

# Schur Algebras for the Alternating Group and Koszul Duality

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**ABSTRACT.** We introduce the alternating Schur algebra  $AS_F(n, d)$  as the commutant of the action of the alternating group  $\mathbf{A}_d$  on the  $d$ -fold tensor power of an  $n$ -dimensional  $F$ -vector space. When  $F$  has characteristic different from 2, we give a basis of  $AS_F(n, d)$  in terms of bipartite graphs, and a graphical interpretation of the structure constants. We introduce the abstract Koszul duality functor on modules for the even part of any  $\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$ -graded algebra. The algebra  $AS_F(n, d)$  is  $\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$ -graded, having the classical Schur algebra  $S_F(n, d)$  as its even part. This leads an approach to Koszul duality for  $S_F(n, d)$ -modules that is amenable to combinatorial methods. We characterize the category of  $AS_F(n, d)$ -modules in terms of  $S_F(n, d)$ -modules and their Koszul duals. We use the graphical basis of  $AS_F(n, d)$  to study the dependence of the behavior of derived Koszul duality on  $n$  and  $d$ .

## 1. Introduction

**1.1. Schur-Weyl duality and its variants.** Frobenius determined the irreducible characters of the symmetric group  $\mathbf{S}_d$  over  $\mathbf{C}$ , the field of complex numbers, in 1900 [12]. Building on this, Schur classified the irreducible polynomial representations of  $GL_n(\mathbf{C})$  and computed their characters in his PhD thesis [27]. The group  $GL_n(\mathbf{C})$  acts on the factors of  $(\mathbf{C}^n)^{\otimes d}$ , while  $\mathbf{S}_d$  permutes the tensor factors. In 1927, Schur used these commuting actions to reprove the results of his dissertation [28]. Following Weyl's expositions of this method [32, 33], it is known as Schur-Weyl duality.

Over the years, several variants of Schur-Weyl duality have emerged. Shrinking  $GL_n(\mathbf{C})$  to the orthogonal group  $O_n(\mathbf{C})$ , Brauer obtained the duality between Brauer algebras  $Br_d(n)$  and  $O_n(\mathbf{C})$  [7]. Motivated by the Potts model in statistical mechanics, Jones [16] and Martin [20] further shrunk  $O_n(\mathbf{C})$  down to  $\mathbf{S}_n$ , obtaining the partition algebras  $P_d(n)$ . Bloss [5] reduced  $\mathbf{S}_n$  to  $\mathbf{A}_n$  to obtain an algebra  $AP_d(n)$  which coincides with the partition algebra when  $n \geq 2d + 2$ . We take the smallest possible step in the opposite direction: we reveal what takes the place of the polynomial representations of  $GL_n(\mathbf{C})$  when the action of the symmetric group  $\mathbf{S}_d$  is restricted to the alternating group  $\mathbf{A}_d$ . The situation is summarized in Table 1. The significance of this investigation lies in its connection with the

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| $\mathrm{GL}_n(F)$ | Schur-Weyl          | $\mathbf{S}_d$     |
| $\cup$             |                     | $\cap$             |
| $\mathrm{O}_n(F)$  | Brauer              | $\mathrm{Br}_d(n)$ |
| $\cup$             |                     | $\cap$             |
| $\mathbf{S}_n$     | Martin and Jones    | $\mathrm{P}_d(n)$  |
| $\cup$             |                     | $\cap$             |
| $\mathbf{A}_n$     | Bloss               | $\mathrm{AP}_d(n)$ |

TABLE 1. Dualities arising from tensor space

Koszul duality functor on the category of homogeneous polynomial representations of  $\mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbf{C})$  of degree  $d$ .

**1.2. Schur algebras for the alternating group.** Motivated by Green [14, Theorem 2.6c], define the Schur algebra as

$$\mathrm{S}_F(n, d) = \mathrm{End}_{\mathbf{S}_d}((F^n)^{\otimes d})$$

for any field  $F$ , and positive integers  $n$  and  $d$ . When  $F$  is infinite, then  $\mathrm{S}_F(n, d)$ -modules are the same as homogeneous polynomial representations of  $\mathrm{GL}_n(F)$  of degree  $d$  (see [14, Section 2.4] and [23, Section 6.2]). Define the alternating Schur algebra  $\mathrm{AS}_F(n, d)$  by replacing  $\mathbf{S}_d$  by  $\mathbf{A}_d$  in the definition above:

$$\mathrm{AS}_F(n, d) = \mathrm{End}_{\mathbf{A}_d}((F^n)^{\otimes d}).$$

When  $F$  has characteristic different from 2, this algebra has a decomposition (Lemma 2.1)

$$(1) \quad \mathrm{AS}_F(n, d) = \mathrm{S}_F(n, d) \oplus \mathrm{S}_F^-(n, d)$$

as a  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -graded algebra. Here  $\mathrm{S}_F^-(n, d) = \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{S}_d}((F^n)^{\otimes d}, (F^n)^{\otimes d} \otimes \mathrm{sgn})$ , where  $\mathrm{sgn}$  denotes the sign character of  $\mathbf{S}_d$ . The subspace  $\mathrm{S}_F^-(n, d)$  is an  $(\mathrm{S}_F(n, d), \mathrm{S}_F(n, d))$ -bimodule.

When  $n^2 < d$ , then  $\mathrm{S}_F^-(n, d) = 0$ , and  $\mathrm{AS}_F(n, d) = \mathrm{S}_F(n, d)$ , as observed by Regev [25, Theorem 1]. But when  $n^2 \geq d$ ,  $\mathrm{S}_F^-(n, d) \neq 0$ , and in Lemma 2.2, we note that  $\mathrm{S}_F^-(n, d)$  is a full tilting left  $\mathrm{S}_F(n, d)$ -module as studied by Donkin in [9, Section 3].

**1.3. Bases and structure constants.** Schur [28] gave a combinatorial description of a basis and the corresponding structure constants of the Schur algebra (see also [14, Section 2.3]). By indexing Schur's basis of  $\mathrm{S}_F(n, d)$  by bipartite multigraphs with  $n + n$  vertices and  $d$  edges, Méndez [22] (see also Geetha and Prasad [13]) gave a graphic interpretation of the structure constants. We describe a basis of  $\mathrm{S}_F^-(n, d)$  in terms of bipartite simple graphs in Theorem 2.24. So from the decomposition (1), a basis of  $\mathrm{AS}_F(n, d)$  is obtained. A graphic interpretation of the structure constants of  $\mathrm{AS}_F(n, d)$  is given in Theorems 2.14 and 2.25. This will be used to derive properties of  $\mathrm{AS}_F(n, d)$ , its bimodule  $\mathrm{S}_F^-(n, d)$ , and Koszul duality.

**1.4. Koszul duality and modules.** The term *Koszul duality* is used for several constructions which interchange the roles of exterior and symmetric powers.

The earliest notion of Koszul duality was introduced by Priddy [24]. It applies to *pre-Koszul algebras*, which are also called *quadratic algebras*. A pre-Koszul algebra is a quotient of a tensor algebra  $T(V) = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \otimes^n V$  by a two-sided ideal  $I$  that is generated in degree two. Its Koszul dual is the algebra  $T(V^*)/(I \cap (V \otimes V))^\perp$ ; the quotient of the dual tensor algebra by the annihilator in degree two of  $I$ . In this setting the Koszul dual of the symmetric algebra of  $V$  is the exterior algebra of  $V^*$ .

Bernstein, Gelfand, and Gelfand [3, Theorem 3] introduced an equivalence between the bounded derived categories of graded modules over symmetric and exterior algebras, which was called the Koszul duality functor by Beilinson, Ginsburg, and Schectman [4].

Friedlander and Suslin [11] introduced the category of *strict polynomial functors* of degree  $d$  as the representations of the Schur category of degree  $d$ , for each non-negative integer  $d$  (see Section 4.1). The category of strict polynomial functors of degree  $d$  unifies the categories of homogeneous polynomial representations of  $\mathrm{GL}_n(F)$  of degree  $d$  across all  $n$ . Standard examples of strict polynomial functors of degree  $d$  are the  $d$ th tensor power functor  $\otimes^d$ , the  $d$ th symmetric power functor  $\mathrm{Sym}^d$ , and the  $d$ th exterior power functor  $\wedge^d$ . Evaluating a strict polynomial functor of degree  $d$  at  $F^n$  gives an  $S_F(n, d)$ -module for each  $n$ . Friedlander and Suslin showed that this evaluation functor is an equivalence of categories when  $n \geq d$ . Chalušnik [8] and Touzé [30] used the term Koszul duality to refer to a functor on the category of strict polynomial functors of degree  $d$  which takes the Schur functor associated to the partition  $\lambda$  of  $d$  to the Weyl functor associated with the partition  $\lambda'$  conjugate to  $\lambda$ . Krause [17] discovered an internal tensor product on the category of strict polynomial functors of fixed degree  $d$ . Given such a tensor product it was then natural for him to define Koszul duality in this category as tensor product with  $\wedge^d$ . This definition is different from the Koszul duality functors defined earlier by Chalušnik and Touzé are not the same. Those coincide with a duality defined by Ringel [26] using tilting modules for quasi-hereditary algebras. This tilting module was described by Donkin [9] in the case of Schur algebras.

We introduce the term *abstract Koszul duality* to refer to a very simple functor which makes sense for any  $\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$ -graded algebra  $\mathrm{AS} = \mathrm{S} \oplus \mathrm{S}^-$ . The abstract Koszul dual of an  $\mathrm{S}$ -module  $V$  is defined as

$$D(V) = \mathrm{S}^- \otimes_{\mathrm{S}} V.$$

The multiplication operation on  $\mathrm{AS}$  gives rise to an  $(\mathrm{S}, \mathrm{S})$ -bimodule homomorphism  $\phi : \mathrm{S}^- \otimes_{\mathrm{S}} \mathrm{S}^- \rightarrow \mathrm{S}$  and hence a natural transformation from  $D \circ D$  to the identity functor on the category of  $\mathrm{S}$ -modules. We prove (Theorem 3.4) that the category of  $\mathrm{AS}$ -modules is same as the category of pairs  $(M, \theta_M)$  where  $M$  is an  $\mathrm{S}$ -module and  $\theta_M : D(M) \rightarrow M$  is compatible with  $\phi$  in the sense of (15).

In Section 4, we specialize to the case  $\mathrm{AS}_F(n, d) = S_F(n, d) \oplus S_F^-(n, d)$  to obtain a Koszul duality functor  $D$  on the category of  $S_F(n, d)$ -modules. In Theorem 4.5, we show that the evaluation at  $F^n$  of the Koszul duality functor of Krause is naturally isomorphic to our Koszul duality functor when  $n \geq d$ . In this sense, our abstract Koszul duality functor on Schur algebras coincides with Krause's Koszul duality.

Our description of the structure constants of  $\text{AS}_F(n, d)$  allow us to give a direct combinatorial proof of the well-known fact that, when  $n \geq d$  and when the characteristic of  $F$  is 0 or greater than  $d$ , then abstract Koszul duality is an equivalence (Theorem 4.2).

Krause [17] showed that derived Koszul duality functor is an auto-equivalence of the unbounded derived category of strict polynomial functors. Since the evaluation functor is an equivalence, this implies that derived Koszul duality is an auto-equivalence at the level of unbounded derived category of  $S_F(n, d)$ -modules when  $n \geq d$ . However, this does not address the case where  $n < d$ . Using our combinatorial methods, we show that derived Koszul duality is not an equivalence when  $n < d$  (Theorem 4.9). This proof uses a criterion of Happel [15] for a tensor functor to be a derived equivalence. In the context of derived Koszul duality, this criterion requires that the canonical algebra homomorphism  $S_F(n, d) \rightarrow \text{End}_{S_F(n, d)}(S_F^-(n, d))$  is an isomorphism. Donkin [9, Proposition 3.7] proved this when  $n \geq d$ . When the characteristic of  $F$  is not 2 we give a combinatorial proof of Donkin's result, and also show that it fails when  $n < d$  (Theorem 4.7). Figure 1 describes the behavior of Koszul duality for all values of the parameters  $n$  and  $d$ .

We conclude this paper by discussing a possible application of our techniques to Bloss's alternating partition algebra, and a diagrammatic interpretation of the Schur category (Section 5).

