

## Hidden $\Sigma_{n+1}$ -Actions

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**Abstract:** Let  $n$  be an integer. Denote by  $A_n$  one of the following two graded vector spaces: (a) the space of all multilinear Poisson polynomials of degree  $n$  (with a grading described below), or (b) the cohomology of the space of all  $n$ -uples of complex numbers  $z_1, \dots, z_n$  with  $z_i \neq z_j$  for  $i \neq j$ . We prove that the natural action of  $\Sigma_n$  on each homogeneous component of  $A_n$  can be extended to an “hidden”  $\Sigma_{n+1}$ -action and we compute the corresponding character (the  $\Sigma_n$ -character being already given by Klyaschko and Lehrer–Solomon formulas).

### Introduction

Let  $n$  be an integer, let  $X$  be a symplectic manifold and let  $SC_n(X)$  be the  $\mathbf{Q}$ -vector space generated by all multilinear maps from  $(C^\infty(X))^n$  to  $C^\infty(X)$  that we can obtain by composing the multiplication of functions and the Poisson bracket. It is clear that this space depends only on the dimension of  $X$ . Indeed for  $\dim X \geq (n-1)$ ,  $SC_n(X)$  is the space of all multilinear free Poisson polynomials into  $n$  variables (see [M], Sect. 7) and it will be denoted by  $SC_n$  or by  $SC_n(\infty)$ . The group  $\Sigma_n$  acts in an obvious way on  $SC_n$ . Indeed there is a less obvious action of  $\Sigma_{n+1}$  on  $SC_n$  which is defined as follows. Let  $p \in SC_n$  and let  $w \in \Sigma_{n+1}$ , where  $\Sigma_{n+1}$  is identified with the group of permutations of  $\{0, \dots, n\}$ . There exists a unique  $q \in SC_n$  such that  $\int_X f_{w(0)} q(f_{w(1)}, \dots, f_{w(n)}) = \int_X f_0 p(f_1, \dots, f_n)$  for any compactly supported smooth functions  $f_0, \dots, f_n$  on a symplectic manifold  $X$  of dimension  $\geq n-1$ , where the integral over  $X$  refers to the Liouville measure (see [M], Theorem 1.5). Then the  $\Sigma_{n+1}$ -action is defined by the requirement  $w \cdot p = q$ . This “hidden”  $\Sigma_{n+1}$ -action extends the natural  $\Sigma_n$ -action. Also the space  $SC_n$  has a natural structure of graded coalgebra ([M], Sect. 3) which is preserved by the action of the symmetric group.

Denote by  $U_n$  the space of all  $n$ -uple of complex numbers  $z_1, \dots, z_n$  with  $z_i \neq z_j$  for  $i \neq j$  and by  $SC_n^*$  the dual of  $SC_n$ . It turns out that the algebras  $H^*(U_n)$  and  $SC_n^*$  have a very similar presentation (see [A] for the first one and [M] for the other one). Also it is natural to ask the following question: *can the natural  $\Sigma_n$ -action on  $H^*(U_n)$  be extended to a  $\Sigma_{n+1}$ -action?* In this paper, we describe such an action on the cohomology with rational coefficients. However we prove that for  $n \geq 4$ , no

extension of the  $\Sigma_n$ -action stabilizes the integral structure of the cohomology. Thus this action does not come from an action of the group  $\Sigma_{n+1}$  on the topological space  $U_n$ . This is why, in order to describe the additional generator of  $\Sigma_{n+1}$ , we need to use a multivalued map from  $U_n$  to itself instead of an ordinary map. It is easy to prove that the inverse image of this correspondence acts as a ring automorphism of  $H^*(U_n)$ .

