# Algebras Generated by Reciprocals of Linear Forms 

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Let $\Delta$ be a finite set of nonzero linear forms in several variables with coefficients in a field $\mathbf{K}$ of characteristic zero. Consider the $\mathbf{K}$-algebra $C(\Delta)$ of rational functions generated by $\{1 / \alpha \mid \alpha \in \Delta\}$. Then the ring $\partial(V)$ of differential operators with constant coefficients naturally acts on $C(\Delta)$. We study the graded $\partial(V)$-module structure of $C(\Delta)$. We especially find standard systems of minimal generators and a combinatorial formula for the Poincaré series of $C(\Delta)$. Our proofs are based on a theorem by Brion-Vergne [4] and results by Orlik-Terao [9]. © 2002 Elsevier Science (USA)

## 1. INTRODUCTION AND MAIN RESULTS

Let $V$ be a vector space of dimension $\ell$ over a field $\mathbf{K}$ of characteristic zero. Let $\Delta$ be a finite subset of the dual space $V^{*}$ of $V$. We assume that $\Delta$ does not contain the zero vector and that no two vectors are proportional throughout this paper. Let $S=S\left(V^{*}\right)$ be the symmetric algebra of $V^{*}$. It is regarded as the algebra of polynomial functions on $V$. Let $S_{(0)}$ be the field of quotients of $S$, which is the field of rational functions on $V$.

Definition 1.1. Let $C(\Delta)$ be the $\mathbf{K}$-subalgebra of $S_{(0)}$ generated by the set

$$
\left\{\left.\frac{1}{\alpha} \right\rvert\, \alpha \in \Delta\right\} .
$$

Regard $C(\Delta)$ as a graded $\mathbf{K}$-algebra with $\operatorname{deg}(1 / \alpha)=1$ for $\alpha \in \Delta$.

[^0]Definition 1.2. Let $\partial(V)$ be the $\mathbf{K}$-algebra of differential operators with constant coefficients. Agree that the constant multiplications are in $\partial(V): \mathbf{K} \subset \partial(V)$.
If $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{\ell}$ are a basis for $V^{*}$, then $\partial(V)$ is isomorphic to the polynomial algebra $\mathbf{K}\left[\partial / \partial x_{1}, \ldots, \partial / \partial x_{\ell}\right]$. Regard $\partial(V)$ as a graded $\mathbf{K}$-algebra with $\operatorname{deg}\left(\partial / \partial x_{i}\right)=1(1 \leq i \leq \ell)$. It naturally acts on $S_{(0)}$. We regard $C(\Delta)$ as a graded $\partial(V)$-module. In this paper we study the $\partial(V)$-module structure of $C(\Delta)$. In particular, we find systems of minimal generators (Theorem 1.1) and a combinatorial formula for the Poincaré (or Hilbert) series Poin $(C(\Delta), t)$ of $C(\Delta)$ (Theorem 1.2).

To present our results we need several definitions. Let $\mathbf{E}_{p}(\Delta)$ be the set of all $p$-tuples composed of elements of $\Delta$. Let $\mathbf{E}(\Delta):=\bigcup_{p \geq 0} \mathbf{E}_{p}(\Delta)$. The union is disjoint. Write $\Pi_{\mathscr{E}}:=\alpha_{1} \ldots \alpha_{p} \in S$ when $\mathscr{E}=\left(\alpha_{1}, \ldots, \alpha_{p}\right) \in$ $\mathbf{E}_{p}(\Delta)$. Then one can write

$$
C(\Delta)=\sum_{\mathscr{B} \in \mathbf{E}(\Delta)} \mathbf{K}\left(\prod^{\mathscr{E}}\right)^{-1}
$$

Let

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{E}^{i}(\Delta) & =\{\mathscr{E} \in \mathbf{E}(\Delta) \mid \mathscr{E} \text { is linearly independent }\}, \\
\mathbf{E}^{d}(\Delta) & =\{\mathscr{E} \in \mathbf{E}(\Delta) \mid \mathscr{E} \text { is linearly dependent }\} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Note that $\mathscr{E} \in \mathbf{E}^{d}(\Delta)$ if $\mathscr{E}$ contains a repetition. In a special lecture at the Japan Mathematical Society in 1992, K. Aomoto suggested the study of the finite-dimensional graded $\mathbf{K}$-vector space

$$
A O(\Delta):=\sum_{\mathscr{Z} \in \mathbf{E}^{i}(\Delta)} \mathbf{K}\left(\Pi_{\mathscr{E}}\right)^{-1}
$$