## 2. The alternating Schur algebra

Let  $F$  be a field of characteristic different from 2,  $n$  and  $d$  be positive integers. The symmetric group  $\mathbf{S}_d$  acts on the tensor space  $(F^n)^{\otimes d}$  by permuting the tensor factors. The Schur algebra can be defined as

$$S_F(n, d) := \text{End}_{\mathbf{S}_d}((F^n)^{\otimes d}).$$

By restricting the action of  $\mathbf{S}_d$  to the alternating group  $\mathbf{A}_d$ , define the *alternating Schur algebra* as

$$\text{AS}_F(n, d) := \text{End}_{\mathbf{A}_d}((F^n)^{\otimes d}).$$

Clearly,  $S_F(n, d)$  is a subalgebra of  $\text{AS}_F(n, d)$ .

LEMMA 2.1. *For any representations  $V$  and  $W$  of  $\mathbf{S}_d$ ,*

$$(2) \quad \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{A}_d}(V, W) = \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{S}_d}(V, W) \oplus \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{S}_d}(V, W \otimes \text{sgn}).$$

Here  $W \otimes \text{sgn}$  denotes the twist of  $W$  by the sign character  $\text{sgn} : \mathbf{S}_d \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$ .

Define,

$$(3) \quad S_F^-(n, d) := \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{S}_d}((F^n)^{\otimes d}, (F^n)^{\otimes d} \otimes \text{sgn}).$$

Lemma 2.1 gives a  $\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$ -grading of  $\text{AS}_F(n, d)$  in the sense of Bourbaki [6, Chapter III, Section 3.1]:

$$(4) \quad \text{AS}_F(n, d) = S_F(n, d) \oplus S_F^-(n, d).$$

The summand  $S_F^-(n, d)$  is an  $(S_F(n, d), S_F(n, d))$ -bimodule. Recall that a *weak composition* of  $d$  with  $n$  parts is a vector  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$  of non-negative integers summing to  $d$ . Let  $\Lambda(n, d)$  denote the set of weak compositions of  $d$  with  $n$  parts. For each  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \in \Lambda(n, d)$ , define

$$\wedge^\lambda F^n = \wedge^{\lambda_1} F^n \otimes \dots \otimes \wedge^{\lambda_n} F^n.$$

where, for a non-negative integer  $s$ ,  $\wedge^s F^n$  is the  $s$ th exterior power of  $F^n$ . As a left  $S_F(n, d)$ -module,  $S_F^-(n, d) = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \Lambda(n, d)} \wedge^\lambda F^n$ . By Donkin [9, Section 3], we have:

LEMMA 2.2. *The left module  $S_F^-(n, d)$  is a full tilting module of  $S_F(n, d)$ .*

**2.1. Twisted permutation representations.** Let  $X$  be a finite set on which a group  $G$  acts on the right (henceforth called a  $G$ -set). The space  $F[X]$  of  $F$ -valued functions on  $X$  may be regarded as a representation of  $G$ :

$$(5) \quad \rho_X(g)f(x) = f(x \cdot g), \text{ for } x \in X, g \in G, \text{ and } f \in F[X].$$

Let  $\chi$  be a multiplicative character  $G \rightarrow F^*$ . One may twist the representation (5) by  $\chi$ :

$$(6) \quad \rho_X^\chi(g)f(x) = \chi(g)f(x \cdot g).$$

Denote the representation space of this twisted action as  $F[X] \otimes \chi$ .

Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  are finite  $G$ -sets. Given a function  $\kappa : X \times Y \rightarrow F$ , the *integral operator*  $\xi_\kappa : F[Y] \rightarrow F[X]$  associated to  $\kappa$  is defined as

$$(7) \quad \xi_\kappa f(x) = \sum_{y \in Y} \kappa(x, y)f(y), \text{ for } f \in F[Y].$$

The function  $\kappa$  is known as the *integral kernel* of  $\xi_\kappa$ .

If  $Z$  is another finite  $G$ -set,  $\kappa' : X \times Y \rightarrow F$  and  $\kappa'' : Y \times Z \rightarrow F$  are functions. Then

$$\xi_{\kappa'} \circ \xi_{\kappa''} = \xi_{\kappa' * \kappa''},$$

where  $\kappa' * \kappa'' : X \times Z \rightarrow F$  is the *convolution product*

$$(8) \quad \kappa' * \kappa''(x, z) = \sum_{y \in Y} \kappa'(x, y)\kappa''(y, z).$$

We have (see [23, Section 4.2]):

THEOREM 2.3. *For any finite  $G$ -spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ , and any multiplicative character  $\chi : G \rightarrow F^*$ ,*

$$(9) \quad \begin{aligned} & \text{Hom}_G(F[Y], F[X] \otimes \chi) \\ &= \{ \xi_\kappa \mid \kappa : X \times Y \rightarrow F \text{ such that } \kappa(x \cdot g, y \cdot g) = \chi(g)\kappa(x, y) \}. \end{aligned}$$

The identity (9) implies that

$$\dim \text{Hom}_G(F[Y], F[X] \otimes \chi) \leq |(X \times Y)/G|,$$

with equality holding if  $\chi$  is the trivial character. However, if  $g \in G$ , and  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$  are such that  $(x \cdot g, y \cdot g) = (x, y)$ , then if  $\xi_\kappa \in \text{Hom}_G(F[Y], F[X] \otimes \chi)$ ,

$$\kappa(x, y) = \kappa(x \cdot g, y \cdot g) = \chi(g)\kappa(x, y),$$

so that either  $\chi(g) = 1$  or  $\kappa$  vanishes on the  $G$ -orbit of  $(x, y)$ .

DEFINITION 2.4 (Transverse Pair). A pair  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$  is said to be *transverse* with respect to  $\chi$  if  $G_x \cap G_y \subset \ker \chi$ . If  $(x, y)$  is a transverse pair with respect to  $\chi$ , we write  $x \pitchfork y$ .

If  $(x, y)$  is a transverse pair, then

$$\kappa(x \cdot g, y \cdot g) := \chi(g)\kappa(x, y)$$

is a well-defined non-zero function on the  $G$ -orbit of  $(x, y)$ . Let

$$X \pitchfork Y = \{(x, y) \in X \times Y \mid x \pitchfork y\}.$$

Then  $X \pitchfork Y$  is stable under the diagonal action of  $G$  on  $X \times Y$ . We have (see [23, Theorem 4.2.3]):

**THEOREM 2.5.** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be finite  $G$ -sets, and  $\chi : G \rightarrow F^*$  be a multiplicative character. For each orbit  $O \in (X \pitchfork Y)/G$ , choose a base point  $(x_O, y_O) \in O$ . Define*

$$\kappa_O(x, y) = \begin{cases} \chi(g) & \text{if } x = x_O \cdot g \text{ and } y = y_O \cdot g \text{ for some } g \in G, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For simplicity, write  $\xi_O$  for  $\xi_{\kappa_O}$ . Then the set

$$\{\xi_O \mid O \in (X \pitchfork Y)/G\}$$

is a basis for  $\text{Hom}_G(F[Y], F[X] \otimes \chi)$ . Consequently,

$$\dim \text{Hom}_G(F[Y], F[X] \otimes \chi) = |(X \pitchfork Y)/G|.$$

In the special case where  $\chi$  is the trivial character, we get:

**COROLLARY 2.6.** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be finite  $G$ -sets. For each orbit  $O$  in  $(X \times Y)/G$  define*

$$\kappa_O(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (x, y) \in O, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Write  $\xi_O = \xi_{\kappa_O}$ . Then the set

$$\{\xi_O \mid O \in (X \times Y)/G\}$$

is a basis for  $\text{Hom}_G(F[Y], F[X])$ . Consequently,

$$\dim \text{Hom}_G(F[Y], F[X]) = |(X \times Y)/G|.$$

Given a function  $\kappa : X \times Y \rightarrow F$ , define

$$\kappa^*(y, x) = \kappa(x, y) \text{ for } x \in X, y \in Y.$$

The following is easy to see:

**LEMMA 2.7.** *For any  $G$ -set  $X$ , the map  $\xi_\kappa \mapsto \xi_{\kappa^*}$  is an anti-involution on the algebra  $\text{End}_G(F[X])$ .*

**2.2. Structure constants of the Schur algebra.** We recall the combinatorial interpretation of structure constants of the Schur algebra from [13]. Let  $[n] = \{1, \dots, n\}$  and

$$I(n, d) = \{\underline{i} := (i_1, \dots, i_d) \mid i_s \in [n]\}.$$

An element  $w \in \mathbf{S}_d$  acts on  $I(n, d)$  by permuting the coordinates:

$$(i_1, \dots, i_d) \cdot w = (i_{w(1)}, \dots, i_{w(d)}).$$

For  $\underline{i} = (i_1, \dots, i_d) \in I(n, d)$ , define

$$e_{\underline{i}} = e_{i_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes e_{i_d},$$

where  $e_i$  is the  $i$ th coordinate vector in  $F^n$ . The vector space  $(F^n)^{\otimes d}$  has a basis

$$\{e_{\underline{i}} \mid \underline{i} \in I(n, d)\},$$

and  $w \in \mathbf{S}_d$  acts on a basis vector  $e_{\underline{i}}$  as follows:

$$w \cdot e_{\underline{i}} = w \cdot (e_{i_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes e_{i_d}) = e_{i_{w^{-1}(1)}} \otimes \cdots \otimes e_{i_{w^{-1}(d)}}.$$

Let  $F[I(n, d)]$  denote the space of all  $F$ -valued functions on  $I(n, d)$ . Mapping  $e_{\underline{i}}$  to the indicator function of  $\underline{i} \in I(n, d)$  defines an isomorphism of  $(F^n)^{\otimes d}$  onto  $F[I(n, d)]$ . Thus  $(F^n)^{\otimes d}$  can be regarded as a permutation representation of  $\mathbf{S}_d$ .

Let  $B(n, d)$  denote the set of all configurations of  $d$  distinguishable balls, numbered  $1, \dots, d$  in  $n$  boxes, numbered  $1, \dots, n$ . The symmetric group  $\mathbf{S}_d$  acts on such configurations by permuting the  $d$  balls. An element of  $B(n, d)$  is a set partition

$$\{1, \dots, d\} = S_1 \amalg \cdots \amalg S_n,$$

where  $S_i$  is the set of balls in the  $i$ th box.

**LEMMA 2.8.** *Given  $\underline{i} \in I(n, d)$ , let  $b(\underline{i})$  denote the balls-in-boxes configuration in  $B(n, d)$  where the  $i$ th box contains the balls  $\{s \mid i_s = i\}$ . Then  $b : I(n, d) \rightarrow B(n, d)$  is an  $\mathbf{S}_d$ -equivariant bijection of  $I(n, d)$  onto  $B(n, d)$ .*

By Corollary 2.6, a basis for  $S_F(n, d)$  is indexed by orbits for the diagonal action of  $\mathbf{S}_d$  on  $B(n, d) \times B(n, d)$ .

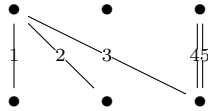
**DEFINITION 2.9** (Labelled bipartite multigraph). Let  $[n] = \{1, \dots, n\}$  (as before) and  $[n'] = \{1', \dots, n'\}$ . A labelling of a bipartite multigraph with vertex set  $[n'] \amalg [n]$  and  $d$  edges is a function  $l : [d] \rightarrow [n'] \times [n]$  such that, for each  $(i', j) \in [n'] \times [n]$ , the cardinality of  $l^{-1}(i', j)$  is the number of edges joining  $i'$  and  $j$ . In other words, labels are assigned to edges without distinguishing between edges joining the same pair of vertices.

Given a pair  $S = (S_1, \dots, S_n)$  and  $T = (T_1, \dots, T_n)$  in  $B(n, d)$ , define a labelled bipartite graph  $\gamma_{S,T}$  with multiple edges on the vertex set  $[n'] \amalg [n]$  as follows:

There are  $|S_j \cap T_i|$  edges between  $i'$  and  $j$ , labelled by the numbers of the balls in  $S_j \cap T_i$ .

The bipartite multigraph is always drawn in two rows, with the vertices from  $[n']$  in the upper row and vertices from  $[n]$  in the lower row, numbered from left to right. Since the vertices are always labelled in this manner, the vertex labels can be omitted in the drawing.

