak{S}_{\lambda}, \quad \ell(w x) \geqslant \ell(w)\right\}$. Then $X_{\lambda}$ is a cross-section of $\mathfrak{S}_{n} / \mathfrak{S}_{\lambda}$. Now, let $\mathcal{N}_{\lambda}=N_{\mathfrak{S}_{n}}\left(\mathfrak{S}_{\lambda}\right)$ and $W(\lambda)=\mathcal{N}_{\lambda} \cap X_{\lambda}$. Then $W(\lambda)$ is a subgroup of $\mathcal{N}_{\lambda}$ and $\mathcal{N}_{\lambda}=W(\lambda) \ltimes \mathfrak{S}_{\lambda}$. Note that

$$
\begin{equation*}
W(\lambda) \simeq \mathfrak{S}_{r_{1}(\lambda)} \times \cdots \times \mathfrak{S}_{r_{n}(\lambda)} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Recall that, for a finite group $G$, the $p$-rank of $G$ is the maximal rank of an elementary abelian $p$-subgroup of $G$. For instance, $[n / p]$ is the $p$-rank of $\mathfrak{S}_{n}$. So

$$
\begin{equation*}
\pi_{p}(\lambda) \text { is the p-rank of } W(\lambda) . \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

If $\lambda, \mu \in \operatorname{Comp}(n)$, we set

$$
X_{\lambda \mu}=\left(X_{\lambda}\right)^{-1} \cap X_{\mu}
$$

Then $X_{\lambda \mu}$ is a cross-section of $\mathfrak{S}_{\lambda} \backslash \mathfrak{S}_{n} / \mathfrak{S}_{\mu}$. Moreover, if $d \in X_{\lambda \mu}$, there exists a unique composition $\nu$ of $n$ such that $\mathfrak{S}_{\lambda} \cap{ }^{d} \mathfrak{S}_{\mu}=\mathfrak{S}_{\nu}$. This composition will be denoted by $\lambda \cap{ }^{d} \mu$ or by ${ }^{d} \mu \cap \lambda$.

The ring $\boldsymbol{\mathcal { R }}_{\boldsymbol{n}}$. If $\lambda \in \operatorname{Comp}(n)$, we denote by $1_{\lambda}$ the trivial character of $\mathfrak{S}_{\lambda}$ and we set $\varphi_{\lambda}=\operatorname{Ind}_{\mathfrak{S}_{\lambda}}^{\mathcal{S}_{n}} 1_{\lambda}$. Then, by (1), we have $\varphi_{\lambda}=\varphi_{\hat{\lambda}}$. We recall the following well-known old result of Frobenius:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(\varphi_{\lambda}\right)_{\lambda \in \operatorname{Part}(n)} \text { is a } \mathbb{Z} \text {-basis of } \mathcal{R}_{n} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Moreover, by the Mackey formula for tensor product of induced characters, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varphi_{\lambda} \varphi_{\mu}=\sum_{d \in X_{\lambda \mu}} \varphi_{\lambda \cap \cap^{d} \mu}=\sum_{d \in X_{\lambda \mu}} \varphi_{\widehat{\lambda \cap^{d} \mu}} \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let us give another form of (5). If $d \in X_{\lambda \mu}$, we define $\Delta_{d}: \mathcal{N}_{\lambda} \cap^{d} \mathcal{N}_{\mu} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}_{\lambda} \times \mathcal{N}_{\mu}$, $w \mapsto\left(w, d^{-1} w d\right)$. Let $\bar{\Delta}_{d}: \overline{\mathcal{N}}_{\lambda} \cap{ }^{d} \mathcal{N}_{\mu} \rightarrow W(\lambda) \times W(\mu)$ be the composition of $\Delta_{d}$ with the canonical projection $\mathcal{N}_{\lambda} \times \mathcal{N}_{\mu} \rightarrow W(\lambda) \times W(\mu)$. Then the kernel of $\bar{\Delta}_{d}$ is $\mathfrak{S}_{\lambda \cap d \mu}$, so $\bar{\Delta}_{d}$ induces an injective morphism $\tilde{\Delta}_{d}: W(\lambda, \mu, d) \hookrightarrow W(\lambda) \times W(\mu)$, where $W(\lambda, \mu, d)=\left(\mathcal{N}_{\lambda} \cap{ }^{d} \mathcal{N}_{\mu}\right) / \mathfrak{S}_{\lambda \cap d}$. Now, $W(\lambda) \times W(\mu)$ acts on $\mathfrak{S}_{\lambda} \backslash \mathfrak{S}_{n} / \mathfrak{S}_{\mu}$ and the stabilizer of $\mathfrak{S}_{\lambda} d \mathfrak{S}_{\mu}$ in $W(\lambda) \times W(\mu)$ is $\tilde{\Delta}_{d}(W(\lambda, \mu, d))$. Moreover, if $d^{\prime}$ is an element of $X_{\lambda \mu}$ such that $\mathfrak{S}_{\lambda} d \mathfrak{S}_{\mu}$ and $\mathfrak{S}_{\lambda} d^{\prime} \mathfrak{S}_{\mu}$ are in the same $(W(\lambda) \times W(\mu))$-orbit, then $\mathfrak{S}_{\lambda \cap{ }^{d} \mu}$ and $\mathfrak{S}_{\lambda \cap d^{d}{ }_{\mu}}$ are conjugate in $\mathcal{N}_{\lambda}$. Therefore,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varphi_{\lambda} \varphi_{\mu}=\sum_{d \in X_{\lambda \mu}^{\prime}} \frac{|W(\lambda)| \cdot|W(\mu)|}{|W(\lambda, \mu, d)|} \varphi_{\lambda \cap^{d} \mu} \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $X_{\lambda \mu}^{\prime}$ denotes a cross-section of $\mathcal{N}_{\lambda} \backslash \mathfrak{S}_{n} / \mathcal{N}_{\mu}$ contained in $X_{\lambda \mu}$.
The descending Loewy series of $\overline{\mathcal{R}}_{\boldsymbol{n}}$. We can now state the main results of this paper.