Denote by  $V$  the natural permutation  $\Sigma_{n+1}$ -representation on  $\mathbf{Q}^{n+1}$  and define a grading  $V_0 \oplus V_1$  of  $V$  by requiring that  $V_0$  is the trivial component and  $V_1$  is its unique equivariant complement. Another natural question is to compute the  $\Sigma_{n+1}$  character of each homogenous component of  $H^*(U_n)$  and  $SC_n$ . As the  $\Sigma_n$ -character of these representations is already given by Lehrer–Solomon formula [LS] and the Klyaschko formula [K], the  $\Sigma_{n+1}$ -character can be deduced from the following:

**Theorem.** *As graded  $\Sigma_{n+1}$ -modules there are natural isomorphisms  $H^*(U_{n+1}) \simeq H^*(U_n) \otimes V$  and  $SC_{n+1}^* \simeq SC_n^* \otimes V$ , where on the left side the actions are the natural one and on the right side they are the “hidden” actions.*

By looking at the component of higher degree, we recover the Getzler and Kapranov formula  $\text{Lie}(n+1) \simeq \text{Lie}(n) \otimes V_1$ , where  $\text{Lie}(n)$  denotes the space of multilinear Lie Polynomials in  $n$ -variables (see [GK], Introduction and Corollary (6.8)).

### 1. The Involution Associated to a Suspensive System

By definition an arrangement of hyperplanes  $H$  is a finite by collection of linear hyperplanes in a complex vector space  $E$ . We then denote  $U_H$  the complement in  $E$  of the union of all hyperplanes of  $H$ . In this section we will associate to any suspensive system  $v$  (see the definition below) an involution  $\sigma_v$  of  $H^*(U_H)$  (unless stated otherwise, the cohomology is the  $\mathbf{Q}$ -valued cohomology).

(1.1). *Definition of a suspensive system.* Let  $H$  be an arrangement of hyperplanes in a complex vector space  $E$ . A basis  $(u_1, \dots, u_n)$  of  $E^*$  is called a suspensive system if and only if it satisfies the following three requirements:

- (i) the hyperplanes  $u_i = 0$  belong to  $H$  for any  $i$ ,
- (ii) any other hyperplane in  $H$  is defined by an equation  $a \cdot u_i + b \cdot u_j = 0$  for some  $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and  $a, b \in \mathbf{C}^*$ ,
- (iii) if  $\ker(a \cdot u_i + b \cdot u_j)$  belongs to  $H$ , so is  $\ker(b \cdot u_i + a \cdot u_j)$  for any  $a, b \in \mathbf{C}^*$ ,  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ .

Only very special arrangements of hyperplanes have one or more suspensive systems. For example we can prove that the existence of a suspensive system implies that the algebra  $H^*(U_H)$  is quadratic. As we will not use this fact, the proof is left to the reader.

(1.2). *Multivalued functions and inverse images.* Let  $X, Y$  be manifold. We will use the following formal definition of multivalued functions from  $X$  to  $Y$ . Let  $N$  be an integer. By definition a  $N$ -valued function from  $X$  to  $Y$  is a triple  $F = (Z, X, Y)$  consisting of a manifold  $Z$  and two smooth maps  $p: Z \rightarrow X$  and  $q: Z \rightarrow Y$  such that  $p$  is an  $N$ -fold covering. The manifold  $Z$  is called the graph of  $F$ . Less formally,

we denote a  $N$ -valued map as  $F: X \rightarrow Y$  and we say that  $F$  associates to any  $x \in X$  the set with multiplicity  $F(x) = q(p^{-1}(x))$ . In order to simplify the notation we will make no differences between a  $N$ -valued function  $F$  and the  $NM$  valued function  $M \cdot F$  which associates to  $x$  the same set  $F(x)$  with  $M$  times the multiplicities (e.g. in Formula 2.2) because the induced maps in cohomology are the same. The composition of a  $N$ -valued map  $F: X \rightarrow T$  and a  $N'$ -valued map  $F': T \rightarrow Y$  is the  $NN'$ -valued map  $F' \circ F: X \rightarrow Y$  whose the graph is  $Z \times_T Z'$ , where  $Z, Z'$  are the graphs of  $F$  and  $F'$ . Similarly one defines the product of complex valued multivalued functions. Let  $F: X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $N$ -valued map. Given a form  $\omega$  over  $Y$ , denote by  $F(\omega)$  the form whose value at  $x \in X$  is  $1/N(\sum_{z \in p^{-1}(x)} q^*(\omega_z))$ . Also denote by  $F^*: H^*(Y) \rightarrow H^*(X)$  the map induced in cohomology. The definition of the inverse image  $F^*$  of the multivalued map  $F$  behaves like the usual inverse image of ordinary maps except that

- (i) in general  $F^*$  is not a ring morphism (because of the finite integral),
- (ii) in general  $F^*$  is not defined over the integral cohomology (because of the factor  $1/N$ ).