**EXAMPLE 2.10.** When  $S = (\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3, 4, 5\})$  and  $T = (\{1, 2, 3\}, \emptyset, \{4, 5\})$ , the associated labelled multigraph is:



Clearly,  $(S, T) \mapsto \gamma_{S,T}$  is a bijection from  $B(n, d) \times B(n, d)$  onto the set of labelled bipartite multigraphs with vertex set  $[n'] \amalg [n]$  and  $d$  edges. The symmetric group  $\mathbf{S}_d$  acts on  $B(n, d) \times B(n, d)$  by permuting labels. Therefore the  $\mathbf{S}_d$  orbits in  $B(n, d) \times B(n, d)$  are obtained by simply forgetting the labels, leaving only the underlying bipartite multigraph. We write  $\Gamma_{S,T}$  for the bipartite multigraph underlying  $\gamma_{S,T}$ . Such a graph can also be represented by its *adjacency matrix*

(whose  $(i, j)$ th entry is the number of edges joining  $i'$  and  $j$ ), which is a matrix of non-negative integers that sum to  $d$ .

In view of Corollary 2.6, we recover a result of [13, 22]:

**THEOREM 2.11.** *Let  $M(n, d)$  denote the set of all bipartite multigraphs with vertex set  $[n'] \amalg [n]$  and  $d$  edges. For each  $\Gamma \in M(n, d)$ , define  $\xi_\Gamma \in \mathbf{S}_F(n, d) = \text{End}_{\mathbf{S}_d}(F[B(n, d)])$  by*

$$\xi_\Gamma f(S) = \sum_{\{T \mid \Gamma_S, T = \Gamma\}} f(T).$$

Then

$$\{\xi_\Gamma \mid \Gamma \in M(n, d)\}$$

is a basis for  $\mathbf{S}_F(n, d)$ .

**REMARK 2.12.** If  $(\underline{i}, \underline{j})$  has image  $\Gamma$  under the composition  $I(n, d)^2 \rightarrow B(n, d)^2 \rightarrow M(n, d)$ , then the basis element  $\xi_{\underline{i}, \underline{j}}$  of [14, Section 2.6] coincides with the basis element  $\xi_\Gamma$  of Theorem 2.11.

The structure constants  $c_{\Gamma_1 \Gamma_2}^\Gamma$  are defined by

$$\xi_{\Gamma_1} \xi_{\Gamma_2} = \sum_{\Gamma \in M(n, d)} c_{\Gamma_1 \Gamma_2}^\Gamma \xi_\Gamma.$$

**DEFINITION 2.13.** Let  $l, l_1$  and  $l_2$  be labellings of graphs  $\Gamma, \Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  in  $M(n, d)$ , respectively. We say that  $(l_1, l_2)$  is compatible with  $l$  if, for all  $s = 1, \dots, d$ , if we write  $l_1(s) = (i'_1, j_1)$  and  $l_2(s) = (i'_2, j_2)$ , then

$$(2.13.a) \quad i'_2 = j_1, \text{ and}$$

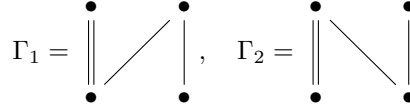
$$(2.13.b) \quad l(s) = (i'_1, j_2).$$

**THEOREM 2.14.** *Let  $l$  be any labelling of  $\Gamma$ . The structure constant  $c_{\Gamma_1 \Gamma_2}^\Gamma$  is the number of pairs  $(l_1, l_2)$  of labellings of  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  that are compatible with  $l$ .*

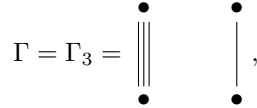
Before giving a proof, we illustrate the theorem with a few examples.

**EXAMPLE 2.15.** Let  $w \in \mathbf{S}_d$  be a permutation, and assume that  $n \geq d$ . Let  $\Gamma(w)$  denote the bipartite graph where  $(i', j)$  is an edge if and only if  $1 \leq i \leq d$  and  $w(i) = j$ . Then, for all  $w_1, w_2 \in \mathbf{S}_d$ ,  $\xi_{\Gamma(w_1)} \xi_{\Gamma(w_2)} = \xi_{\Gamma(w_1 w_2)}$ .

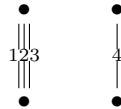
**EXAMPLE 2.16.** Consider



To find  $c_{\Gamma_1 \Gamma_2}^\Gamma$ , with



choose any labelling of  $\Gamma$ , such as





For this there are clearly three pairs of compatible labellings of  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$ , namely, we can choose which of the first three balls ends up in the second box of the middle row:

$$(10) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \parallel \\ \bullet \\ \parallel \\ \bullet \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \parallel \\ \bullet \\ \parallel \\ \bullet \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \parallel \\ \bullet \\ \parallel \\ \bullet \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \parallel \\ \bullet \\ \parallel \\ \bullet \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \parallel \\ \bullet \\ \parallel \\ \bullet \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \parallel \\ \bullet \\ \parallel \\ \bullet \end{array} \end{array}, \text{ and } \begin{array}{ccc} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \parallel \\ \bullet \\ \parallel \\ \bullet \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \parallel \\ \bullet \\ \parallel \\ \bullet \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \parallel \\ \bullet \\ \parallel \\ \bullet \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \parallel \\ \bullet \\ \parallel \\ \bullet \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \parallel \\ \bullet \\ \parallel \\ \bullet \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \parallel \\ \bullet \\ \parallel \\ \bullet \end{array} \end{array}.$$

On the other hand, if

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_4, \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \bullet & & \bullet \\ & \parallel & \\ \bullet & & \bullet \\ & \parallel & \\ \bullet & & \bullet \end{array},$$

we may take the labelling:

$$(11) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \bullet & & \bullet \\ & \parallel & \\ \bullet & & \bullet \\ & \parallel & \\ \bullet & & \bullet \end{array},$$

for which the only compatible labellings of  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  are:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bullet & & \bullet \\ & \parallel & \\ \bullet & & \bullet \\ & \parallel & \\ \bullet & & \bullet \end{array}$$

It turns out that for no other  $\Gamma \in \Gamma(n, d)$  is it possible to find even one compatible way of labelling  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$ , so we have:

$$\xi_{\Gamma_1} \xi_{\Gamma_2} = 3\xi_{\Gamma_3} + \xi_{\Gamma_4}.$$

**EXAMPLE 2.17.** Let  $F_{n,n}$  denote the complete bipartite graph with vertex set  $[n'] \amalg [n]$ , where every vertex in  $[n']$  is connected to every vertex in  $[n]$ . Then the coefficient of  $\xi_{F_{n,n}}$  in  $\xi_{F_{n,n}} \xi_{F_{n,n}}$  is the number of Latin squares of order  $n$  [29, Sequence A002860].

To see this, let  $l$  be any labelling of the edges of  $F_{n,n}$ . Given labellings  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  be of  $F_{n,n}$  that are compatible with  $l$ , define the  $(i, j)$ th entry of the Latin square associated to  $(l_1, l_2)$  to be  $k$  if  $l^{-1}(i', j) = l_2^{-1}(k', j) = l_1^{-1}(i', k)$ . Remarkably, the number of Latin squares of order  $n$  is known only for  $n = 1, \dots, 11$ .

**PROOF OF THEOREM 2.14.** Given a labelling  $l$  of  $\Gamma$ , define:

$$S_j = \cup_{i'=1}^n l^{-1}(i', j), \text{ and } U_i = \cup_{j=1}^n l^{-1}(i', j).$$

Then  $S = (S_1, \dots, S_n)$ , and  $U = (U_1, \dots, U_n)$  are elements of  $B(n, d)$ , and by construction  $\Gamma_{S,U} = \Gamma$ . Now Equation (8) implies that

$$(12) \quad c_{\Gamma_1 \Gamma_2}^\Gamma = \#\{T \in B(n, d) \mid \Gamma_{S,T} = \Gamma_1 \text{ and } \Gamma_{T,U} = \Gamma_2\}.$$

Given  $T \in B(n, d)$  contributing to the above count, define labellings  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  of  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  by:

$$l_1^{-1}(i', j) = S_j \cap T_i, \text{ and } l_2^{-1}(i', j) = T_j \cap U_i.$$

Then  $(l_1, l_2)$  is compatible with  $l$ . Conversely, for every pair  $(l_1, l_2)$  compatible with  $l$ , take  $T = (T_1, \dots, T_n)$  where

$$T_k = \cup_{i'=1}^n l_1^{-1}(i', k) = \cup_{j=1}^n l_2^{-1}(k', j).$$

Then  $T$  contributes to the count in (12).  $\square$

EXAMPLE 2.18. In Example 2.16, the three compatible pairs of labels in (10) correspond to taking  $T$  as  $(\{1, 2\}, \{3, 4\})$ ,  $(\{1, 3\}, \{2, 4\})$ , and  $(\{2, 3\}, \{1, 4\})$ , respectively, and the compatible pair of labels in (11) corresponds to  $T = (\{1, 2\}, \{3, 4\})$ .

**2.3. A basis for  $S_F^-(n, d)$ .** By Theorem 2.5, a basis of  $S_F^-(n, d)$  is indexed by orbits in  $B(n, d) \curvearrowright B(n, d)/\mathbf{S}_d$ .

LEMMA 2.19. *A pair  $(S, T) \in B(n, d)^2$  lies in  $B(n, d) \curvearrowright B(n, d)$  if and only if  $\gamma_{S, T}$  is a simple bipartite graph.*

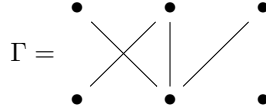
PROOF. Let  $S = (S_1, \dots, S_n)$ ,  $T = (T_1, \dots, T_n)$ . If  $\gamma_{S, T}$  is not simple, then there exist indices  $i$  and  $j$  such that  $S_j \cap T_i$  contains at least two elements, say  $k$  and  $l$ . The transposition  $(kl) \in \mathbf{S}_d$  stabilized  $(S, T)$  but has  $\text{sgn}((kl)) = -1$ , so  $(S, T) \notin B(n, d) \curvearrowright B(n, d)$ .

However, if  $\gamma_{S, T}$  is simple, then the simultaneous stabilizer of  $S$  and  $T$  in  $\mathbf{S}_d$  is trivial, so  $(S, T) \in B(n, d) \curvearrowright B(n, d)$ .  $\square$

In order to specify a basis for  $S_F^-(n, d)$  using Theorem 2.5, we need to choose a base point for each  $\mathbf{S}_d$ -orbit in  $B(n, d) \curvearrowright B(n, d)$ . We do this using the following definition:

DEFINITION 2.20 (Standard labelling of a bipartite simple graph). Given a bipartite simple graph  $\Gamma$  with vertex set  $[n'] \amalg [n]$ , label each edge by its index when the edges  $(i', j)$  are arranged in increasing lexicographic order, with priority given to the upper index, i.e.,  $(i', j) < (r', s)$  if either  $i' < r'$  or  $i' = r'$  and  $j < s$ .

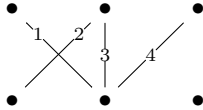
EXAMPLE 2.21. Take



The edges, written in lexicographic order, are:

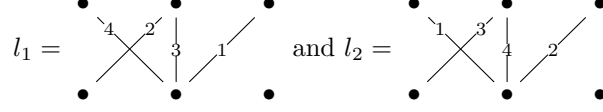
$$(1', 2), (2', 1), (2', 2), (3', 2).$$

Therefore the standard labelling is:



DEFINITION 2.22 (Sign of a labelling of a bipartite simple graph). Let  $l_0$  denote the standard labelling of a simple bipartite graph  $\Gamma$  on  $[n'] \amalg [n]$ . Let  $l : [d] \rightarrow [n'] \times [n]$  be a labelling of  $\Gamma$  (see Definition 2.9). The sign  $\epsilon(\Gamma, l)$  of  $l$  is the sign of the permutation on  $[d]$  which takes  $l_0(i)$  to  $l(i)$  for each  $i$ .

EXAMPLE 2.23. For the graph from Example 2.21, the labellings:



give rise to permutations 4231 and 1342 respectively, so that  $\epsilon(\Gamma, l_1) = -1$ , and  $\epsilon(\Gamma, l_2) = +1$ .

Recall, from Section 2.2, that  $\gamma_{S,T}$  is a labelled bipartite graph associated to  $(S, T) \in B(n, d) \times B(n, d)$ , whose underlying unlabelled graph is denoted by  $\Gamma_{S,T}$ .