Let

$$
\mathscr{A}(\Delta)=\{\operatorname{ker}(\alpha) \mid \alpha \in \Delta\} .
$$

Then $\mathscr{A l}(\Delta)$ is a (central) arrangement of hyperplanes [8] in V. K. Aomoto conjectured, when $\mathbf{K}=\mathbf{R}$, that the dimension of $A O(\Delta)$ is equal to the number of connected components of

$$
M(\mathscr{A}(\Delta)):=V \backslash \bigcup_{H \in \mathscr{A}(\Delta)} H .
$$

This conjecture was verified in [9]; where explicit $\mathbf{K}$-bases for $A O(\Delta)$ were constructed. This paper can be considered as a sequel to [9]. (It should be remarked that constructions in [9] were generalized for oriented matroids by R. Cordovil [5].) We will prove the following

Theorem 1.1. Let $\mathscr{B}$ be a K-basis for $A O(\Delta)$. Let $\partial(V)_{+}$denote the maximal ideal of $\partial(V)$ generated by the homogeneous elements of degree 1 .

Then
(1) the set $\mathscr{B}$ is a system of minimal generators for the $\partial(V)$-module $C(\Delta)$,
(2) $C(\Delta)=\partial(V)_{+} C(\Delta) \oplus A O(\Delta)$, and
(3) $\partial(V)_{+} C(\Delta)=\sum_{\mathscr{E} \in \mathbf{E}^{d}(\Delta)} \mathbf{K}\left(\prod_{\mathscr{E}}\right)^{-1}$. In particular, $\partial(V)_{+} C(\Delta)$ is an ideal of $C(\Delta)$.

Let $\operatorname{Poin}(\mathscr{A}(\Delta), t)$ be the Poincaré polynomial [8, Definition 2.48] of $\mathscr{A}(\Delta)$. (It is defined combinatorially and is known to be equal to the Poincaré polynomial of $M(\mathscr{A}(\Delta))$ when $\mathbf{K}=\mathbf{C}[7,8$, Theorem 5.93].) Then we have

Theorem 1.2. The Poincaré series Poin $(C(\Delta), t)$ of the graded module $C(\Delta)$ is equal to $\operatorname{Poin}\left(\mathscr{A}(\Delta),(1-t)^{-1} t\right)$.

To prove these theorems we essentially use a theorem by M. Brion and M. Vergne [4, Theorem 1] and results from [9]. By Theorem 1.2 and the factorization theorem (Theorem 2.4) in [12], we may easily show the following two corollaries:

Corollary 1.1. If $\mathscr{A}(\Delta)$ is a free arrangement with exponents $\left(d_{1}, \ldots\right.$, $d_{\ell}$ ) [12, 8, Definitions 4.15, 4.25], then

$$
\operatorname{Poin}(C(\Delta), t)=(1-t)^{-\ell} \prod_{i=1}^{\ell}\left\{1+\left(d_{i}-1\right) t\right\}
$$

Example 1.1. Let $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{\ell}$ be a basis for $V^{*}$. Let $\Delta=\left\{x_{i}-x_{j} \mid 1 \leq\right.$ $i<j \leq \ell\}$. Then $\mathscr{A}(\Delta)$ is known to be free arrangement with exponents $(0,1, \ldots, \ell-1)$ [8, Example 4.32]. So, by Corollary 1.1, we have

$$
\operatorname{Poin}(C(\Delta), t)=(1-t)^{-\ell+1}(1+t)(1+2 t) \cdots(1+(\ell-2) t) .
$$

For example, when $\ell=3$, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\operatorname{Poin}\left(\mathbf{K}\left[\frac{1}{x_{1}-x_{2}}, \frac{1}{x_{2}-x_{3}}, \frac{1}{x_{1}-x_{3}}\right], t\right) & =(1+t) /(1-t)^{2} \\
& =1+3 t+5 t^{2}+7 t^{3}+9 t^{4}+\cdots,
\end{aligned}
$$

which can be easily checked by direct computation.
When $\mathscr{A}(\Delta)$ is the set of reflecting hyperplanes of any (real or complex) reflection group, Corollary 1.5 can be applied because $\mathscr{A}(\Delta)$ is known to be a free arrangement [10, 13].