Theorem A. If $i \geqslant 0$, we have $\left(\operatorname{Rad} \overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}\right)^{i}=\underset{\lambda \in \operatorname{Part}_{i}^{(p)}(n)}{\oplus} \mathbb{F}_{p} \bar{\varphi}_{\lambda}$.
Corollary B. The Loewy length of $\overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}$ is $[n / p]+1$.
Corollary B follows immediately from Theorem A. The end of this paper is devoted to the proof of Theorem A.

Proof of Theorem A. Let $\overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}^{(i)}=\underset{\lambda \in \operatorname{Part}_{i}^{(p)}(n)}{\oplus} \mathbb{F}_{p} \bar{\varphi}_{\lambda}$. Note that

$$
0=\overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}^{([n / p]+1)} \subset \overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}^{([n / p])} \subset \cdots \subset \overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}^{(1)} \subset \overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}^{(0)}=\overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}
$$

Let us first prove the following fact:

$$
\text { (@) If } i, j \geqslant 0 \text {, then } \overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}^{(i)} \overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}^{(j)} \subset \overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}^{(i+j)}
$$

Proof of ( $\boldsymbol{\phi})$. Let $\lambda$ and $\mu$ be two compositions of $n$ such that $\pi_{p}(\lambda) \geqslant i$ and $\pi_{p}(\mu) \geqslant j$. Let $d \in X_{\lambda \mu}^{\prime}$ be such that $p$ does not divide $\frac{|W(\lambda)| \cdot|W(\mu)|}{|W(\lambda, \mu, d)|}$. By (6), we only need to prove that this implies that $\pi_{p}\left(\lambda \cap{ }^{d} \mu\right) \geqslant i+j$. But our assumption on $d$ means that $\tilde{\Delta}_{d}(W(\lambda, \mu, d))$ contains a Sylow $p$-subgroup of $W(\lambda) \times W(\mu)$. In particular, the $p$-rank of $W(\lambda, \mu, d)$ is greater than or equal to the $p$-rank of $W(\lambda) \times W(\mu)$. By (3), this means that the $p$-rank of $W(\lambda, \mu, d)$ is $\geqslant i+j$. Since $W(\lambda, \mu, d)$ is a subgroup of $W\left(\lambda \cap^{d} \mu\right)$, we get that the $p$-rank of $W\left(\lambda \cap{ }^{d} \mu\right)$ is $\geqslant i+j$. In other words, again by (3), we have $\pi_{p}\left(\lambda \cap{ }^{d} \mu\right) \geqslant i+j$, as desired.