However if  $q^*(H^*(Y))$  is contained in the subspace  $H^*(X)$  of  $H^*(Z)$ , then  $F^*$  is a ring morphism (that is why there is a factor  $1/N$  in the definition of  $F^*$ ).

(1.3). Let  $s = (u_1, \dots, u_m)$  be a suspensive system of an arrangement of hyperplanes  $H$ . Set  $A_s = \prod_{1 \leq i \leq m} u_i^2$ . Set  $F_s(u_i) = \delta_s/u_i$ , where  $\delta_s = A_s^{1/m}$ . We have  $F_s(a \cdot u_i + b \cdot u_j) = \delta_s \cdot (b \cdot u_i + a \cdot u_j)/(u_i \cdot u_j)$ . Hence  $F_s$  is a well-defined  $m$ -valued map from  $U_H$  to itself.

**Lemma 1.3.** *The inverse map  $F_s^*$  is a ring morphism. Moreover we have  $(F_s^*)^2 = 1$ .*

*Proof.* It follows from the Brieskorn Theorem that the cohomology of  $U_H$  is generated by the forms  $dl/l$ , where  $l$  runs over the space of linear forms defining the arrangement of hyperplanes (see [Br, O, OS, OT]). As  $d(\delta_s)/\delta_s$  is a combination with rational coefficients of such forms, it follows that  $q^*H^*(U_H) \subset H^*(U_H)$ , where  $q$  is as before. Hence it follows from (1.2) that  $F_s^*$  is a ring morphism. Clearly  $F_s^2$  is the  $n^2$ -valued map which sends  $u \in U_H$  to the set with multiplicity  $\{x \cdot y \cdot u | x, y \in \mu_n\}$ , where  $\mu_n$  is the set of  $n$ -roots of unity. As  $\mathbf{C}^*$  acts trivially on  $H^*(U_H)$  we have  $(F_s^*)^2 = 1$ . Q.E.D.

The map  $F_s^*$  will be called the involution associated with the suspensive system  $s$ .

## 2. Hidden Automorphisms of the Cohomology of the Arrangement Associated with a Graph

(2.1). By graph we mean non-oriented graph with simple edges and no loops. Let  $\Gamma$  be a graph, with a set of vertices  $V$  and set of edges  $E$ . Set  $E_\Gamma = \{(z_v)_{v \in V} \in \mathbf{C}^V | \sum_{v \in V} z_v = 0\}$ . For each edge  $(v, u)$  of  $\Gamma$  one associates the hyperplane  $z_u = z_v$  of  $E_\Gamma$  and we denote by  $H_\Gamma$  the collection of all hyperplanes associated to edges of  $\Gamma$ . Its complement in  $E_\Gamma$  will be denoted by  $U_\Gamma$ .

(2.2). A suspension point of  $\Gamma$  is a vertex which is connected to all other vertices of the graph. If  $s$  is a suspension point, then the linear form  $z_s - z_v$  for  $v \neq s$  is a suspensive system. Denote by  $\sigma_s$  the associated involution of  $H^*(U_\Gamma)$ . We will use the following formulas. Let  $s, v, w$  be three distinct points in  $V$ , with  $s$  suspensive. We have

$$F_s(z_v - z_w) = \delta_s(z_v - z_w)/(z_s - z_v)(z_s - z_w),$$

and

$$F_s(z_v - z_s) = \delta_s/(z_v - z_s).$$

From this we deduce  $F_s \delta_t = \delta_s \cdot \delta_t/(z_s - z_t)^2$  and  $F_s \delta_s = \delta_s$ , where  $s, t$  are distinct suspensive points.