COROLLARY 1.2. If $\mathscr{A}(\Delta)$ is generic (i.e., $|\Delta| \geq \ell$, and any $\ell$ vectors in $\Delta$ are linearly independent), then

$$
\operatorname{Poin}(C(\Delta), t)=(1-t)^{-\ell} \sum_{i=0}^{\ell-1}\binom{|\Delta|-\ell+i-1}{i} t^{i}
$$

## 2. PROOFS

In this section we prove Theorems 1.1 and 1.2. For $\varepsilon \in \mathbf{E}(\Delta)$, let $V(\varepsilon)$ denote the set of common zeros of $\varepsilon: V(\varepsilon)=\bigcap_{i=1}^{p} \operatorname{ker}\left(\alpha_{i}\right)$ when $\varepsilon=$ $\left(\alpha_{1}, \ldots, \alpha_{p}\right)$.
Define

$$
L=L(\Delta)=\{V(\varepsilon) \mid \varepsilon \in \mathbf{E}(\Delta)\} .
$$

Agree that $V(\varepsilon)=V$ if $\varepsilon$ is the empty tuple. Introduce a partial order $\leq$ into $L$ by reverse inclusion: $X \leq Y \Leftrightarrow X \supseteq Y$. Then $L$ is equal to the intersection lattice of the arrangement $\mathscr{A}(\Delta)$ [8, Definition 2.1]. For $X \in L$, define

$$
\mathbf{E}_{X}(\Delta):=\{\varepsilon \in \mathbf{E}(\Delta) \mid V(\varepsilon)=X\} .
$$

Then

$$
\mathbf{E}(\Delta)=\bigcup_{X \in L} \mathbf{E}_{X}(\Delta) \quad \text { (disjoint). }
$$

Define

$$
C_{X}(\Delta):=\sum_{\varepsilon \in \mathbf{E}_{X}(\Delta)} \mathbf{K}\left(\prod \varepsilon\right)^{-1} .
$$

Then $C_{X}(\Delta)$ is a $\partial(V)$-submodule of $C(\Delta)$. The following theorem is equivalent to Lemma 3.2 in [9]. Our proof is a rephrasing of the proof there.

Proposition 2.1.

$$
C(\Delta)=\bigoplus_{X \in L} C_{X}(\Delta) .
$$

Proof. It is obvious that $C(\Delta)=\sum_{X \in L} C_{X}(\Delta)$. Suppose that $\sum_{X \in L}$ $\phi_{X}=0$ with $\phi_{X} \in C_{X}(\Delta)$. We will show that $\phi_{X}=0$ for all $X \in L$. By taking out the degree $p$ part, we may assume that $\operatorname{deg} \phi_{X}=p$ for all $X \in L$. Let $\mathscr{S}=\left\{X \in L \mid \phi_{X} \neq 0\right\}$. Suppose $\mathscr{S}$ is not empty. Then there exists a minimal element $X_{0}$ in $\mathscr{S}$ (with respect to the partial order by reverse inclusion). Let $X \in \mathscr{S} \backslash\left\{X_{0}\right\}$ and write

$$
\phi_{X}=\sum_{\varepsilon \in \mathbf{E}_{X}(\Delta)} c_{\varepsilon}\left(\prod \varepsilon\right)^{-1}
$$

with $c_{\varepsilon} \in \mathbf{K}$. Let $\varepsilon \in \mathbf{E}_{X}(\Delta)$. Because of the minimality of $X_{0}$, one has $X_{0} \nsubseteq X$. Thus there exists $\alpha_{0} \in \varepsilon$ such that $X_{0} \nsubseteq \operatorname{ker}\left(\alpha_{0}\right)$. Let $I\left(X_{0}\right)$ be the prime ideal of $S$ generated by the polynomial functions vanishing on $X_{0}$. Then $\alpha_{0} \notin I\left(X_{0}\right)$. Thus