By ( $\boldsymbol{\mu}), \overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}^{(i)}$ is an ideal of $\overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}$ and, if $i \geqslant 1$, then $\overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}^{(i)}$ is a nilpotent ideal of $\overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}$. Therefore, $\overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}^{(1)} \subset \operatorname{Rad} \overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}$. In fact:

$$
\operatorname{Rad} \overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}=\overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}^{(1)}
$$

Proof of $(\diamond)$. First, note that $\operatorname{Rad} \overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}$ consists of the nilpotent elements of $\overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}$ because $\overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}$ is commutative. Now, let $\varphi$ be a nilpotent element of $\overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}$. Write $\varphi=$ $\sum_{\lambda \in \operatorname{Part}(n)} a_{\lambda} \bar{\varphi}_{\lambda}$ and let $\lambda_{0} \in \operatorname{Part}(n)$ be maximal (for the order $\leqslant$ on $\operatorname{Part}(n)$ ) such that $a_{\lambda_{0}} \neq 0$. Then, by (6), the coefficient of $\varphi_{\lambda_{0}}$ in $\varphi^{r}$ is equal to $a_{\lambda_{0}}^{r}\left|W\left(\lambda_{0}\right)\right|^{r-1}$. Therefore, since $\varphi$ is nilpotent and $a_{\lambda_{0}} \neq 0$, we get that $p$ divides $\left|W\left(\lambda_{0}\right)\right|$, so that $\lambda_{0} \in \operatorname{Part}_{1}^{(p)}(n)$ (by (3)). Consequently, $\varphi-a_{\lambda_{0}} \bar{\varphi}_{\lambda_{0}}$ is nilpotent and we can repeat the argument to find finally that $\varphi \in \overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}^{(1)}$.

We shall now establish a special case of (5) (or (6)). We need some notation. If $\alpha=\left(\alpha_{1}, \ldots, \alpha_{r}\right)$ is a composition of $n^{\prime}$ and $\beta=\left(\beta_{1}, \ldots, \beta_{s}\right)$ is a composition of $n^{\prime \prime}$, let $\alpha \sqcup \beta$ denote the composition of $n^{\prime}+n^{\prime \prime}$ equal to $\left(\alpha_{1}, \ldots, \alpha_{r}, \beta_{1}, \ldots, \beta_{r}\right)$. If $1 \leqslant j \leqslant n$ and if $0 \leqslant k \leqslant[n / j]$, we denote by $\boldsymbol{\nu}(n, j, k)$ the composition $(n-$ $j k, j, j, \ldots, j$ ) of $n$, where $j$ is repeated $k$ times (if $n=j k$, then the part $n-j k$ is omitted). If $\lambda \in \operatorname{Comp}(n)$, we set

$$
\begin{gathered}
M(\lambda)=\{0\} \cup\left\{1 \leqslant j \leqslant n \mid p \text { does not divide } r_{j}(\lambda)\right\}, \\
\mathbf{m}(\lambda)=\max M(\lambda) \\
J(\lambda)=\{0\} \cup\left\{1 \leqslant j \leqslant n \mid r_{j}(\lambda) \geqslant p\right\} \\
\mathbf{j}(\lambda)=\min J(\lambda)
\end{gathered}
$$

and

$$
\mathbf{j} \mathbf{m}(\lambda)=(\mathbf{j}(\lambda), \mathbf{m}(\lambda)) .
$$

Let $I=\{0,1, \ldots,[n / p]\}$. Then $\mathbf{j m}(\lambda) \in I \times I$. Let us now introduce an order $\preccurlyeq$ on $I \times I$. If $(j, m),\left(j^{\prime}, m^{\prime}\right)$ are two elements of $I \times I$, we write $(j, m) \preccurlyeq\left(j^{\prime}, m^{\prime}\right)$ if one of the following two conditions is satisfied:
(a) $j<j^{\prime}$.
(b) $j=j^{\prime}$ and $m \geqslant m^{\prime}$.

Now, let $i \geqslant 1$ and let $\lambda \in \operatorname{Part}_{i+1}^{(p)}(n)$. Let $(j, m)=\mathbf{j m}(\lambda)$. Then $\lambda=\widehat{\alpha \sqcup \nu_{0}}$, where $\alpha$ is a partition of $n-m-j p$ and $\nu_{0}=\boldsymbol{\nu}(m+j p, j, p)$. Let $\tilde{\lambda}=\alpha \sqcup(m+j p)$.

Then $\pi_{p}(\tilde{\lambda})=i$ (indeed, $r_{m+j p}(\tilde{\lambda})=1+r_{m+j p}(\alpha)=1+r_{m+j p}(\lambda)$ and, by the maximality of $m$, we have that $p$ divides $\left.r_{m+j p}(\lambda)\right)$ and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\bar{\varphi}_{\boldsymbol{\nu}(n, j, p)} \bar{\varphi}_{\tilde{\lambda}} \in \bar{\varphi}_{\lambda}+\left(\underset{\substack{\mu \in \operatorname{Part}_{i+1}^{(p)}(n) \\ \mathbf{j m}(\mu) \prec(j, m)}}{\oplus} \mathbb{F}_{p} \bar{\varphi}_{\mu}\right) . \tag{®}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof of $(\Omega)$. Let $\nu=\boldsymbol{\nu}(n, j, p)$. Since $\pi_{p}(\lambda)=i+1 \geqslant 2$, there exists $j^{\prime} \in$ $\{1,2, \ldots,[n / p]\}$ such that $r_{j^{\prime}}(\lambda) \geqslant p$. Then $j^{\prime} \geqslant j$ (by definition of $j$ ), so $n \geqslant 2 p j$. In particular, $n-p j>j$, so $W(\nu) \simeq \mathfrak{S}_{p}$. Now, if $m^{\prime}>m$, then $r_{m^{\prime}}(\alpha)=r_{m^{\prime}}(\lambda)$, so