(2.3). Let  $\Gamma$  be a graph and let  $S$  be the set of suspension points. We denote the vertices by positive integers  $1, 2, \dots, m$ , where  $m$  is the number of vertices. Set  $S^+ = S \cup \{0\}$ . For any set  $Z$ , denote by  $\Sigma_Z$  the full permutation group of  $Z$  and for  $z, z' \in Z$  denote by  $r_{z,z'}$  the substitution exchanging  $z$  and  $z'$ . The group  $\Sigma_S$  acts naturally on  $\Gamma$  by fixing all vertices outside  $S$ . So  $\Sigma_S$  acts naturally on  $U_\Gamma$ . Let  $G$  be the group of automorphisms of  $H^*(U_\Gamma)$  generated by the involutions  $\sigma_s$ , for  $s \in S$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** *The group  $G$  contains  $\Sigma_S$  and is naturally isomorphic to  $\Sigma_{S^+}$ . For such an isomorphism the involution  $\sigma_s$  is identified with  $r_{0,s}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $s, t \in S$  and let  $j$  be a vertex of  $\Gamma$  different from  $s$  and  $t$ . Using formulas (2.2) one gets  $F_s \circ F_t \circ F_s(z_s - z_j) = (z_t - z_j)$ , and  $F_s \circ F_t \circ F_s(z_s - z_t) = (z_t - z_s)$ , up to some multivalued constant factor. Hence we have  $\sigma_s \circ \sigma_t \circ \sigma_s = r_{s,t}$ . Moreover we obviously have  $w \sigma_s w^{-1} = \sigma_{w(s)}$ . Thus there exists a unique morphism  $\Theta$  from  $G$  to  $\Sigma_{S^+}$  sending  $\sigma_s$  to  $r_{0,s}$ . Using the presentation of  $\Sigma_{S^+}$  by generators and relations, it is easy to prove that  $\Theta$  is an isomorphism. Q.E.D

(2.4). Denote by  $K_n$  the complete graph with  $n$  vertices. Note that  $U_{K_n}$  is homotopic to the space  $U_n$  from the introduction. The following statement is an obvious consequence of Theorem 2.3.

**Corollary 2.4.** *The group of automorphisms of the algebra  $H^*(U_{K_n})$  contains a subgroup  $\Sigma_{n+1}$  extending the natural  $\Sigma_n$ -action.*

(2.5). Actually no  $\Sigma_{n+1}$ -action extending the natural  $\Sigma_n$ -action comes from an action (or action up to homotopy) of  $\Sigma_{n+1}$  on the topological space  $U_{K_n}$  because of the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.5.** *Assume  $n \geq 4$ . There are no actions of  $\Sigma_{n+1}$  on  $H^1(U_{K_n})$  extending the  $\Sigma_n$ -action and defined over the integral cohomology.*

*Proof.* Denote by  $\rho$  the  $\Sigma_{n+1}$  action on  $H^1(U_{K_n})$  defined by Theorem 2.3, and let  $\rho'$  be any other action on  $H^1(U_{K_n})$  extending the natural  $\Sigma_n$ -action. For  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ , set  $x_{i,j} = d(z_i - z_j)/(z_i - z_j)$ . Then  $H^1(U_{K_n}, \mathbf{Z})$  is a free  $\mathbf{Z}$ -module with basis  $x_{i,j}$  (Brieskorn Theorem [Br]). Let  $L$  be the hyperplane in  $H^1(U_{K_n})$  containing all vectors whose sum of coordinates are 0 and set  $L_{\mathbf{Z}} = L \cap H^1(U_{K_n}, \mathbf{Z})$ . For  $1 \leq j < i \leq n$  set  $x_{i,j} = x_{j,i}$  and  $x_{i,i} = 0$ . Set  $T_i = \sum_{1 \leq j \leq n} x_{i,j}$  and  $T = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} T_i$ .

1) As  $\Sigma_n$  module we have  $L = L_1 \oplus L_2$ , where  $L_1, L_2$  are the simple modules with Young diagrams  $(n - 1, 1)$  and  $(n - 2, 2)$  and its complement in  $H^1(U_{K_n})$ , denoted by  $L_0$ , is the trivial module  $\mathbf{QT}$ . So any  $\Sigma_{n+1}$ -action extending the  $\Sigma_n$  action will be the sum of a trivial representation and the representation with Young diagram  $(n - 1, 2)$ . Moreover for such an action  $L_0$  will be invariant and  $L$  will be a submodule.