THEOREM 2.24. *Let  $N(n, d)$  denote the set of all bipartite simple graphs with vertex set  $[n'] \amalg [n]$  and  $d$  edges. For each  $\Gamma \in N(n, d)$ , define  $\zeta_\Gamma \in S_F^-(n, d) = \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{S}_d}(F[B(n, d)], F[B(n, d)] \otimes \text{sgn})$  by*

$$\zeta_\Gamma f(S) = \sum_{\{T \mid \Gamma_{S,T} = \Gamma\}} \epsilon(\gamma_{S,T}) f(T).$$

The set

$$\{\zeta_\Gamma \mid \Gamma \in N(n, d)\}$$

forms a basis of  $S_F^-(n, d)$ .

PROOF. Recall that we choose the pair  $(S_0, T_0)$  corresponding to the standard labelling  $l_0$  of  $\Gamma$  as the base point of the orbit associated to  $\Gamma$ . A pair  $(S, T)$  is in the orbit of  $(S_0, T_0)$  if and only if  $\Gamma_{S,T} = \Gamma$ . And the sign of the permutation  $w \in \mathbf{S}_d$  such that  $S = S_0.w$  and  $T = T_0.w$  is the sign of the labelled bipartite graph  $\gamma_{S,T}$ . So the integral kernel  $\kappa_\Gamma$  of the operator  $\zeta_\Gamma$  is:

$$\kappa_\Gamma(S, T) = \begin{cases} \epsilon(\gamma_{S,T}) & \text{if } \Gamma_{S,T} = \Gamma, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

So theorem follows from Theorem 2.5.  $\square$

Theorem 2.14 tells us how to multiply two elements of the subalgebra  $S_F(n, d)$  of  $\text{AS}_F(n, d)$ . The remaining structure constants are given by the following theorem.

THEOREM 2.25. *The remaining structure constants are given as follows:*

(2.25.a) *Given  $\Gamma_1 \in M(n, d)$ , and  $\Gamma_2 \in N(n, d)$ ,*

$$\xi_{\Gamma_1} \zeta_{\Gamma_2} = \sum_{\Gamma \in N(n, d)} c_{\Gamma_1 \Gamma_2}^\Gamma \zeta_\Gamma,$$

where

$$c_{\Gamma_1 \Gamma_2}^\Gamma = \sum_{l_1, l_2} \epsilon(\Gamma_2, l_2),$$

and the sum runs over all labellings  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  of  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  respectively, that are compatible with the standard labelling  $l$  of  $\Gamma$ .

(2.25.b) *Given  $\Gamma_1 \in N(n, d)$ , and  $\Gamma_2 \in M(n, d)$ ,*

$$\zeta_{\Gamma_1} \xi_{\Gamma_2} = \sum_{\Gamma \in N(n, d)} c_{\Gamma_1 \Gamma_2}^\Gamma \zeta_\Gamma,$$

where

$$c_{\Gamma_1 \Gamma_2}^\Gamma = \sum_{l_1, l_2} \epsilon(\Gamma_1, l_1),$$

and the sum runs over all labellings  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  of  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  respectively, that are compatible with the standard labelling  $l$  of  $\Gamma$ .

(2.25.c) Given  $\Gamma_1 \in N(n, d)$ , and  $\Gamma_2 \in N(n, d)$ ,

$$\zeta_{\Gamma_1} \zeta_{\Gamma_2} = \sum_{\Gamma \in M(n, d)} c_{\Gamma_1 \Gamma_2}^{\Gamma} \xi_{\Gamma},$$

where

$$c_{\Gamma_1 \Gamma_2}^{\Gamma} = \sum_{l_1, l_2} \epsilon(\Gamma_1, l_1) \epsilon(\Gamma_2, l_2),$$

and the sum runs over all labellings  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  of  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  respectively, that are compatible with a fixed labelling  $l$  of  $\Gamma$ .

PROOF. Given a labelling  $l$  of  $\Gamma$ , construct  $S$  and  $U$  in  $B(n, d)$  as in the proof of Theorem 2.14. Define  $\kappa_{\Gamma_2} : B(n, d) \times B(n, d) \rightarrow F$  by

$$\kappa_{\Gamma_2}(T, U) = \epsilon(\gamma_{T, U}).$$

Then  $\zeta_{\Gamma_2}$  is the integral operator  $\xi_{\kappa_{\Gamma_2}}$ , as in (7). Then, by Equation (8), the structure constant in Part (2.25.a) of the theorem is given by:

$$c_{\Gamma_1 \Gamma_2}^{\Gamma} = \sum_T \zeta_{\Gamma_2}(T, U),$$

where the sum runs over all  $T \in B(n, d)$  such that  $\Gamma_{S, T} = \Gamma_1$ , and  $\Gamma_{T, U} = \Gamma_2$ . Defining labelling  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  of  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  as in the proof of Theorem 2.14, we find that  $\zeta_{\Gamma_2}(T, U) = \epsilon(\Gamma_2, l_2)$ , proving (2.25.a). The proofs of the remaining assertions are similar.  $\square$

DEFINITION 2.26. Given  $\Gamma \in M(n, d) \sqcup N(n, d)$ , we define  $\Gamma^*$  to be the horizontal reflection of  $\Gamma$ , i.e.,  $i'$  is connected to  $j$  in  $\Gamma^*$  if and only if  $j'$  is connected to  $i$  in  $\Gamma$ . The operation  $*$  on the set  $M(n, d) \sqcup N(n, d)$  is an involution.

LEMMA 2.27. For every  $\Gamma \in N(n, d)$ , let  $l_0$  denote its standard labelling. Let  $l_0^*$  denote the labelling of  $\Gamma^*$  given by  $l_0^*(i', j) = l_0(j', i)$ . Then the linear map  $\text{AS}_F(n, d) \rightarrow \text{AS}_F(n, d)$  defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_{\Gamma} &\mapsto \xi_{\Gamma^*} \text{ for } \Gamma \in M(n, d), \\ \zeta_{\Gamma} &\mapsto \epsilon(\Gamma^*, l_0^*) \zeta_{\Gamma^*} \text{ for } \Gamma \in N(n, d) \end{aligned}$$

is an anti-involution of  $\text{AS}_F(n, d)$ .

REMARK 2.28. The above involution, when restricted to the Schur algebra, is the same as the one described by Green [14, Section 2.7].

PROOF. We show that the linear map in Lemma 2.27 is the same as the anti-involution in Lemma 2.7 with  $X = B(n, d)$  and  $G = \mathbf{A}_d$ .

For  $\Gamma \in M(n, d)$ ,  $\xi_{\Gamma}$  is the integral operator with kernel:

$$\kappa_{\Gamma}(S, T) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \Gamma_{S, T} = \Gamma, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Since  $\Gamma_{T, S} = \Gamma_{S, T}^*$ ,  $\kappa_{\Gamma}^* = \kappa_{\Gamma^*}$ .

For  $\Gamma \in N(n, d)$ ,  $\zeta_{\Gamma}$  is the integral operator with kernel:

$$\kappa_{\Gamma}(S, T) = \begin{cases} \epsilon(\gamma_{S, T}) & \text{if } \Gamma_{S, T} = \Gamma, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Thus, if  $\gamma_{S,T} = (\Gamma, l_0)$ , then  $\gamma_{T,S} = (\Gamma^*, l_0^*)$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\kappa_{\Gamma^*}(T, S) &= \epsilon(\gamma_{T,S}) \\ &= \epsilon(\Gamma^*, l_0^*)\kappa_{\Gamma}(S, T).\end{aligned}$$

So the kernels  $\kappa_{\Gamma^*}$  and  $\epsilon(\Gamma^*, l_0^*)\kappa_{\Gamma}$  coincide at  $(T, S)$ , and hence on its entire  $\mathbf{S}_d$ -orbit in  $B(n, d)$ .  $\square$

We illustrate the above results with an example that will be used in the proof of Lemma 4.1.

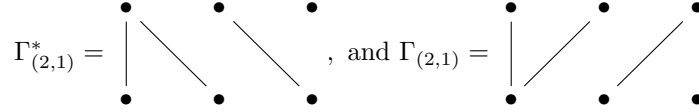
EXAMPLE 2.29. Recall that  $\Lambda(n, d)$  denotes the set of all weak compositions of  $d$  with at most  $n$  parts. For  $\lambda \in \Lambda(n, d)$  with  $n \geq d$ , let  $\Gamma_\lambda \in N(n, d)$  denote the bipartite graph where  $i'$  is connected to  $j$  if

$$\lambda_1 + \cdots + \lambda_{i'-1} < j \leq \lambda_1 + \cdots + \lambda_{i'}.$$

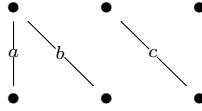
Then we have:

$$\zeta_{\Gamma_\lambda} \zeta_{\Gamma_\lambda^*} = \lambda_1! \cdots \lambda_n! \xi_{\Gamma_\lambda^0},$$

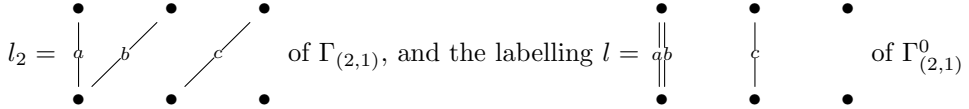
where  $\Gamma_\lambda^0 \in M(n, d)$  is the bipartite multigraph where  $i'$  is connected to  $i$  by  $\lambda_i$  edges. For example,



For a labelling  $l_1 =$



of  $\Gamma_{(2,1)}^*$  only the labelling



are such that  $(l_1, l_2)$  are compatible with  $l$ . Moreover,  $\epsilon(\Gamma_{(2,1)}^*, l_1) = \epsilon(\Gamma_{(2,1)}, l_2)$ . Interchanging the labels  $a$  and  $b$  in  $l_1$  and  $l_2$ , respectively, gives another pair of labels compatible with  $l$ , so that  $\zeta_{\Gamma_\lambda} \zeta_{\Gamma_\lambda^*} = 2\xi_{\Gamma_\lambda^0}$ .

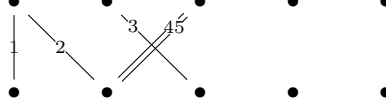
The remaining results in this section help us understand the structure of  $\mathbf{S}_F^-(n, d)$  as an  $\mathbf{S}_F(n, d)$ -module. Some of them will play an important role in understanding Koszul duality (Section 4).

The notion of standard labelling (Definition 2.20) of graphs in  $N(n, d)$  can be extended to graphs in  $M(n, d)$  as follows: when an edge  $(i', j)$  occurs with multiplicity  $m$ , it is simply listed  $m$  times when the edges are arranged in lexicographic order with priority given to the upper index. Example 2.10 is the standard labelling of its underlying graph.

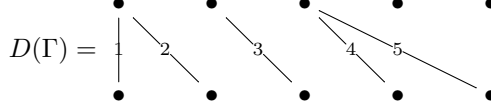
DEFINITION 2.30. For  $n \geq d$ , define the following simple bipartite graphs associated to  $\Gamma \in M(n, d)$ :

- (2.30.a) Let  $D(\Gamma) \in N(n, d)$  be the graph with edges  $(i', s)$  for every edge  $(i', j)$  with label  $s$  under the standard labelling of  $\Gamma$ .
- (2.30.b) Let  $U(\Gamma) \in N(n, d)$  be the graph with edges  $(s', j)$  for every edge  $(i', j)$  with label  $s$  under the standard labelling of  $\Gamma$ .

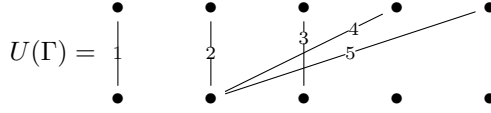
EXAMPLE 2.31. Let  $n = 5$ ,  $d = 5$ , and  $\Gamma$  (with its standard labelling) is given by:



Then



and



The significance of the elements  $U(\Gamma)$  and  $D(\Gamma)$ , for  $\Gamma \in M(n, d)$ , is elaborated in the following lemmas.