$$
\forall m^{\prime}>m, r_{m^{\prime}}(\alpha) \equiv 0 \quad \bmod p
$$

Also
$\left(\Omega^{\prime \prime}\right)$

$$
\forall l \neq m+j p, r_{l}(\tilde{\lambda})=r_{l}(\alpha)
$$

and
( $\complement^{\prime \prime \prime}$ )

$$
r_{m+j p}(\tilde{\lambda})=r_{m+j p}(\alpha)+1
$$

Now, keep the notation of (6). We may, and we will, assume that $1 \in X_{\nu \tilde{\lambda}}^{\prime}$. First, note that $\nu \cap \tilde{\lambda}=\alpha \sqcup \nu_{0}$ and that the image of $\tilde{\Delta}_{1}$ in $W(\nu) \times W(\tilde{\lambda})$ is equal to $W(\nu) \times W(\alpha)$. But, by $\left(\Omega^{\prime}\right),\left(\Omega^{\prime \prime}\right)$ and $\left(\Omega^{\prime \prime \prime}\right)$, the index of $W(\alpha)$ in $W(\tilde{\lambda})$ is $\equiv 1$ $\bmod p$. Thus, by (6), we have

$$
\bar{\varphi}_{\nu} \bar{\varphi}_{\tilde{\lambda}}=\bar{\varphi}_{\lambda}+\sum_{d \in X_{\nu \tilde{\lambda}}^{\prime}-\{1\}} \frac{|W(\nu)| \cdot|W(\tilde{\lambda})|}{|W(\nu, \tilde{\lambda}, d)|} \bar{\varphi}_{\nu \cap d \tilde{\lambda}}
$$

Now, let $d$ be an element of $X_{\nu \tilde{\lambda}}$ such that $p$ does not divide $\frac{|W(\nu)| \cdot|W(\tilde{\lambda})|}{|W(\nu, \tilde{\lambda}, d)|}=x_{d}$ and such that $\mathbf{j m}\left(\nu \cap{ }^{d} \tilde{\lambda}\right) \succcurlyeq \operatorname{jm}(\lambda)$. It is sufficient to show that $d \in \mathcal{N}_{\nu} \mathcal{N}_{\tilde{\lambda}}$. Write $\alpha=\left(\alpha_{1}, \ldots, \alpha_{r}\right)$. Then

$$
\nu \cap{ }^{d} \tilde{\lambda}=\left(n_{1}, \ldots, n_{r}, n_{0}\right) \sqcup j^{(1)} \sqcup \cdots \sqcup j^{(p)}
$$

where $n_{k} \geqslant 0$ and $j^{(l)}$ is a composition of $j$ with at most $r+1$ parts. Since $p$ does not divide $x_{d}$, the image of $\mathcal{N}_{\nu} \cap{ }^{d} \mathcal{N}_{\tilde{\lambda}}$ in $W(\nu)$ contains a Sylow $p$-subgroup of $W(\nu) \simeq \mathfrak{S}_{p}$. Let $w \in \mathcal{N}_{\nu} \cap{ }^{d} \mathcal{N}_{\tilde{\lambda}}$ be such that its image in $W(\nu)$ is an element of order $p$. Then there exists $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_{\nu}$ such that $w \sigma$ normalizes $\mathfrak{S}_{\nu \cap d \tilde{\lambda}}$. In particular, $\widehat{j^{(1)}}=\cdots=\widehat{j^{(p)}}$. So, if $j^{(1)} \neq(j)$, then $\mathbf{j}\left(\nu \cap{ }^{d} \tilde{\lambda}\right)<\mathbf{j}(\lambda)$, which contradicts our hypothesis. So $j^{(1)}=\cdots=j^{(p)}=(j)$. Therefore,

$$
\tilde{\lambda} \cap d^{d^{-1}} \nu=\boldsymbol{\nu}\left(\alpha_{1}, j, k_{1}\right) \sqcup \cdots \sqcup \boldsymbol{\nu}\left(\alpha_{r}, j, k_{r}\right) \sqcup \boldsymbol{\nu}\left(m+j p, j, k_{0}\right),
$$