2) It follows from the previous point that  $\rho'$  and  $\rho$  are conjugated by some  $\Phi \in GL(H^1(U_{K_n}))$ . Such a  $\Phi$  should act in a scalar way on  $L_1, L_2$  and  $L_0$ . By multiplying  $\Phi$  by an automorphism of  $\rho$  we can assume that  $\Phi$  is the identity on  $L_0$  and  $L_2$ , and acts as some non-zero scalar  $\lambda$  on  $L_1$ .

3) Set  $s = \rho(r_{0,1})$ . We have  $s \cdot x_{1,i} = -x_{1,i} + 2/(n - 1) \cdot T_1$  and  $s \cdot x_{i,j} = x_{i,j} - x_{1,i} - x_{1,j} + 2/(n - 1) \cdot T_1$  for  $1 < i < j \leq n$ . It follows that  $\rho$  stabilizes  $L_Z$  but not  $H^1(U_{K_n}, \mathbf{Z})$ . As  $\Sigma_n$ -module,  $L_1$  is generated by  $T_1 - T_2$  and  $L_2$  is generated by  $x_{1,2} + x_{3,4} - x_{2,3} - x_{1,4}$ . If  $\pi$  denotes the projection of  $H^1(U_{K_n}, \mathbf{Z})$  over  $L_1$ , we have  $\pi(x_{i,j}) = 1/(n - 1)(T_i + T_j) - 2/(n(n - 1))T$ . Note also that we have  $s(x_{1,2} + x_{3,4} - x_{2,3} - x_{1,4}) = x_{3,4} - x_{3,2}$  and  $s(T_2 - T_1) = T_2 - (n - 1)x_{1,2}$ .

4) Set  $s' = \rho'(r_{0,1})$ . We have  $s' \cdot x = s \cdot x + (1 - \lambda)\pi \circ s \cdot x$  if  $x \in L_2$  and  $s' \cdot x = (1/\lambda)s \cdot x + ((1 - \lambda)/\lambda)\pi \circ s \cdot x$  if  $x \in L_1$ . By using the previous formulas, one gets  $s'(x_{1,2} + x_{3,4} - x_{2,3} - x_{1,4}) = x_{3,4} - x_{3,2} + (\lambda - 1)/(n - 1)(T_4 - T_2)$ , and  $s'(T_2 - T_1) = (1/\lambda)(T_2 - (n - 1)x_{1,2}) + ((1 - \lambda)/\lambda)[(n - 2)/(n - 1)T_1 - 1/(n - 1)(\sum_{j \geq 3} T_j)]$ .

5) Assume that  $\rho'$  stabilizes  $H^1(U_{K_n}, \mathbf{Z})$ . It follows from point 4 that  $1/\lambda$  and  $(\lambda - 1)/(n - 1)$  should be integers. This implies  $\lambda = 1$ , i.e.  $\rho = \rho'$ . However  $\rho$  does not stabilize  $H^1(U_{K_n}, \mathbf{Z})$ . Q.E.D.

### 3. The Limit Ring $SC_n^*$

Let  $n$  be an integer and let  $X$  be a symplectic manifold. Then the product and Poisson brackets define two binary operations on  $C^\infty(X)$ . Consider now the space of all  $n$ -ary multilinear operators from  $C^\infty \times \dots \times C^\infty(X)$  to  $C^\infty(X)$  that we can get by composing the product and the bracket. Clearly this space depends only on the dimension of  $X$ . In fact when  $n \leq \dim X + 1$ , this space is independent of the dimension ([M], Theorem 7.5). It is denoted by  $SC_n(\infty)$  or by  $SC_n$ . We have  $\dim SC_n(X) = n!$  ([M], Lemma 3.7). Actually  $SC_n$  has a natural structure of graded cocommutative coalgebra ([M], Proposition 3.6). Let us denote by  $SC_n^k$  the component of degree  $k$  in  $SC_n$  (in [M], Sect. (3.5) this grading is called the Liouville grading). Roughly speaking  $SC_n^k$  is the space of all  $n$ -ary maps which involve exactly  $k$  brackets. The dual space  $SC_n^*$  is a commutative algebra described by the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.1** ([M], Theorem 7.6). *A presentation of the limit ring  $SC_n^*$  is given by the commuting generators  $x_{i,j}$  (for  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ ) and the following relations:*

- (a)  $x_{i,j}^2 = 0$ , for  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ ,
- (b)  $x_{i,j}x_{j,k} = x_{j,k}x_{i,k} + x_{i,k}x_{i,j}$ , for any  $1 \leq i < j < k \leq n$ .

