

# A character on the quasi-symmetric functions coming from multiple zeta values

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## Abstract

We define a homomorphism  $\zeta$  from the algebra of quasi-symmetric functions to the reals which involves the Euler constant and multiple zeta values. Besides advancing the study of multiple zeta values, the homomorphism  $\zeta$  appears in connection with two Hirzebruch genera of almost complex manifolds: the  $\Gamma$ -genus (related to mirror symmetry) and the  $\hat{\Gamma}$ -genus (related to an  $S^1$ -equivariant Euler class). We decompose  $\zeta$  into its even and odd factors in the sense of Aguiar, Bergeron, and Sottile, and demonstrate the usefulness of this decomposition in computing  $\zeta$  on the subalgebra of symmetric functions (which suffices for computations of the  $\Gamma$ - and  $\hat{\Gamma}$ -genera).

## 1 Introduction

Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  be a countably infinite sequence of indeterminates, each having degree 1, and let  $\mathfrak{P} \subset \mathbf{R}[[x_1, x_2, \dots]]$  be the set of formal power series in the  $x_i$  having bounded degree. Then  $\mathfrak{P}$  is a graded algebra over the reals. An element  $f \in \mathfrak{P}$  is called a symmetric function if

$$\text{coefficient of } x_{n_1}^{i_1} x_{n_2}^{i_2} \cdots x_{n_k}^{i_k} \text{ in } f = \text{coefficient of } x_1^{i_1} x_2^{i_2} \cdots x_k^{i_k} \text{ in } f \quad (1)$$

for any  $k$ -tuple  $(n_1, \dots, n_k)$  of distinct positive integers, and  $f$  is called a quasi-symmetric function if equation (1) holds whenever

$$n_1 < n_2 < \cdots < n_k.$$

The vector spaces  $\text{Sym}$  and  $\text{QSym}$  of symmetric and quasi-symmetric functions respectively are both subalgebras of  $\mathfrak{P}$ , with  $\text{Sym} \subset \text{QSym}$ . Of course  $\text{Sym}$  is a familiar object,

for which the first chapter of Macdonald [20] is a convenient reference. The algebra QSym was introduced by Gessel [9], and in recent years has become increasingly important in combinatorics; see, e.g., [24].

A vector space basis for QSym is given by the monomial quasi-symmetric functions, which are indexed by compositions (ordered partitions). The monomial quasi-symmetric function  $M_I$  corresponding to the composition  $I = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k)$  is

$$M_I = \sum_{n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_k} x_{n_1}^{i_1} x_{n_2}^{i_2} \dots x_{n_k}^{i_k}. \quad (2)$$

For a composition  $I = (i_1, \dots, i_k)$  we write  $\ell(I) = k$  for the number of parts of  $I$ , and  $|I| = i_1 + \dots + i_k$  for the sum of the parts of  $I$ . If  $|I| = n$ , we say  $I$  is a composition of  $n$  and write  $I \models n$ . If  $I$  is a composition, there is a partition  $\pi(I)$  given by forgetting the ordering: the monomial symmetric function  $m_\lambda$  corresponding to a partition  $\lambda$  is given by

$$m_\lambda = \sum_{\pi(I)=\lambda} M_I,$$

and the monomial symmetric functions generate Sym as a vector space. For a partition  $\lambda$ , we use the notations  $\ell(\lambda)$  and  $|\lambda|$  in the same way as for compositions; if  $|\lambda| = n$  we say  $\lambda$  is a partition of  $n$  and write  $\lambda \vdash n$ .

For a composition  $(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k)$  with  $i_1 > 1$ , the corresponding multiple zeta value is the  $k$ -fold infinite series

$$\zeta(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k) = \sum_{n_1 > n_2 > \dots > n_k \geq 1} \frac{1}{n_1^{i_1} n_2^{i_2} \dots n_k^{i_k}}. \quad (3)$$

Multiple zeta values were introduced in [12] and [25], but the case  $k = 2$  actually goes back to Euler [7]. They have been studied extensively in recent decades, and have appeared in a surprising number of contexts, including knot theory and particle physics. Surveys include [4, 5, 15].