$$
\left(\prod \Delta\right)^{p}\left(\prod \varepsilon\right)^{-1} \in I\left(X_{0}\right)^{p\left|\Delta x_{0}\right|-p+1}
$$

where $\Pi \Delta:=\prod_{\alpha \in \Delta} \alpha$ and $\Delta_{X_{0}}=\Delta \cap I\left(X_{0}\right)$. Multiply $(\Pi \Delta)^{p}$ to both sides of

$$
\phi_{X_{0}}=-\sum_{\substack{X \in S \\ X \neq X_{0}}} \phi_{X}
$$

to get

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left(\prod \Delta\right)^{p} \phi_{X_{0}} & =-\sum_{\substack{X \in S \\
X \neq X_{0}}}\left(\prod \Delta\right)^{p} \phi_{X} \\
& =-\sum_{\substack{X \in \mathcal{S} \\
X \neq X_{0}}} \sum_{\varepsilon \in \mathbf{E}_{X}(\Delta)} c_{\varepsilon}\left(\prod \Delta\right)^{p}\left(\prod \varepsilon\right)^{-1} \in I\left(X_{0}\right)^{p\left|\Delta_{X_{0}}\right|-p+1} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Since $(\Pi \Delta) /\left(\prod \Delta_{X_{0}}\right) \in S \backslash I\left(X_{0}\right)$ and $I\left(X_{0}\right)^{p\left|\Delta_{X_{0}}\right|-p+1}$ is a primary ideal, one has

$$
\left(\prod \Delta_{X_{0}}\right)^{p} \phi_{X_{0}} \in I\left(X_{0}\right)^{p\left|\Delta_{X_{0}}\right|-p+1} .
$$

This is a contradiction because

$$
\operatorname{deg}\left(\prod \Delta_{X_{0}}\right)^{p} \phi_{X_{0}}=p\left|\Delta_{X_{0}}\right|-p .
$$

Therefore $\mathscr{S}=\phi$.
Next we will study the structure of $C_{X}(\Delta)$ for each $X \in L$. Let $A O_{X}(\Delta)$ be the $\mathbf{K}$-subspace of $A O(\Delta)$ generated over $\mathbf{K}$ by

$$
\left\{\left(\prod \varepsilon\right)^{-1} \mid \varepsilon \in \mathbf{E}(\Delta)^{i} \cap \mathbf{E}_{X}(\Delta)\right\} .
$$

Then

$$
A O(\Delta)=\bigoplus_{X \in L} A O_{X}(\Delta)
$$

by Proposition 2.1. Let $\mathscr{B}_{X}$ be a $\mathbf{K}$-basis for $A O_{X}(\Delta)$. Then we have
Proposition 2.2. The $\partial(V)$-module $C_{X}(\Delta)$ can also be regarded as a free $\partial(V / X)$-module with a basis $\mathscr{B}_{X}$. In other words, there exists a natural graded isomorphism

$$
\partial(V / X) \underset{\mathbf{K}}{\bigotimes} A O_{X}(\Delta) \simeq C_{X}(\Delta) .
$$

Proof. First assume that $\Delta$ spans $V^{*}$ and $X=\{\mathbf{0}\}$. Then $\mathbf{E}(\Delta)^{i} \cap \mathbf{E}(\Delta)_{X}$ is equal to the set of $\mathbf{K}$-bases for $V^{*}$, which are contained in $\Delta$. Thus $A O_{X}(\Delta)$ is generated over $\mathbf{K}$ by

$$
\left\{\left(\prod \varepsilon\right)^{-1} \mid \varepsilon \in \mathbf{E}_{\ell}(\Delta) \text { is a basis for } V\right\}
$$

Similarly $C_{X}$ is spanned over $\mathbf{K}$ by

$$
\left\{\left(\prod \varepsilon\right)^{-1} \mid \varepsilon \in \mathbf{E}(\Delta) \text { spans } V\right\}
$$