LEMMA 2.32. *Let  $n \geq d$  and  $\Gamma \in N(n, d)$ . Then  $\zeta_\Gamma = \xi_{U(\Gamma)}\zeta_{\Gamma_{\lambda_0}}\xi_{D(\Gamma)}$ , where  $\lambda_0 = (1^d, 0^{n-d}) \in \Lambda(n, d)$ . Consequently,  $S_F^-(n, d)$  is a cyclic  $(S_F(n, d), S_F(n, d))$ -bimodule.*

PROOF. This can be done in two steps. Firstly,  $\zeta_{\Gamma_{\lambda_0}}\xi_{D(\Gamma)} = \zeta_{D(\Gamma)}$ , and secondly  $\xi_{U(\Gamma)}\zeta_{D(\Gamma)} = \zeta_\Gamma$ . We indicate the proof of the second identity (the first is similar): Let  $l_0, l_1$ , and  $l_2$  be the standard labellings of  $\Gamma, U(\Gamma)$  and  $D(\Gamma)$  respectively. The labellings  $(l_1, l_2)$  of  $D(\Gamma)$  and  $U(\Gamma)$  are the only ones that are compatible with  $l_0$ . This is because, for the edge  $(i', j)$  of  $\Gamma$  labelled  $s$ ,  $s$  is the unique vertex such  $i'$  is connected to  $s$  in  $D(\Gamma)$  and  $s'$  is connected to  $j$  in  $U(\Gamma)$ . The identity now follows from (2.25.a).  $\square$

Similarly, we have:

LEMMA 2.33. *For  $n \geq d$  and  $\Gamma \in N(n, d)$ , we have  $\zeta_\Gamma = \zeta_{U(\Gamma)}\xi_{D(\Gamma)}$  and  $\zeta_\Gamma = \xi_{U(\Gamma)}\zeta_{D(\Gamma)}$ .*

COROLLARY 2.34. *As a left  $S_F(n, d)$ -module,  $S_F^-(n, d)$  is generated by  $\{\zeta_{\Gamma_\lambda^*} \mid \lambda \in \Lambda(n, d)\}$ , and as a right  $S_F(n, d)$ -module, it is generated by  $\{\zeta_{\Gamma_\lambda} \mid \lambda \in \Lambda(n, d)\}$ . Here  $\Gamma_\lambda$  is the graph associated to  $\lambda$  in Example 2.29.*

PROOF. For any  $\Gamma \in M(n, d)$ ,  $D(\Gamma)$  is of the form  $\Gamma_\lambda^*$  for some  $\lambda \in \Lambda(n, d)$ , so the statement for left modules follows from the second identity in Lemma 2.33. The statement for right modules follows by applying Lemma 2.27 to the first identity in Lemma 2.33.  $\square$

LEMMA 2.35. *Let  $n \geq d$  and  $\Gamma \in M(n, d)$ . Then, for  $\Gamma' \in M(n, d)$ , the structure constant of  $\zeta_{U(\Gamma)}$  in the product  $\xi_{\Gamma'}\zeta_{D(\Gamma)^*}$  is  $\delta_{\Gamma', \Gamma}$ .*

PROOF. The edge  $(i', j)$  with label  $s$  in the standard labelling of  $\Gamma$  gives rise to an edge  $(s', j)$  with standard label  $s$  in  $U(\Gamma)$ . The graph  $D(\Gamma)^*$  has only one edge originating at  $s'$ , namely  $(s', i)$ . Therefore, for any compatible pair  $(l_1, l_2)$  of labellings of  $D(\Gamma)^*$  and  $\Gamma'$ , this edge must have label  $s$ . Thus  $\Gamma'$  must have an edge  $(i', j)$  labelled  $s$ . In other words,  $\Gamma' = \Gamma$  and  $l_2$  is its standard labelling.  $\square$

### 3. Abstract Koszul duality

**3.1. The algebra.** Recall [6, Chapter III, Section 3.1] that a  $\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$  grading on a ring  $AS$  is a decomposition  $AS = S \oplus S^-$  into additive subgroups such that  $S$  is a subring,  $S^-$  is closed under left and right multiplication by elements of  $S$ , and for any  $\alpha, \beta \in S^-$ ,  $\alpha\beta \in S$ . This  $\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$ -grading gives rise to:

- (a) an  $(S, S)$ -bimodule structure on  $S^-$ ,
- (b) and an  $(S, S)$ -bimodule homomorphism  $\phi : S^- \otimes_S S^- \rightarrow S$  (induced by the  $S$ -balanced bilinear map  $(\alpha, \beta) \mapsto \alpha\beta$  for  $\alpha, \beta \in S^-$ ).

EXAMPLE 3.1. We may take  $AS = AS_F(n, d) = \text{End}_{\mathbf{A}_d}((F^n)^{\otimes d})$ , and  $S = S_F(n, d) = \text{End}_{\mathbf{S}_d}((F^n)^{\otimes d})$ , for any field  $F$  with characteristic different from 2.

**3.2. Modules.** Let  $M$  be an  $AS$ -module. The  $AS$ -module structure can be viewed as a linear map:

$$AS \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} M = (S \oplus S^-) \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} M = (S \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} M) \oplus (S^- \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} M) \rightarrow M.$$

So  $M$  is an  $S$ -module, and restriction of the module action  $AS \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} M \rightarrow M$  to  $S^- \otimes_{\mathbf{Z}} M$  induces an  $S$ -module homomorphism:

$$(13) \quad \theta_M : S^- \otimes_S M \rightarrow M.$$

Furthermore, this homomorphism  $\theta_M$  has the property that the diagram

$$(14) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} S^- \otimes_S S^- \otimes_S M & \xrightarrow{\phi \otimes \text{id}_M} & S \otimes_S M \\ \text{id}_{S^-} \otimes \theta_M \downarrow & & \parallel \\ S^- \otimes_S M & \xrightarrow{\theta_M} & M \end{array}$$

commutes.

DEFINITION 3.2. Given an  $(S, S)$ -bimodule  $S^-$  and an  $(S, S)$ -bimodule homomorphism  $\phi : S^- \otimes_S S^- \rightarrow S$ , for an  $S$ -module  $N$ , an  $S$ -module homomorphism  $\theta : S^- \otimes_S N \rightarrow N$  is said to be compatible with  $\phi$  if the diagram

$$(15) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} S^- \otimes_S S^- \otimes_S N & \xrightarrow{\phi \otimes \text{id}_N} & S \otimes_S N \\ \text{id}_{S^-} \otimes \theta \downarrow & & \parallel \\ S^- \otimes_S N & \xrightarrow{\theta} & N \end{array}$$

commutes.

**3.3. Duality.** Let  $AS = S \oplus S^-$  be as before. Define a functor  $D : S\text{-Mod} \rightarrow S\text{-Mod}$  by:

$$D(M) = S^- \otimes_S M,$$

for every  $S$ -module  $M$ . Given  $S$ -modules  $M$  and  $N$ , and an  $S$ -module homomorphism  $f : M \rightarrow N$ , let  $D(f) = \text{id}_{S^-} \otimes f : D(M) \rightarrow D(N)$ . We call the resulting functor  $D : S\text{-Mod} \rightarrow S\text{-Mod}$  an *abstract Koszul duality functor*. In Section 4 it will be shown that, in the setting of Example 3.1 (the alternating Schur algebra), abstract Koszul duality is essentially the Koszul duality functor of Krause[17].

The commutative diagram (15), defining the compatibility of  $\theta$  with  $\phi$ , can be rewritten in terms of abstract Koszul duality as:

$$(16) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} D^2(N) & \xrightarrow{\phi \otimes \text{id}_N} & N \\ D(\theta) \downarrow & \searrow \theta & \\ D(N) & & \end{array}$$

DEFINITION 3.3. Given an  $(S, S)$ -bimodule  $S^-$  and an  $(S, S)$ -bimodule homomorphism  $\phi : S^- \otimes_S S^- \rightarrow S$ , let  $(S, \phi)\text{-Mod}$  denote the category whose objects are pairs  $(N, \theta)$ , where  $N$  is an  $S$ -module, and  $\theta : D(N) \rightarrow N$  is compatible with  $\phi$ . A morphism  $(N, \theta) \rightarrow (N', \theta')$  is an  $S$ -module homomorphism  $f : N \rightarrow N'$  such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D(N) & \xrightarrow{\theta} & N \\ D(f) \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ D(N') & \xrightarrow{\theta'} & N' \end{array}$$

commutes.

THEOREM 3.4. *Given an AS-module  $M$ , let  $\theta_M$  be as in (13). Then  $M \mapsto (M, \theta_M)$  is an isomorphism of categories  $\text{AS-Mod} \rightarrow (S, \phi)\text{-Mod}$ .*

PROOF. Given an object  $(N, \theta)$  in  $(S, \phi)\text{-Mod}$ , the compatibility of  $\theta$  with  $\phi$  allows the  $S$ -module structure on  $N$  to be extended to an AS-module structure. This constructs the inverse of the functor in the theorem.  $\square$

Given an  $S$ -module  $N$ , the morphism  $\phi : S^- \otimes_S S^- \rightarrow S$  gives rise to a natural transformation  $\eta_N : D^2 \rightarrow \text{id}_{S\text{-Mod}}$ , defined as the composition:

$$(17) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} D^2(N) & \xrightarrow{\phi \otimes \text{id}_N} & S \otimes_S N \\ & \searrow \eta_N & \parallel \\ & & N \end{array}$$

THEOREM 3.5. *Let  $\text{AS}$ ,  $S$ ,  $S^-$  and  $\phi$  be as in Section 3.1. The following are equivalent:*

- (3.5.a) *The map  $\phi : S^- \otimes_S S^- \rightarrow S$  is an isomorphism.*
- (3.5.b) *The natural transformation  $\eta : D^2 \rightarrow \text{id}_{S\text{-Mod}}$  is a natural isomorphism.*
- (3.5.c) *For every object  $(N, \theta)$  in  $(S, \phi)\text{-Mod}$ ,  $\theta : S^- \otimes_S N \rightarrow N$  is an isomorphism of  $S$ -modules.*

PROOF. To see that (3.5.a) implies (3.5.b), observe from the diagram (17) that if  $\phi$  is an isomorphism, then  $\eta_N$  is an isomorphism for every  $N$ . It follows that  $\eta$  is a natural isomorphism. For the converse, taking  $N = S$ , the commutativity of (17) shows that  $\phi$  is an isomorphism.

To see that (3.5.a) implies (3.5.c), note that the commutativity of (15) implies that, if  $\phi$  is an isomorphism, then  $\theta$  is an epimorphism, and  $\text{id}_{S^-} \otimes \theta$  is a monomorphism. Since tensoring is a right-exact functor, it follows that  $\text{id}_{S^-} \otimes \theta$  is also an epimorphism, hence an isomorphism. Since  $\phi \otimes \text{id}_N$  is also an isomorphism the



inverse of  $\theta$  can be constructed by reversing the arrows in (15). For the converse, just take  $N = S$  in (3.5.c).  $\square$

**3.4. Abstract Ringel duality.** Let  $S^-$  be an  $(S, S)$ -bimodule. Denote the left  $S$ -module  $S^-$  by  ${}_S S^-$ . For a left  $S$ -module  $M$ , the homomorphism space  $\text{Hom}_S({}_S S^-, M)$  inherits the structure of a left  $S$ -module from the right  $S$ -module structure on  $S^-$ . Motivated by [26, Section 6], we call the functor

$$\text{Hom}_S({}_S S^-, -) : S\text{-Mod} \rightarrow S\text{-Mod}$$

the abstract Ringel duality functor on  $S\text{-Mod}$ . It is clear that the abstract Koszul duality functor is the left adjoint of abstract Ringel duality functor.

**3.5. Abstract simple modules.** In general, it is not clear how simple AS-modules can be classified using simple  $S$ -modules and Koszul duality. In this section, we give some results in this direction. These are enough to give a complete solution in the semisimple case.

Let  $M$  be a simple  $S$ -module. We consider the following cases:

3.5.1. *DM is isomorphic to M.* If  $\eta_M : D^2M \rightarrow M$  is zero, then  $(M, 0)$  (where 0 is the zero map from  $DM \rightarrow M$ ) is the unique  $\phi$ -compatible morphism. Otherwise, any non-zero morphism  $\theta : DM \rightarrow M$  is an isomorphism. Schur's lemma implies that  $\theta \circ D\theta = a\eta_M$  for some  $a \in (\text{End}_S M)^*$  (the multiplicative group of non-zero elements in the division algebra  $\text{End}_S M$ ). If  $a$  has a square root in  $(\text{End}_S M)^*$ , then  $\theta$  can be normalized to make it a  $\phi$ -compatible morphism. Moreover, after normalization,  $\pm\theta$  are two  $\phi$ -compatible morphisms, leading to two non-isomorphic AS-modules. Also, in this case,  $(M, \pm\theta)$  are simple, because their restrictions to  $S$  are simple. On the other hand, if  $a$  does not have a square root in  $\text{End}_S(M)$ , then there is no simple AS-module whose restriction to  $S$  is isomorphic to  $M$ .