The multiple zeta value (3) can be obtained from the monomial quasi-symmetric function  $M_{(i_k, i_{k-1}, \dots, i_1)}$  by sending  $x_n$  to  $\frac{1}{n}$ , but the series won't converge unless  $i_1 > 1$ . If we let  $\text{QSym}^0$  be the subspace of QSym generated by the monomial quasi-symmetric functions  $M_I$  with the last part of  $I$  greater than 1, then it turns out that  $\text{QSym}^0$  is a subalgebra of QSym, and we have a homomorphism  $\zeta : \text{QSym}^0 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  whose images are the multiple zeta values.

In fact (as we explain in the next section)  $\text{QSym} = \text{QSym}^0[M_{(1)}]$ , so to extend  $\zeta$  to a homomorphism defined on all of QSym it suffices to define  $\zeta(M_{(1)})$ . As the author noted in [13], setting  $\zeta(M_{(1)}) = \gamma$  (the Euler-Mascheroni constant) is a fruitful choice. If

$$H(t) = 1 + h_1 t + h_2 t^2 + \dots \in \text{Sym}[[t]]$$

is the generating function for the complete symmetric functions

$$h_n = \sum_{I \models n} M_I = \sum_{\lambda \vdash n} m_\lambda,$$

then setting  $\zeta(M_{(1)}) = \gamma$  implies [13, Theorem 5.1]

$$\zeta(H(t)) = \Gamma(1 - t), \quad (4)$$

where  $\Gamma$  is the usual gamma function. This is equivalent to

$$\zeta(E(t)) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 + t)}, \quad (5)$$

where

$$E(t) = 1 + e_1 t + e_2 t^2 + \dots$$

is the generating function of the elementary symmetric functions  $e_j = M_{(1^j)}$  (we write  $1^j$  for a string of  $j$  1's). The identity (4) was a key step in the proof in [13] that

$$\sum_{n,m \geq 1} \zeta(n+1, 1^{m-1}) s^n t^m = 1 - \exp \left( \sum_{i \geq 2} \zeta(i) \frac{t^i + s^i - (t+s)^i}{i} \right).$$

This latter identity (proved by a different method in [3]) is interesting since it shows that any multiple zeta value of the form  $\zeta(n+1, 1, \dots, 1)$  can be expressed as a polynomial with rational coefficients in the ordinary zeta values  $\zeta(i)$ .

Libgober [17] showed that the  $\Gamma$ -genus appears in formulas that relate Chern classes of certain manifolds to the periods of their mirrors. The  $\Gamma$ -genus is the Hirzebruch [11] genus associated with the power series  $Q(x) = \Gamma(1+x)^{-1}$ , i.e., the genus coming from the multiplicative sequence of polynomials  $\{Q_i(c_1, \dots, c_i)\}$  in Chern classes, where

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} Q_i(e_1, \dots, e_i) = \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Gamma(1+x_i)}.$$

As shown in [14], the coefficient of the monomial  $c_\lambda = c_{\lambda_1} c_{\lambda_2} \dots$  in  $Q_i(c_1, \dots, c_i)$  is  $\zeta(m_\lambda)$ , for any partition  $\lambda$ . For example, using the tables in the Appendix, we have

$$Q_3(c_1, c_2, c_3) = \zeta(3)c_3 + (\gamma\zeta(2) - \zeta(3))c_1c_2 + \frac{1}{6}(\gamma^3 - 3\gamma\zeta(2) + 2\zeta(3))c_1^3.$$