Then Theorem 1 of [4] is exactly the desired result. Next let $X \in L$ and $\bar{V}=V / X$. Regard the dual vector space $\bar{V}^{*}$ as a subspace of $V^{*}$ and the symmetric algebra $\bar{S}:=S\left(\bar{V}^{*}\right)$ of $\bar{V}^{*}$ as a subring of $S$. Then $\Delta_{X}:=I(X) \cap \Delta$ is a subset of $\bar{V}^{*}$ and $\Delta_{X}$ spans $\bar{V}^{*}$. Consider $A O\left(\Delta_{X}\right)$ and $C\left(\Delta_{X}\right)$, which are both contained in $\bar{S}_{(0)}$. Note that $C_{X}(\Delta)$ can be regarded as a $\partial(V / X)$ module because $\partial(X)$ annihilates $C_{X}(\Delta)$. Denote the zero vector of $\bar{V}$ by $\bar{X}$. Then it is not difficult to see that

$$
\begin{aligned}
C_{\bar{X}}\left(\Delta_{X}\right) & \simeq C_{X}(\Delta) \quad(\text { as } \partial(\bar{V}) \text {-modules }) \\
A O_{\bar{X}}\left(\Delta_{X}\right) & \simeq A O_{X}(\Delta) \quad(\text { as } \mathbf{K} \text {-vector spaces }) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Since there exists a natural graded isomorphism

$$
C_{\bar{X}}\left(\Delta_{X}\right) \simeq \partial(\bar{V}) \bigotimes_{\mathbf{K}} A O_{\bar{X}}\left(\Delta_{X}\right),
$$

one has

$$
C_{X}(\Delta) \simeq \partial(V / X) \underset{\mathbf{K}}{\bigotimes} A O_{X}(\Delta) .
$$

Proof of Theorem 1.3. By Proposition 2.2, $C_{X}(\Delta)$ is generated over $\partial(V)$ by $A O_{X}(\Delta)$. Since

$$
C(\Delta)=\bigoplus_{X \in L} C_{X}(\Delta) \quad \text { (Proposition 2.1), }
$$

and

$$
A O(\Delta)=\bigoplus_{X \in L} A O_{X}(\Delta)
$$

the $\partial(V)$-module $C(\Delta)$ is generated by $A O(\Delta)$. So $\mathscr{B}$ generates $C(\Delta)$ over $\partial(V)$. Define

$$
J(\Delta):=\sum_{\varepsilon \in \mathbf{E}^{d}(\Delta)} \mathbf{K}\left(\prod \varepsilon\right)^{-1}
$$

which is an ideal of $C(\Delta)$. Then it is known by [9, Theorem 4.2] that

$$
C(\Delta)=J(\Delta) \oplus A O(\Delta) \quad \text { (as } \mathbf{K} \text {-vector spaces) } .
$$

It is obvious to see that

$$
\partial(V)_{+} C(\Delta) \subseteq J(\Delta) .
$$

On the other hand, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
C(\Delta) & =\partial(V) A O(\Delta)=\partial(V)_{+} A O(\Delta)+A O(\Delta) \\
& =\partial(V)_{+} C(\Delta)+A O(\Delta) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Combining these, we have (2) and (3) at the same time. By (2), we know that $\mathscr{B}$ minimally generates $C(\Delta)$ over $\partial(V)$, which is (1).

If $M=\bigoplus_{p \geq 0} M_{p}$ is a graded vector space with $\operatorname{dim} M_{p}<+\infty(p \geq 0)$, we let

$$
\operatorname{Poin}(M, t)=\sum_{p=0}^{\infty}\left(\operatorname{dim} M_{p}\right) t^{p}
$$

be its Poincaré (or Hilbert) series. Recall [8, Sect. 2.42] the (one variable) Möbius function $\mu: L(\Delta) \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$ defined by $\mu(V)=1$ and for $X>V$ by $\sum_{Y \leq X} \mu(Y)=0$. Then the Poincaré polynomial $\left.\operatorname{Poin}(\&)(\Delta), t\right)$ of the arrangement $\mathscr{A}(\Delta)$ is defined by

$$
\operatorname{Poin}(\mathscr{A}(\Delta), t)=\sum_{X \in L} \mu(X)(-t)^{\operatorname{codim} X} .
$$