3.5.2. *DM = 0.* In this case  $(M, 0)$  is the unique AS-module whose restriction to  $S$  is isomorphic to  $M$ .

3.5.3. *DM is simple, but not isomorphic to M,  $\eta_M \neq 0$ .* Let  $\tilde{M} = DM \oplus M$ . We have  $D\tilde{M} = D^2M \oplus DM$ . Any morphism  $\theta : D\tilde{M} \rightarrow \tilde{M}$  can be written in matrix form as

$$\theta = \begin{pmatrix} X & Y \\ Z & W \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $X : D^2M \rightarrow DM$ ,  $Y : DM \rightarrow DM$ ,  $Z : D^2M \rightarrow M$ , and  $W : DM \rightarrow M$ . By Schur's lemma,  $W = 0$ . The compatibility of  $\theta$  with  $\phi$  becomes:

$$\begin{pmatrix} X & Y \\ Z & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} DX & DY \\ DZ & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \eta_{DM} & 0 \\ 0 & \eta_M \end{pmatrix}.$$

Multiplying out the left hand side gives:

$$\begin{pmatrix} XDX + YDZ & XDY \\ ZDX & ZDY \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \eta_{DM} & 0 \\ 0 & \eta_M \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since  $\eta_M \neq 0$ ,  $DY \neq 0$ , and so  $Y \neq 0$ . Since  $DM$  is simple, by Schur's lemma,  $Y$  is invertible. Since  $D$  is a functor,  $DY$  is also invertible. Hence, equality of top right entries implies that  $X = 0$ . Moreover,  $Z = \eta_M DY^{-1}$ . In other words,  $\theta$  is of the form:

$$\theta_Y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Y \\ \eta_M DY^{-1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

LEMMA 3.6. *For all  $Y, Y' \in (\text{End}_{\mathbb{S}} M)^*$ ,  $\text{Hom}_{\text{AS}}((\tilde{M}, \theta_Y), (\tilde{M}, \theta_{Y'}))$  is non-zero, and  $\text{End}_{\text{AS}}(\tilde{M}, \theta_Y)$  is a division ring.*

PROOF. Any AS-module morphism  $(\tilde{M}, \theta_y) \rightarrow (\tilde{M}, \theta_{y'})$  can be written in matrix form as

$$\begin{pmatrix} X & 0 \\ 0 & W \end{pmatrix}, \text{ where } X \in \text{End}_{\mathbb{S}} DM \text{ and } W \in \text{End}_{\mathbb{S}} M,$$

and must satisfy:

$$\begin{pmatrix} X & 0 \\ 0 & W \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Y \\ \eta_M DY^{-1} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Y' \\ \eta_M DY'^{-1} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} DX & 0 \\ 0 & DW \end{pmatrix}$$

We get  $XY = Y'DW$ , and  $W\eta_M DY^{-1} = \eta_M DY'^{-1}DX$ . Taking  $W = \text{id}_M$ , and  $X = Y'Y^{-1}$  gives a non-zero element of  $\text{Hom}_{\text{AS}}((\tilde{M}, \theta_Y), (\tilde{M}, \theta_{Y'}))$ . When  $Y = Y'$ , then we have  $X = YDWY^{-1}$ , so that  $X$  is non-zero (and hence invertible) if and only if  $W$  is. It follows that every non-zero element of  $\text{End}_{\text{AS}}(\tilde{M}, \theta_Y)$  is invertible.  $\square$

LEMMA 3.7. *Let  $M$  be an  $\mathbb{S}$ -module. Then the AS-module  $\text{AS} \otimes_{\mathbb{S}} M$  is isomorphic to  $(DM \oplus M, \theta)$ , where  $\theta$  is given by the matrix:*

$$\theta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \text{id}_{DM} \\ \eta_M & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

PROOF. Note that

$$\text{AS} \otimes_{\mathbb{S}} M = (\mathbb{S}^- \otimes_{\mathbb{S}} M) \oplus (\mathbb{S} \otimes_{\mathbb{S}} M) = DM \oplus M.$$

The map  $\theta$  comes from the action of  $\mathbb{S}^-$  on this AS-module, which gives  $\eta_M : D^2M \rightarrow M$  on the first summand, and  $\text{id}_{DM} : DM \rightarrow DM$  on the second summand.  $\square$

THEOREM 3.8. *The AS-module  $(DM \oplus M, \theta_Y)$  defined above is isomorphic to  $\text{AS} \otimes_{\mathbb{S}} M$  for every  $Y \in (\text{End}_{\mathbb{S}} DM)^*$ . Consequently, whenever  $M$  and  $DM$  are simple, non-isomorphic  $\mathbb{S}$ -modules, and  $\eta_M \neq 0$ , then  $\text{AS} \otimes_{\mathbb{S}} M$  is, up to isomorphism, the unique simple AS-module whose restriction to  $\mathbb{S}$  contains  $M$ .*

PROOF. To see that  $\text{AS} \otimes_{\mathbb{S}} M = DM \oplus M$  is simple, note that its only proper non-trivial  $\mathbb{S}$ -submodules are  $M$  and  $DM$ . But  $M$  is not AS-invariant because  $\mathbb{S}^-$  maps  $M$  onto  $DM$ . Also,  $DM$  is not AS-invariant, because  $\mathbb{S}^-$  maps  $DM$  onto  $D^2M$ . Since  $\eta_M \neq 0$ ,  $D^2M$  cannot be contained in  $DM$ . The theorem now follows from Lemma 3.6.  $\square$

3.5.4. *The case where  $\phi$  is an isomorphism.* When  $\phi : \mathbb{S}^- \otimes_{\mathbb{S}} \mathbb{S}^- \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$  is an isomorphism the preceding results, using Theorem 3.5, can be summarized in the following form:

THEOREM 3.9. *Suppose that AS is endowed with a  $\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$ -grading  $\text{AS} = \mathbb{S} \oplus \mathbb{S}^-$ , and  $\phi : \mathbb{S}^- \otimes_{\mathbb{S}} \mathbb{S}^- \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$  (as defined in Section 3.1) is an isomorphism. Let  $M$  be a simple  $\mathbb{S}$ -module. Then*

- (3.9.a) *Suppose there exists an isomorphism  $\theta : DM \rightarrow M$ . Then  $\theta$  can be scaled to become compatible with  $\phi$ . There exist at most two isomorphism classes of simple AS-modules  $(M, \pm\theta)$  whose restrictions to  $\mathbb{S}$  are isomorphic to  $M$ . If  $(\text{End}_{\mathbb{S}} M)^*$  is a 2-divisible group, then these two classes always exist.*

(3.9.b) *Otherwise, up to isomorphism,  $\text{AS} \otimes_{\mathbb{S}} M$  is the unique simple AS-module whose restriction to  $\mathbb{S}$  contains  $M$  as a submodule. Also,  $\text{AS} \otimes_{\mathbb{S}} M$  and  $\text{AS} \otimes_{\mathbb{S}} DM$  are isomorphic as AS-modules.*

**COROLLARY 3.10.** *Suppose  $F$  is an algebraically closed field of characteristic not equal to 2. Let  $\text{AS} = \mathbb{S} \oplus \mathbb{S}^-$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -graded  $F$ -algebra. A complete set of isomorphism classes of simple AS-modules is given by:*

(3.10.c)  $(M, \pm\theta)$  (defined in Section 3.5.1), as  $M$  runs over isomorphism classes of simple  $\mathbb{S}$ -modules such that  $DM$  is isomorphic to  $M$ ,

(3.10.d)  $\text{AS} \otimes_{\mathbb{S}} M$ , as  $M$  runs over isomorphism classes of all unordered pairs  $\{M, M'\}$  of non-isomorphic mutually dual simple  $\mathbb{S}$ -modules.

#### 4. Koszul duality for modules over Schur algebra

In this section, let  $\mathbb{S}$  denote the Schur algebra  $\mathbb{S}_F(n, d)$ , and let  $\mathbb{S}^-$  denote the  $(\mathbb{S}, \mathbb{S})$ -bimodule  $\mathbb{S}_F^-(n, d)$ . We now use our combinatorial methods from Section 2 to determine when abstract Koszul duality is an equivalence.

**LEMMA 4.1.** *When the characteristic of  $F$  is 0 or greater than  $d$ , and  $n \geq d$ , the map  $\phi : \mathbb{S}^- \otimes_{\mathbb{S}} \mathbb{S}^- \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$  is an isomorphism.*

**PROOF.** For each  $\lambda \in \Lambda(n, d)$ , let  $\Gamma_{\lambda}^0 \in M(n, d)$  be the bipartite multigraph with  $\lambda_i$  edges from  $i'$  to  $i$  (and no other edges), as in Example 2.29. Then

$$(18) \quad \text{id}_{\mathbb{S}} = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda(n, d)} \xi_{\Gamma_{\lambda}^0}.$$

Therefore by Example 2.29,

$$(19) \quad \text{id}_{\mathbb{S}} = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda(n, d)} \frac{1}{\lambda_1! \cdots \lambda_n!} \zeta_{\Gamma_{\lambda}} \zeta_{\Gamma_{\lambda}}^*.$$

Therefore the image of  $\phi$ , which is a two-sided ideal of  $\mathbb{S}$ , contains the identity element, and therefore is all of  $\mathbb{S}$ .

The injectivity of  $\phi$  can be proved using a dimension count. Let  $N^d$  (resp.,  $N_d$ ) denote the graphs in  $N(n, d)$  with upper (resp., lower) degree sequence  $(1^d, 0^{n-d})$ . Let  $\Gamma(w) \in N(n, d)$  be as in Example 2.15. For  $\Gamma \in N^d$ , define  $\Gamma \cdot w \in N^d$  by  $\xi_{\Gamma} \xi_{\Gamma(w)} = \xi_{\Gamma \cdot w}$ . Similarly, for  $\Gamma \in N_d$ , define  $w \cdot \Gamma \in N_d$  by  $\xi_{\Gamma(w)} \xi_{\Gamma} = \xi_{w \cdot \Gamma}$ . Consider the equivalence relation on  $N^d \times N_d$  where  $(\Gamma, \Gamma') \sim (\Gamma \cdot w^{-1}, w \cdot \Gamma')$  for  $w \in \mathbf{S}_d$ . Let  $N^d \times_{\mathbf{S}_d} N_d$  denote the set of equivalence classes.

Now, given  $(\Gamma', \Gamma'') \in N^d \times N_d$ , define  $\Gamma = \Phi(\Gamma', \Gamma'') \in M(n, d)$  to be the graph for which the number of edges joining  $(i', j)$  is the number of indices  $1 \leq k \leq n$  such that  $(i', k)$  is an edge of  $\Gamma''$  and  $(k', j)$  is an edge of  $\Gamma'$ . This map induces an injective function  $\bar{\Phi} : N^d \times_{\mathbf{S}_d} N_d \rightarrow M(n, d)$ . Moreover,  $\Gamma = \Phi(U(\Gamma), D(\Gamma))$ , so  $\bar{\Phi} : N^d \times_{\mathbf{S}_d} N_d \rightarrow M(n, d)$  is a bijection.