More recently Lu [19] defined a similar  $\hat{\Gamma}$ -genus  $\{P_i\}$  by using the generating function  $P(x) = e^{-\gamma x} \Gamma(1+x)^{-1}$  in place of  $Q(x) = \Gamma(1+x)^{-1}$ , and related this new genus to an  $S^1$ -equivariant Euler class. The coefficient of  $c_\lambda$  in  $P_i(c_1, \dots, c_i)$  can be obtained by setting  $\gamma = 0$  in  $\zeta(m_\lambda)$ . Thus

$$P_3(c_1, c_2, c_3) = \zeta(3)c_3 - \zeta(3)c_1c_2 + \frac{1}{3}\zeta(3)c_1^3$$

(cf. Table 1 of [19]). If we write  $\hat{\zeta}$  for the function on  $\text{QSym}$  that sends  $M_{(1)}$  to zero and agrees with  $\zeta$  on  $\text{QSym}^0$ , then

$$\hat{\zeta}(E(t)) = \frac{1}{e^{\gamma t} \Gamma(1+t)}.$$

Following the proof of the result of [14], we then have

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} P_i(e_1, \dots, e_i) t^i = \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^{\gamma x_i t} \Gamma(1 + x_i t)} = \sum_{\lambda} \hat{\zeta}(e_{\lambda}) m_{\lambda} t^{|\lambda|} = \sum_{\lambda} \hat{\zeta}(m_{\lambda}) e_{\lambda} t^{|\lambda|}. \quad (6)$$

While equation (6) appears in [19] (see Prop. 4.3), it has a nice corollary that doesn't. Recall [11, Theorem 4.10.2] that the Chern classes of the tangent bundle of projective space  $\mathbf{CP}^n$  are given by

$$c_i = \binom{n+1}{i} a^i$$

with  $a \in H^2(\mathbf{CP}^n; \mathbf{Z})$  such that  $\langle a^n, [\mathbf{CP}^n] \rangle = 1$ , where  $[\mathbf{CP}^n] \in H_{2n}(\mathbf{CP}^n; \mathbf{Z})$  is the fundamental class. Now by [20, p. 26] the specialization

$$x_i = \begin{cases} 1, & i = 1, 2, \dots, n+1 \\ 0, & i > n+1 \end{cases}$$

sends  $e_i$  to  $\binom{n+1}{i}$ . It then follows from equation (6) that

$$\hat{\Gamma}(\mathbf{CP}^n) = \langle P_n(c_1, \dots, c_n), [\mathbf{CP}^n] \rangle = \text{coefficient of } t^n \text{ in } \frac{1}{(e^{\gamma t} \Gamma(1+t))^{n+1}}$$

(cf. Table 2 of [19]).

As another occurrence of  $\zeta$ , we cite the following result about values of the derivatives of the gamma function at positive integers from [22]: if  $n$  and  $k$  are positive integers, then

$$\frac{\Gamma^{(k)}(n)}{k!} = \sum_{j=0}^k \left[ \begin{matrix} n \\ k+1-j \end{matrix} \right] (-1)^j \zeta(h_j),$$

where  $\left[ \begin{matrix} n \\ j \end{matrix} \right]$  is the number of permutations of degree  $n$  with exactly  $j$  cycles (Stirling number of the first kind). Cf. [23, pp. 40-44].

These examples suggest that the homomorphism  $\zeta : \mathbf{QSym} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  may be useful to calculate. Now  $\mathbf{QSym}$  is actually a Hopf algebra, as we discuss in the next section. Aguiar, Bergeron and Sottile [1] develop a theory of graded connected Hopf algebras endowed with characters (scalar-valued homomorphisms), in which “even” and “odd” characters are defined. A key result is that any such character  $\chi$  is uniquely expressible as the convolution product  $\chi_+ \chi_-$  of an even character  $\chi_+$  times an odd one  $\chi_-$ . In this paper we discuss some results on the character  $\zeta : \mathbf{QSym} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  and its factors  $\zeta_+$  and  $\zeta_-$ , and particularly on the restrictions of these characters to  $\mathbf{Sym} \subset \mathbf{QSym}$ . (Note that for the computation of the  $\Gamma$ - and  $\hat{\Gamma}$ -genera, the restriction of  $\zeta$  to  $\mathbf{Sym}$  suffices.)