Proposition 2.3 [9, Theorem 4.3]. For $X \in L$ we have $\operatorname{dim} A O_{X}(\Delta)=(-1)^{\operatorname{codim} X} \mu(X)$ and $\operatorname{Poin}(A O(\Delta), t)=\operatorname{Poin}(s A(\Delta), t)$.
Recall that $C(\Delta)$ is a graded $\partial(V)$-module. Since $C(\Delta)$ is infinitedimensional, $\operatorname{Poin}(C(\Delta), t)$ is a formal power series. We now prove Theorem 1.2, which gives a combinatorial formula for $\operatorname{Poin}(C(\Delta), t)$.

Proof of Theorem 1.2. We have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\operatorname{Poin}(C(\Delta), t) & =\sum_{X \in L} \operatorname{Poin}\left(C_{X}(\Delta), t\right) \\
& =\sum_{X \in L} \operatorname{Poin}(\partial(V / X), t) \operatorname{Poin}\left(A O_{X}(\Delta), t\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

by Propositions 2.1 and 2.2. Since the $\mathbf{K}$-algebra $\partial(V / X)$ is isomorphic to the polynomial algebra with codim $X$ variables, we have

$$
\operatorname{Poin}(C(\Delta), t)=\sum_{X \in L}(1-t)^{-\operatorname{codim} X} \operatorname{Poin}\left(A O_{X}(\Delta), t\right)
$$

By Proposition 2.3, we have

$$
\operatorname{Poin}\left(A O_{X}(\Delta), t\right)=(-1)^{\operatorname{codim} X} \mu(X) t^{\operatorname{codim} X} .
$$

Thus

$$
\begin{aligned}
\operatorname{Poin}(C(\Delta), t) & =\sum_{X \in L}(-1)^{\operatorname{codim} X} \mu(X)\left(\frac{t}{1-t}\right)^{\operatorname{codim} X} \\
& =\operatorname{Poin}\left(\mathscr{A}(\Delta),(1-t)^{-1} t\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Let Der be the $S$-module of derivations:

$$
\text { Der }=\{\theta \mid \theta: S \rightarrow S \text { is a } \mathbf{K} \text {-linear derivations }\} .
$$

Then Der is naturally isomorphic to $S \otimes_{K} V$. Define

$$
D(\Delta)=\{\theta \in \operatorname{Der} \mid \theta(\alpha) \in \alpha S \text { for any } \alpha \in \Delta\},
$$

which is naturally an $S$-submodule of Der. We say that the arrangement $s(\Delta)$ is free if $D(\Delta)$ is a free $S$-module [8, Definition 4.15]. An element $\theta \in D(\Delta)$ is said to be homogeneous of degree $p$ if

$$
\theta(x) \in S_{p} \text { for all } x \in V^{*} .
$$

When $\mathscr{A}(V)$ is a free arrangement, let $\theta_{1}, \ldots, \theta_{\ell}$ be a homogeneous basis for $D(\Delta)$. The $\ell$ nonnegative integers $\operatorname{deg} \theta_{1}, \ldots, \operatorname{deg} \theta_{\ell}$ are called the exponents of $\mathscr{A}(\Delta)$. Then one has
Proposition 2.4 (Factorization Theorem [12], [8, Theorem 4.137]). If $s(\Delta)$ is a free arrangement with exponents $d_{1}, \ldots, d_{\ell}$, then

$$
\operatorname{Poin}(A(\Delta), t)=\prod_{i=1}^{\ell}\left(1+d_{i} t\right) .
$$

By Theorem 1.2 and Proposition 2.4, we immediately have Corollary 1.1. The arrangement $\mathscr{A}(\Delta)$ is generic if $|\Delta| \geq \ell$ and any $\ell$ vectors in $\Delta$ are linearly independent. In this case, it is easy to see that [8, Lemma 5.122]

$$
\operatorname{Poin}(\mathscr{A}(\Delta), t)=(1+t) \sum_{i=0}^{\ell-1}\binom{|\Delta|-1}{i} t^{i}
$$