The elements  $\zeta_{\Gamma'} \otimes \zeta_{\Gamma''}$  as  $\Gamma'$  and  $\Gamma''$  run over  $N(n, d)$ , span  $\mathbb{S}^- \otimes_{\mathbb{S}} \mathbb{S}^-$ . We have:

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_{\Gamma} \otimes \zeta_{\Gamma'} &= \zeta_{U(\Gamma)} \xi_{D(\Gamma)} \otimes \xi_{U(\Gamma')} \zeta_{D(\Gamma')} && \text{(from Lemma 2.33)} \\ &= \zeta_{U(\Gamma)} \otimes \xi_{D(\Gamma)} \xi_{U(\Gamma')} \zeta_{D(\Gamma')} \end{aligned}$$

Now  $U(\Gamma) \in N^d$  and  $\xi_{D(\Gamma)} \xi_{U(\Gamma')} \zeta_{D(\Gamma')}$  lies in the span of  $\zeta_{\Gamma''}$ , for  $\Gamma'' \in N_d$ . Therefore  $\zeta_{\Gamma'} \otimes \zeta_{\Gamma''}$  span  $\mathbb{S}^- \otimes_{\mathbb{S}} \mathbb{S}^-$  as  $(\Gamma', \Gamma'') \in N^d \times N_d$ . Moreover,  $\zeta_{\Gamma' \cdot w} \otimes \zeta_{w^{-1} \cdot \Gamma''} = \zeta_{\Gamma'} \otimes \zeta_{\Gamma''}$ , so  $\dim \mathbb{S}^- \otimes_{\mathbb{S}} \mathbb{S}^- \leq |N^d \times_{\mathbf{S}_d} N_d| = |M(n, d)|$ .  $\square$

Now, using Theorem 3.5 we have established a direct combinatorial proof of the following theorem:

**THEOREM 4.2.** *For a field  $F$  of characteristic 0 or greater than  $d$ , and  $n \geq d$ , the Koszul duality functor  $D : \mathbf{S}\text{-Mod} \rightarrow \mathbf{S}\text{-Mod}$  is an equivalence of categories.*

**4.1. Strict polynomial functor.** Friedlander and Suslin [11] introduced strict polynomial functors in order to establish the finite generation of the full cohomology ring of a finite group scheme. They also showed that the strict polynomial functors of degree  $d$  unify modules over the Schur algebras  $\mathbf{S}_F(n, d)$  across all  $n$ . In this section, we briefly recall the definition of strict polynomial functors and some useful functors on the category of strict polynomial functors.

Following [17, 31], define the *Schur category* (also known as the *divided power category*)  $\mathbf{\Gamma}_F^d$  as the category whose objects are finite dimensional vector spaces over  $F$ . For objects  $V$  and  $W$ , the morphism space is:

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{\Gamma}_F^d}(V, W) := \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{S}_d}(V^{\otimes d}, W^{\otimes d}).$$

The category,  $\mathrm{Rep} \mathbf{\Gamma}_F^d$  of strict polynomial functors is the functor category  $\mathrm{Func}(\mathbf{\Gamma}_F^d, F\text{-Mod})$ . Thus it is an abelian, complete, and co-complete category.

**EXAMPLE 4.3.** Let  $V$  and  $W$  be objects of  $\mathbf{\Gamma}_F^d$ . Some examples of strict polynomial functors are:

(4.3.a) The  $d$ th tensor power functor  $\otimes^d : \mathbf{\Gamma}_F^d \rightarrow F\text{-Mod}$ . On objects,  $\otimes^d(V) = V^{\otimes d}$ . On the morphism space, the map

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{S}_d}(V^{\otimes d}, W^{\otimes d}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{S}_d}(V^{\otimes d}, W^{\otimes d})$$

is the identity map.

(4.3.b) The  $d$ th divided power functor  $\Gamma^d : \mathbf{\Gamma}_F^d \rightarrow F\text{-Mod}$ . On objects  $\Gamma^d(V) = (V^{\otimes d})^{\mathbf{S}_d}$  and on the morphism space, the map

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{\Gamma}_F^d}(V, W) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{S}_d}((V^{\otimes d})^{\mathbf{S}_d}, (W^{\otimes d})^{\mathbf{S}_d})$$

is given by the restriction.

(4.3.c) Similarly, the  $d$ th exterior power functor  $\wedge^d : \mathbf{\Gamma}_F^d \rightarrow F\text{-Mod}$ , and the  $d$ th symmetric power functor  $\mathrm{Sym}^d : \mathbf{\Gamma}_F^d \rightarrow F\text{-Mod}$  are strict polynomial functors of degree  $d$ .

(4.3.d) Let  $U$  be an object in  $\mathbf{\Gamma}_F^d$ . Then define  $\mathbf{h}_U : \mathbf{\Gamma}_F^d \rightarrow F\text{-Mod}$  as follows:

$$\mathbf{h}_U(W) = \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{\Gamma}_F^d}(U, W) = \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{S}_d}(U^{\otimes d}, W^{\otimes d}).$$

The functor  $\mathbf{h}_U \in \mathrm{Rep} \mathbf{\Gamma}_F^d$  is called a *representable functor*. The functor  $\mathbf{h} : U \mapsto \mathbf{h}_U$  is the contravariant Yoneda embedding.

(4.3.e) For any object  $U$  of  $\mathbf{\Gamma}_F^d$  and any  $X \in \mathrm{Rep} \mathbf{\Gamma}_F^d$ , define a functor  $X^U : \mathbf{\Gamma}_F^d \rightarrow F\text{-Mod}$  by

$$(20) \quad X^U(W) = X(\mathrm{Hom}_F(U, W)).$$

When  $X = \Gamma^d$ ,  $X^U = \mathbf{h}_U$ .

Given a strict polynomial functor  $X$ ,  $X(F^n)$  inherits the structure of an  $\mathbf{S}_F(n, d)$ -module. For every non-negative integer  $n$ , we have the evaluation functor  $\mathrm{ev}_n : \mathrm{Rep} \mathbf{\Gamma}_F^d \rightarrow \mathbf{S}_F(n, d)\text{-Mod}$  as:

$$\mathrm{ev}_n(X) = X(F^n) \text{ for } X \in \mathrm{Rep} \mathbf{\Gamma}_F^d.$$

THEOREM 4.4. [11, Theorem 3.2] *The functor  $\text{ev}_n : \text{Rep } \Gamma_F^d \rightarrow \text{S}_F(n, d)\text{-Mod}$  is an equivalence of categories whenever  $n \geq d$ .*

**4.2. Koszul duality of strict polynomial functors:** In [17], Krause defined an internal tensor product ( $\underline{\otimes}$ ) on the category of strict polynomial functors of a fixed degree  $d$ . Kulkarni, Srivastava, and Subrahmanyam [18], and independently, Acquilino and Reischuk [1] showed that this internal tensor product, via the Schur functor, is related to the Kronecker tensor product of representations of the symmetric group  $\mathbf{S}_d$ . Krause used this internal tensor product to introduce Koszul duality as the functor  $(\wedge^d \underline{\otimes} -) : \text{Rep } \Gamma_F^d \rightarrow \text{Rep } \Gamma_F^d$ . We can think about this functor as follows, for the representable functor  $\mathbf{h}_V \in \text{Rep } \Gamma_F^d$ , we have, using the notation of (20),

$$(21) \quad \wedge^d \underline{\otimes} \mathbf{h}_V = \wedge^{d, V}.$$

For arbitrary  $X \in \text{Rep } \Gamma_F^d$ , following [17], we exploit a theorem of Mac Lane [19, III.7, Theorem 1], namely:

$$(22) \quad X = \text{colim}_{\mathbf{h}_V \rightarrow X} \mathbf{h}_V.$$

Using this we have:

$$(23) \quad \wedge^d \underline{\otimes} X = \text{colim}_{\mathbf{h}_V \rightarrow X} \wedge^d \underline{\otimes} \mathbf{h}_V = \text{colim}_{\mathbf{h}_V \rightarrow X} \wedge^{d, V}.$$

In the following theorem, we relate the abstract Koszul duality of Schur algebra with the Koszul duality of strict polynomial functors.

THEOREM 4.5. *Consider the functors,*

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{S}^- \otimes_{\text{S}} \text{ev}_n(-)) &: \text{Rep } \Gamma_F^d \rightarrow \text{S-Mod}, \\ \text{ev}_n(\wedge^d \underline{\otimes} -) &: \text{Rep } \Gamma_F^d \rightarrow \text{S-Mod}. \end{aligned}$$

*Then there exists a natural transformation*

$$\eta : (\text{S}^- \otimes_{\text{S}} \text{ev}_n(-)) \longrightarrow \text{ev}_n(\wedge^d \underline{\otimes} -),$$

*which is an isomorphism when  $n \geq d$ .*

PROOF. Let  $X = \mathbf{h}_V$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ev}_n(\wedge^d \underline{\otimes} \mathbf{h}_V) &= \text{ev}_n(\wedge^{d, V}) \text{ by (21)} \\ &= \wedge^{d, V}(F^n) \\ &= \wedge^d \text{Hom}_F(V, F^n) \text{ by Equation (20)} \\ &\simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{S}_d}(V^{\otimes d}, (F^n)^{\otimes d} \otimes \text{sgn}). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{S}^- \otimes_{\text{S}} \text{ev}_n(\mathbf{h}_V) &= \text{S}^- \otimes_{\text{S}} \mathbf{h}_V(F^n) \\ &= \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{S}_d}((F^n)^{\otimes d}, (F^n)^{\otimes d} \otimes \text{sgn}) \otimes_{\text{S}} \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{S}_d}(V^{\otimes d}, (F^n)^{\otimes d}). \end{aligned}$$

Using these identifications,  $\eta_{\mathbf{h}_V}(g_1 \otimes g_2) = g_1 \circ g_2$ , for  $g_1 \in \text{S}^-$  and  $g_2 \in \text{ev}_n(\mathbf{h}_V)$ , defines an  $\text{S}$ -linear map

$$(24) \quad \eta_{\mathbf{h}_V} : \text{S}^- \otimes_{\text{S}} \text{ev}_n(\mathbf{h}_V) \longrightarrow \text{ev}_n(\wedge^d \underline{\otimes} \mathbf{h}_V).$$

For arbitrary  $X \in \text{Rep } \Gamma_F^d$ , we construct  $\eta_X$  using Equation (22):

$$\eta_X = \text{colim}_{\mathbf{h}_V \rightarrow X} \eta_{\mathbf{h}_V}.$$

From the Yoneda lemma [19, Page 59], every morphism  $\mathbf{h}_V \rightarrow \mathbf{h}_W$  between the representable functors is of the form  $\mathbf{h}_f$  for a unique morphism  $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{F}_F^d}(W, V)$ . The following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S^- \otimes_S \text{ev}_n(\mathbf{h}_V) & \xrightarrow{\eta_{\mathbf{h}_V}} & \text{ev}_n(\wedge^d \underline{\otimes} \mathbf{h}_V) \\ \text{id}_{S^-} \otimes \text{ev}_n(\mathbf{h}_f) \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{ev}_n(\text{id}_{\wedge^d} \underline{\otimes} \mathbf{h}_f) \\ S^- \otimes_S \text{ev}_n(\mathbf{h}_W) & \xrightarrow{\eta_{\mathbf{h}_W}} & \text{ev}_n(\wedge^d \underline{\otimes} \mathbf{h}_V) \end{array}$$

Taking colimits then gives the naturality of  $\eta$ .

If  $n \geq d$ ,  $\mathbf{h}_{F^n}$  is a small projective generator of  $\text{Rep } \mathbf{\Gamma}_F^d$ , i.e., every object has a presentation by  $\mathbf{h}_{F^n}$ , (see [17]). Note that the map  $\eta_{\mathbf{h}_{F^n}}$  (24) is surjective because  $\eta_{\mathbf{h}_{F^n}}(f \otimes \text{id}_S) = f$  for  $f \in S^-$  and hence an isomorphism because  $\text{ev}_n(\wedge^d \underline{\otimes} \mathbf{h}_{F^n})$  is isomorphic to  $S^-$ . By the construction of  $\eta_X$ , this implies that each  $\eta_X$  is an isomorphism for  $X \in \text{Rep } \mathbf{\Gamma}_F^d$ .  $\square$

**4.3. Derived abstract Koszul duality.** For a finite dimensional associative algebra  $A$ , let  $\mathcal{D}(A\text{-Mod})$  be the unbounded derived category of  $A\text{-Mod}$ . For a  $(A, A)$ -bimodule  $M$ , the functor  $(M \otimes_A -)$  is a right exact functor so the total left derived functor  $(M \otimes_A^{\mathbf{L}} -) : \mathcal{D}(A\text{-Mod}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(A\text{-Mod})$  exists. From Happel [15], we recall necessary and sufficient conditions for the functor  $(M \otimes_A^{\mathbf{L}} -)$  to be an equivalence of categories.