where $0 \leqslant k_{i} \leqslant p$ and $\sum_{i=0}^{r} k_{i}=p$. Note that $\left(n_{1}, \ldots, n_{r}, n_{0}\right)=\left(\alpha_{1}-k_{1} j, \ldots, \alpha_{r}-\right.$ $k_{r} j, \alpha_{0}-k_{0} j$ ) where, for simplification, we denote $\alpha_{0}=m+j p$. Also, $\mathbf{j}\left(\tilde{\lambda} \cap d^{d^{-1}} \nu\right) \leqslant j$ and, since $\mathbf{j m}\left(\tilde{\lambda} \cap d^{-1} \nu\right) \succcurlyeq(j, m)$, we have that $\mathbf{m}\left(\tilde{\lambda} \cap d^{-1} \nu\right) \leqslant m$. Recall that $d^{-1} w d \in \mathcal{N}_{\tilde{\lambda}}$. So two cases may occur:

- Assume that there exists a sequence $0 \leqslant i_{1}<\cdots<i_{p} \leqslant r$ such that $0 \neq k_{i_{1}}=$ $\cdots=k_{i_{p}}(=1)$ and such that $\alpha_{i_{1}}=\cdots=\alpha_{i_{p}}$. So $r_{l}\left(\tilde{\lambda} \cap^{d^{-1}} \nu\right) \equiv r_{l}(\tilde{\lambda}) \bmod p$ for every $l \geqslant 1$. In particular, $r_{m+j p}\left(\tilde{\lambda} \cap d^{d^{-1}} \nu\right) \equiv 1+r_{m+j p}(\alpha) \equiv 1 \bmod p$ by $\left(\Omega^{\prime}\right)$ and ( $\complement^{\prime \prime \prime}$ ). Thus, $\mathbf{m}\left(\tilde{\lambda} \cap{ }^{d^{-1}} \nu\right) \geqslant m+j p>m$, which contradicts our hypothesis.
- So there exists a unique $i \in\{0,1, \ldots, r\}$ such that $k_{i}=p$. Consequently, $k_{i^{\prime}}=0$ if $i^{\prime} \neq i$. If $\alpha_{i}>m+j p$, then $r_{\alpha_{i}}\left(\tilde{\lambda} \cap d^{d^{-1}} \nu\right)=r_{\alpha_{i}}(\tilde{\lambda})-1=r_{\alpha_{i}}(\alpha)-1\left(\right.$ by $\left.\left(\Omega^{\prime \prime}\right)\right)$, so $p$ does not divide $r_{\alpha_{i}}\left(\tilde{\lambda} \cap d^{-1} \nu\right)$ (by $\left(\Omega^{\prime}\right)$ ), which implies that $\mathbf{m}\left(\tilde{\lambda} \cap d^{-1} \nu\right) \geqslant \alpha_{i}>m$,
contrarily to our hypothesis. If $\alpha_{i}<m+j p$, then $r_{m+j p}\left(\tilde{\lambda} \cap{ }^{d^{-1}} \nu\right)=r_{m+j p}(\tilde{\lambda})=$ $r_{m+j p}(\alpha)+1$ (by $\left(\Omega^{\prime \prime \prime}\right)$ ), so $p$ does not divide $r_{m+j p}\left(\tilde{\lambda} \cap d^{-1} \nu\right)$ (by $\left(\Omega^{\prime}\right)$ ), contrarily to our hypothesis. This shows that $\alpha_{i}=m+j p$. In other words, $d \in \mathcal{N}_{\tilde{\lambda}} \mathcal{N}_{\nu}$, as desired.

By $(\diamond)$, Theorem A follows immediately from the next result: if $i \geqslant 0$, then

## ( $\mathbf{~}$ )

$$
\overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}^{(1)} \overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}^{(i)}=\overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}^{(i+1)} .
$$

Proof of ( $\boldsymbol{\uparrow})$. We may assume that $i \geqslant 1$. By ( $\boldsymbol{\&})$, we have $\overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}^{(1)} \overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}^{(i)} \subset \overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}^{(i+1)}$. So we only need to prove that, if $\lambda \in \operatorname{Part}_{i+1}^{(p)}(n)$ then $\bar{\varphi}_{\lambda} \in \overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}^{(1)} \overline{\mathcal{R}}_{n}^{(i)}$. But this follows from $(\Omega)$ and an easy induction on $\mathbf{j m}(\lambda) \in I \times I$ (for the order $\preccurlyeq$ ).

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