Proof of Corollary 1.2. By Theorem 1.2, one has

$$
\begin{aligned}
\operatorname{Poin}(C(\Delta), t) & =\left(1+\frac{t}{1-t}\right) \sum_{i=0}^{\ell-1}\binom{|\Delta|-1}{i}\left(\frac{t}{1-t}\right)^{i} \\
& =(1-t)^{-\ell} \sum_{i=0}^{\ell-1}(1-t)^{\ell-i-1}\binom{|\Delta|-1}{i} t^{i} \\
& =(1-t)^{-\ell} \sum_{i=0}^{\ell-1}\binom{|\Delta|-1}{i} t^{i} \sum_{j=0}^{\ell-i-1}\binom{\ell-i-1}{j}(-1)^{j} t^{j} \\
& =(1-t)^{-\ell} \sum_{k=0}^{\ell-1} t^{k} \sum_{j=0}^{k}(-1)^{j}\binom{|\Delta|-1}{k-j}\binom{\ell-k+j-1}{j} .
\end{aligned}
$$

On the other hand, we have

$$
\sum_{j=0}^{k}(-1)^{j}\binom{|\Delta|-1}{k-j}\binom{\ell-k+j-1}{j}=\binom{|\Delta|-\ell+k-1}{k}
$$

by equating the coefficients of $x^{k}$ in $(1+x)^{|\Delta|-\ell+k-1}$ and $(1+x)^{|\Delta|-1}(1+$ $x)^{-(\ell-k)}$. This proves the assertion.

We now consider the nbc (no broken circuit) bases [1-3, 6, 9, p. 72]. Suppose that $\Delta$ is linearly ordered: $\Delta=\left\{\alpha_{1}, \ldots, \alpha_{n}\right\}$. Let $X \in L$ with $\operatorname{codim} X=p$. Define

$$
\mathbf{n b c}_{X}(\Delta):=\left\{\varepsilon \in \mathbf{E}_{X}(\Delta) \mid \varepsilon=\left(\alpha_{i_{1}}, \ldots, \alpha_{i_{p}}\right), i_{1}<\cdots<i_{p}\right.
$$

contains no broken circuits\}.
Let $\mathscr{B}_{X}=\left\{(\Pi \varepsilon)^{-1} \mid \varepsilon \in \mathbf{n b c}_{X}(\Delta)\right\}$ for $X \in L$. Then we have
Proposition 2.5 [9, Theorem 5.2]. Let $X \in L$. The set $\mathscr{B}_{X}$ is a $\mathbf{K}$-basis for $A O_{X}(\Delta)$.

Thanks to Propositions 2.1, 2.2, and 2.5 we easily have
Proposition 2.6. Let $\mathscr{B}=\bigcup_{X \in L} \mathscr{B}_{X}=\left\{\phi_{1}, \ldots, \phi_{m}\right\}$. Write $\operatorname{supp}\left(\phi_{i}\right)=$ $X$ if $\phi_{i} \in \mathscr{B}_{X}$. Then, for any $\phi \in C(\Delta)$ and $j \in\{1, \ldots, m\}$, there uniquely exists $\theta_{j} \in \partial\left(V / \operatorname{supp}\left(\phi_{j}\right)\right)$ such that

$$
\phi=\sum_{j=1}^{m} \theta_{j}\left(\phi_{j}\right) .
$$

Remark 2.1. Suppose that $\Delta$ spans $V^{*}$ and that $A O_{\{0\}}(\Delta)=\sum_{j=1}^{q} \mathbf{K} \phi_{j}$, where $q=|\mu(\{0\})|$. Then the mapping

$$
\phi \mapsto \sum_{j=1}^{q} \theta_{j}^{(0)}\left(\phi_{j}\right) \in A O_{\{0\}}(\Delta)
$$

is the restriction to $C(\Delta)$ of the Jeffrey-Kirwan residue [4, Definition 6 , 11]. Here $\theta_{j}^{(0)}$ is the degree zero part of $\theta_{j}(j=1, \ldots, q)$.

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