For each  $x \in A$ , let  $\psi_x \in \text{End}_A(M_A)$  be defined by

$$\psi_x(y) = xy.$$

Taking  $x$  to  $\psi_x$  gives rise to a homomorphism of algebras:

$$(25) \quad \psi : A \rightarrow \text{End}_A(M_A).$$

Recall

**THEOREM 4.6 (Happel [15]).** *For a finite dimensional algebra  $A$  and a  $(A, A)$ -bimodule  $M$ , the functor  $(M \otimes_A^{\mathbf{L}} -) : \mathcal{D}(A\text{-Mod}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(A\text{-Mod})$  is an equivalence of categories if and only if*

- (4.6.a) *The module  $M_A$  admits a finite resolution by finitely generated projective right modules over  $A$ .*
- (4.6.b) *The canonical map  $\psi : A \rightarrow \text{End}_A(M_A)$  is an isomorphism, and for  $i \geq 1$ ,  $\text{Ext}_A^i(M, M) = 0$ .*
- (4.6.c) *There exists an exact sequence consisting of right  $A$ -modules:*

$$0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow M_l \rightarrow 0,$$

where for  $1 \leq i \leq l$ ,  $M_i$  is a direct summand of finite direct sum of copies of  $M$ .

**THEOREM 4.7.** *Let  $A = S$  and  $M$  be the  $(S, S)$ -bimodule  $S^-$ . Then the map  $\psi$  in Equation (25) is an isomorphism if and only if  $n \geq d$ .*

**REMARK 4.8.** When  $n \geq d$ , it is known that  $\psi$  is an isomorphism, even for  $q$ -Schur algebras (see Donkin [10, p. 82]).

PROOF. Suppose  $n < d$ . Consider the following labelled bipartite multigraph,

$$\Gamma_1 = \begin{array}{cccc} \bullet & \bullet & \dots & \bullet \\ \parallel & & & \\ 12 \dots d & & & \\ \parallel & & & \\ \bullet & \bullet & \dots & \bullet \end{array}$$

Let  $\Gamma_2 \in N(n, d)$ . Since  $\Gamma_2$  is a simple bipartite graph therefore any labelling of  $\Gamma_2$  which satisfies the condition 1 in Definition 2.13 requires  $d$  balls to place into  $d$  distinct boxes out of  $n$ . This is not possible as  $n < d$ . Thus we get that  $\xi_{\Gamma_1} \zeta_{\Gamma_2} = 0$ . Since  $\zeta_{\Gamma}$  for  $\Gamma \in N(n, d)$  forms a basis of  $S^-$  we get  $\xi_{\Gamma_1}$  is in the kernel of  $\psi$ , and so  $\psi$  is not injective.

For the converse, suppose  $n \geq d$ . Then the map  $\psi$  is an isomorphism is known from [9, Proposition 3.7]. But we give a combinatorial proof here. For  $\theta \in \text{End}_S(S_S^-)$ , we denote the coefficient of  $\zeta_{\Gamma_1}$  in  $\theta(\zeta_{\Gamma_2})$  by  $\langle \theta(\zeta_{\Gamma_2}), \zeta_{\Gamma_1} \rangle$ .

To see that  $\psi$  is injective, note that any element of  $S$  is of the form  $s = \sum_{\Gamma \in M(n, d)} \alpha_{\Gamma} \xi_{\Gamma}$ . Now  $\psi(s) = 0$  if and only if

$$\sum_{\Gamma \in M(n, d)} \alpha_{\Gamma} \xi_{\Gamma} \zeta_{\Gamma'} = 0,$$

for every  $\Gamma' \in N(n, d)$ . Fix  $\Gamma_1 \in M(n, d)$  and let  $\Gamma' = D(\Gamma_1)^*$ . Then by Lemma 2.35,

$$\alpha_{\Gamma_1} = \left\langle \sum_{\Gamma \in M(n, d)} \alpha_{\Gamma} \xi_{\Gamma} \zeta_{D(\Gamma_1)^*}, \zeta_{U(\Gamma_1)} \right\rangle.$$

Thus  $\alpha_{\Gamma_1} = 0$ .

To see that  $\psi$  is surjective, we will show that  $\dim_F \text{End}_S(S_S^-) \leq |M(n, d)|$ . Firstly, by Lemma 2.33,  $S_S^-$  is generated by  $G = \{\zeta_{\Gamma} \mid \Gamma \in N^d\}$ . Recall that  $N^d$  denotes the set of graphs in  $N(n, d)$  with upper degree sequence  $(1^d, 0^{n-d})$ . Therefore any  $\theta \in \text{End}_S(S_S^-)$  is determined by its values on this set. Since  $\theta$  is an  $S$ -module homomorphism  $\theta(\zeta_{\Gamma})$  again lies in the span of  $G$ . Therefore  $\theta$  is completely determined by the values:

$$\{\langle \theta(\zeta_{\Gamma}), \zeta_{\Gamma'} \rangle \mid \Gamma, \Gamma' \in N^d\}.$$

Moreover, for any  $w \in \mathbf{S}_d$ ,

$$\langle \theta(\zeta_{\Gamma}), \zeta_{\Gamma'} \rangle = \langle \theta(\zeta_{\Gamma \cdot w}), \zeta_{\Gamma' \cdot w} \rangle.$$

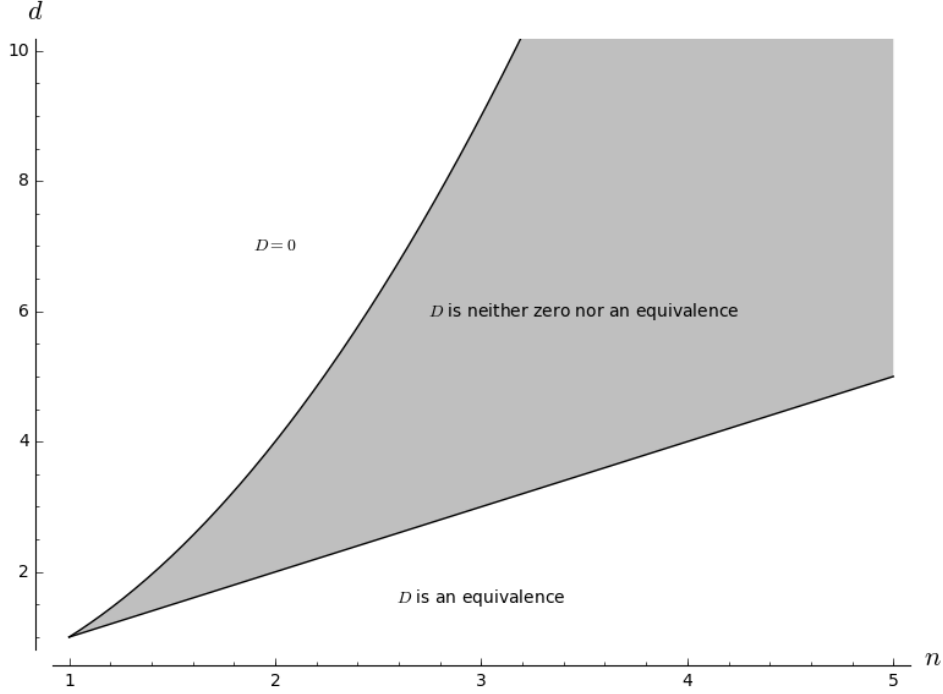
Therefore  $\dim_F \text{End}_S(S_S^-) \leq |(N^d \times N^d)/\mathbf{S}_d| = |M(n, d)|$ .  $\square$

THEOREM 4.9. *Let  $F$  be any field of characteristic different from 2. The functor*

$$(26) \quad (S^- \otimes_S^{\mathbf{L}} -) : \mathcal{D}(S\text{-Mod}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(S\text{-Mod})$$

*is an equivalence of categories if and only if  $n \geq d$ .*

PROOF. If  $n \geq d$  then from Theorem 4.5,  $S^- \otimes_S \text{ev}_n(-)$  is isomorphic to  $\text{ev}_n(\wedge^d \underline{\otimes} -)$ . Since the functor  $\text{ev}_n$  is exact so the total left derived functors of  $S^- \otimes_S \text{ev}_n(-)$  and  $\text{ev}_n(\wedge^d \underline{\otimes} -)$  are isomorphic to  $S^- \otimes_S^{\mathbf{L}} \text{ev}_n(-)$  and  $\text{ev}_n(\wedge^d \underline{\otimes}^{\mathbf{L}} -)$  respectively. From [17, Theorem 4.9],  $(\wedge^d \underline{\otimes}^{\mathbf{L}} -)$  is an equivalence. From Theorem 4.4  $\text{ev}_n(-)$  is an equivalence. Therefore  $S^- \otimes_S^{\mathbf{L}} \text{ev}_n(-)$  is an equivalence. So  $\text{ev}_n(-)$  being an equivalence forces  $(S^- \otimes_S^{\mathbf{L}} -)$  to be an equivalence.

FIGURE 1. Dependence of derived Koszul duality on  $n$  and  $d$ 

For the converse, suppose that  $(S^- \otimes_S^{\mathbf{L}} -)$  is an equivalence. Then from Theorem 4.6 the map  $\psi : S \rightarrow \text{End}_S(S^-)$  is an isomorphism. Theorem 4.7 now implies that  $n \geq d$ .  $\square$

The behavior of derived Koszul duality for different values of  $n$  and  $d$  is summarized in Figure 1.

## 5. Concluding remarks

**5.1. Towards alternating partition algebras.** The centralizer algebra  $\text{End}_{\mathbf{S}_n}((F^n)^{\otimes d})$  is a quotient of the partition algebra  $P_d(n)$  of Jones [16] and Martin [20]. Further restricting the action of  $\mathbf{S}_n$  to the alternating group  $\mathbf{A}_n$  we get the *alternating partition algebra*  $\text{AP}_d(n) = \text{End}_{\mathbf{A}_n}((F^n)^{\otimes d})$ , which from the isomorphism (2) decomposes as follows:

$$(27) \quad \text{End}_{\mathbf{A}_n}((F^n)^{\otimes d}) = \text{End}_{\mathbf{S}_n}((F^n)^{\otimes d}) \oplus \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{A}_n}((F^n)^{\otimes d}, (F^n)^{\otimes d} \otimes \text{sgn})$$

Let  $P_d^-(n) = \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{A}_n}((F^n)^{\otimes d}, (F^n)^{\otimes d} \otimes \text{sgn})$ . Then  $P_d^-(n)$  becomes a  $(P_d(n), P_d(n))$ -bimodule by inflation. Bloss [5] showed  $P_d^-(n)$  is non-zero if and only if  $n < 2d + 2$ . So we get an abstract Koszul duality  $(P_d^-(n) \otimes_{P_d(n)} -)$  on the category of modules over the partition algebra  $P_d(n)$  when  $n < 2d + 2$ . Many of the ideas and techniques in this article can be used to study bases, structure constants, and abstract Koszul duality for partition algebras. For  $F = \mathbf{C}$ , the dimensions of simple modules of  $\text{AP}_d(n)$  are given combinatorially by Benkart, Halverson, and Harman, see [2].



**5.2. A diagrammatic interpretation of the Schur category.** The following is one possible way to define the notion of a diagram category in the spirit of Martin’s discussion in [21].

DEFINITION 5.1 (Diagram Category). A category  $\mathcal{C}$  is called a *diagram category* if there exists a sequence  $\{V_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  of objects which constitute a skeleton of  $\mathcal{C}$ , and for each pair  $(m, n)$  of non-negative integers, a class of “diagrams”  $M(m, n)$ , a basis

$$\mathcal{B}_{m,n} = \{\xi_\Gamma \mid \Gamma \in M(m, n)\}$$

of  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(V_n, V_m)$ , and a combinatorial rule for computing the structure constants  $c_{\Gamma'\Gamma''}^\Gamma$  that are defined by:

$$\xi_{\Gamma'} \circ \xi_{\Gamma''} = \sum_{\Gamma} c_{\Gamma'\Gamma''}^\Gamma \xi_\Gamma$$

for  $\Gamma' \in M(l, m)$ ,  $\Gamma'' \in M(m, n)$  and  $\Gamma \in M(l, n)$ .

REMARK 5.2. In the examples discussed by Martin [21], given diagrams  $\Gamma'$  and  $\Gamma''$ , there can exist more than one diagram  $\Gamma$  such that  $c_{\Gamma'\Gamma''}^\Gamma > 0$ . This is not a requirement in the above definition.

Consider the Schur category  $\mathbf{\Gamma}_F^d$  defined in Section 4.1. Take  $V_n = F^n$ . Define  $M_d(m, n)$  to be the set of all bipartite multigraphs with vertex set  $[n'] \amalg [m]$  with  $d$  edges. Mimicking the discussion in Section 2.2, one may endow the Schur category with the structure of a diagram category in the sense of Definition 5.1.

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