This algebra is very similar to Arnold's algebra  $H^*(U_{K_n})$  (see [A]). However  $SC_n^*$  is strictly commutative. Actually the generators are all elements of degree 1 and they can be described as follows. For  $i < j$  denote by  $\tau_{i,j}$  the map  $(f_1, \dots, f_n) \in (C^\infty)^n \rightarrow \{f_i, f_j\}f_1 \dots f_n$  (where we omit the terms  $f_i$  and  $f_j$  in the product). Then

the family  $(\tau_{i,j})_{1 \leq i < j \leq n}$  is a basis of  $SC_n^1$  and the generators  $x_{i,j}$  is the dual basis. The  $\Sigma_{n+1}$ -action on  $SC_n$  is described by the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.2** (see [M], Theorem 1.5). *Let  $X$  be a symplectic manifold of dimension  $\geq n - 1$ . Let  $\tau \in SC_n$  and let  $\sigma \in \Sigma_{n+1}$ . There exists a unique  $\theta \in SC_n$  such that  $\int_X f_{\sigma(0)}\tau(f_{\sigma(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes f_{\sigma(n)}) \cdot \omega^m = \int_X f_0\theta(f_1 \otimes \dots \otimes f_n) \cdot \omega^m$ , for any compactly supported smooth functions  $f_0, \dots, f_n$  (where  $2m = \dim X$ ).*

Then  $\Sigma_{n+1}$  acts on the dual  $SC_n^*$  as a group of homogeneous ring morphism. To describe the action of the symmetric group  $\Sigma_{n+1}$ , it will be convenient to define the elements  $x_{i,j}$  for any  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$  as follows. We set  $x_{i,i} = 0$  and  $x_{i,j} = -x_{j,i}$  for  $i > j$ .

- Lemma 3.3.** (i) *For  $\omega \in \Sigma_n$ , we have  $w \cdot x_{i,j} = x_{w(i),w(j)}$ .*  
 (ii) *We have  $r_{0,i} \cdot x_{k,l} = x_{k,l} + x_{l,i} + x_{i,k}$  for any distinct  $i, j, k$ .*  
 (iii) *We have  $r_{0,i} \cdot x_{i,k} = x_{k,i}$  for any distinct  $i, k$ .*

*Proof.* Formula (i) is obvious. Let  $\tau_{i,j}$  be the dual basis of  $x_{i,j}$ . We have  $r_{0,i}\tau_{k,l} = \tau_{k,l}$  for distinct  $i, k, l$ . Moreover we have  $\int_X \{f_0, f_l\} f_1 \dots f_{l-1} \hat{f}_l f_{l+1} \dots = \sum_{j>0} \int_X \{f_l, f_j\} f_0 \dots \hat{f}_j \dots \hat{f}_l \dots$ . Thus we get  $r_{i,0}\tau_{i,l} = \sum_{j>0} \tau_{l,j}$ . So by transposition one gets the formulas (ii) and (iii).

**4. Characters of the Homogeneous Components of the  $\Sigma_{n+1}$ -Modules  $SC_n$  and  $H^*(U_n)$**

(4.1). In this section we will set  $S = \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $S^+ = S \cup \{0\}$  and  $S^{++} = S \cup \{0, -1\}$ . Moreover  $A_n$  will denote one of the following two algebras (a)  $SC_n^*$  or (b)  $H^*(U_{K_n})$ .

(4.2). There is a natural embedding  $\varepsilon : A_n \rightarrow A_{n+1}$ . In case (a) it is the transposition of the natural map  $\varepsilon^* : SC_{n+1} \rightarrow SC_n$  defined as follows:  $\varepsilon^*P(f_1, \dots, f_n) = P(1, f_1, \dots, f_n)$  (denoted  $R_{n+1,n}$  in [M], Sect. (3.4)). In case (b), it is the inverse map associated to the morphism  $U_{K_{n+1}} \rightarrow U_{K_n}$ , sending  $(z_0, z_1, \dots, z_n)$  to  $(z_1, \dots, z_n)$ .

(4.3). The natural embedding  $\varepsilon$  commutes with the  $\Sigma_S$  action but not with the  $\Sigma_{S^+}$ -action. So we will twist  $\varepsilon$  to get an equivariant embedding. To do so define a morphism  $\tau : A_n \rightarrow A_{n+1}$  by  $\tau = r_{-1,0} \circ \varepsilon$ .

**Proposition 4.3.** *The ring morphism  $\tau$  commutes with the  $\Sigma_{V^+}$ -action.*

*Proof.* As the ring  $A_n$  is generated by its degree one component  $A_n^1$  and as  $\tau$  is a ring morphism, it suffices to check the claim on  $A_n^1$  what is obvious (in case (a) this follows very easily from definitions as well).

(4.4). Set  $V = \mathbf{Q}^{n+1}$ . Consider  $V$  as a  $\Sigma_{n+1}$ , with action given by permuting the natural basis of  $V$ . There is a grading  $V = V_0 \oplus V_1$  of  $V$  in such a way that  $V_0$  is the trivial component of  $V$  and  $V_1$  is its unique  $\Sigma_{n+1}$ -complement.

**Theorem 4.4.** *As a graded  $\Sigma_{n+1}$ -module, we have  $A_{n+1} = A_n \otimes V$ , where the action on  $A_{n+1}$  is the natural action and the action on  $A_n$  is the hidden action described in Sect. 2 and 3.*

*Proof.* With the previous notations, consider  $A_n$  as a subalgebra of  $A_{n+1}$  by using the ring morphism  $\tau$ . Define elements  $T'_i$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq n$  as follows. In case (a) set  $T'_i = \sum_{0 \leq j \leq n} x_{i,j}$ . In case (b) set  $T'_i = (\sum_{0 \leq j \leq n} x_{i,j}) - 1/(n+1)(\sum_{i,j} x_{i,j})$ . In both cases we have  $\sum_{0 \leq i \leq n} T'_i = 0$ . Denote by  $U'$  the subspace of  $A_{n+1}$  generated by the  $T'_i$  and set  $U = U' \oplus \mathbb{C}1$ . We have  $U \simeq V$ . Moreover in both cases we have

- (i)  $A_{n+1}^1 = A_n^1 \oplus U'$ .
- (ii) We have  $T_i \cdot T_j = b_{i,j} \sum a_{i,j,k} T_k$ , for some  $b_{i,j}$  and  $a_{i,j,k}$  in  $A_n$ .

It follows that the natural map  $\mu: A_n \otimes U \rightarrow A_{n+1}$  (given by multiplication) is onto. By comparing the dimension,  $\mu$  is an isomorphism. By construction  $\mu$  commutes with the  $\Sigma_{V^+}$ -action. Q.E.D.

(4.5). The character of the graded module  $A_n$  for its natural  $\Sigma_n$ -action has been determined in each case. For case (a) it has been computed by Lehrer and Solomon, see [LS,CT,S]. For case (b) it is usually attributed to Klyaschko, see [Br,K,Ba,RW]. For any  $\Sigma_{n+1}$ -module  $M$  denote by  $ch(M)$  its character and denote by  $A_n^k$  the degree  $k$  component of  $A_n$ . Thus from Theorem 4.4, one gets a character formula for the hidden  $\Sigma_{n+1}$ -action on  $A_n$  as follows.

**Corollary 4.5.** *We have  $ch(A_n^k) = \sum_{0 \leq l \leq k} (-1)^l ch(A_{n+1}^{k-l}) \cdot ch(V_1)^l$ , where the character on the left side (right side) refers to the hidden (respectively natural)  $\Sigma_{n+1}$ -action.*

(4.6). The highest component of  $SC_n$  has degree  $n - 1$  and is isomorphic with the space of all  $n$ -ary multilinear Lie polynomials denoted  $Lie(n)$  in [GK]. Thus we get  $SC_n^{n-1} \otimes V_1 \simeq SC_{n+1}^n$ . This gives a quick proof of the following result of Getzler and Kapranov.

**Corollary 4.6** (Getzler and Kapranov [GK]). *There is an isomorphism of  $\Sigma_{n+1}$ -modules  $Lie(n) \otimes V_1 \simeq Lie(n + 1)$ .*

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