After developing some properties of the Hopf algebras  $\mathbf{QSym}$  and  $\mathbf{Sym}$  in §2, we discuss the factorization  $\zeta = \zeta_+ \zeta_-$  on the full algebra  $\mathbf{QSym}$  in §3. In §4 we consider the restriction of  $\zeta$ ,  $\zeta_+$  and  $\zeta_-$  to  $\mathbf{Sym}$ . First we show how to use the character table of the symmetric

group to compute  $\zeta$  on Schur functions. Then we consider the effect of  $\zeta$  on the elementary and complete symmetric functions. We show equation (4) splits as

$$\zeta_+(H(t)) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi t}{\sin \pi t}} \quad \text{and} \quad \zeta_-(H(t)) = \Gamma(1-t) \sqrt{\frac{\sin \pi t}{\pi t}},$$

which makes it easier to compute  $\zeta$  on elementary and complete symmetric functions by computing  $\zeta_+$  and  $\zeta_-$  separately. Next we consider the values of the three characters on the monomial symmetric functions  $m_\lambda$ . While there is an explicit formula for  $m_\lambda$  in terms of the  $p_\lambda$  (Theorem 7 below), it is somewhat ineffective computationally since it involves a sum over set partitions. We develop some further methods by which the values of  $\zeta$ ,  $\zeta_+$ , and  $\zeta_-$  can be computed on  $m_\lambda$ , including an efficient algorithm for the case where  $\lambda$  is a hook partition, i.e.,  $\lambda$  has at most one part greater than 1 (see equations (33) and (34) below). Finally, we discuss a family of symmetric functions in the kernel of  $\zeta_-$ . Values of  $\zeta$ ,  $\zeta_+$ , and  $\zeta_-$  on  $m_\lambda$  for  $|\lambda| \leq 7$  are listed in the Appendix.

## 2 The Hopf Algebras QSym and Sym

As noted above, the monomial quasi-symmetric functions  $M_I$  generate QSym as a vector space. The multiplication of the  $M_I$  is given by a “quasi-shuffle” product, which involves combining parts of the associated compositions as well as shuffling them. For example,

$$M_{(1)}M_{(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_l)} = M_{(1, i_1, \dots, i_l)} + M_{(i_1+1, i_2, \dots, i_l)} + M_{(i_1, 1, i_2, \dots, i_l)} + \dots + M_{(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{l-1}, i_l+1)} + M_{(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_l, 1)}. \quad (7)$$

In fact, QSym is a polynomial algebra, as shown by Malvenuto and Reutenauer [21]. To state their result, we first define what it means for a composition  $I$  to be Lyndon. If we order the compositions lexicographically, i.e.,

$$(1) < (1, 1) < (1, 1, 1) < \dots < (1, 2) < \dots < (2) < (2, 1) < \dots < (3) < \dots,$$

then a composition  $I$  is called Lyndon if  $I < K$  for any nontrivial decomposition  $I = JK$  of  $I$  as a juxtaposition of shorter compositions. For example,  $(1)$  and  $(1, 2, 2)$  are Lyndon, but  $(2, 1)$  is not. Then the result of [21] is as follows.

**Theorem 1.** *QSym is the polynomial algebra on the set  $\{M_I : I \text{ Lyndon}\}$ .*

The only Lyndon composition ending in 1 is  $(1)$  itself, so  $\text{QSym}^0$  is the subalgebra of QSym generated by the set  $\{M_I : I \text{ Lyndon}, I \neq (1)\}$ . Thus  $\text{QSym} = \text{QSym}^0[M_{(1)}]$ , and we can be more specific as follows.

**Theorem 2.** *Each monomial quasi-symmetric function  $M_I$  can be expressed as a polynomial in  $M_{(1)}$  with coefficients in  $\text{QSym}^0$ , of degree equal to the number of trailing 1's in  $I$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $t(I)$  be the number of trailing 1's in  $I$ . Suppose the result holds for  $M_J$  with  $t(J) \leq n$ , and consider  $M_I$  with  $t(I) = n + 1$ . Writing  $I$  as the juxtaposition  $I'(1)$ , it follows from equation (7) with  $(i_1, \dots, i_l) = I'$  that

$$M_{(1)}M_{I'} = \sum_{k=1}^{2\ell(I')-n} M_{J_k} + (n+1)M_I$$

where each  $J_k$  has  $t(J_k) \leq n$ , so the result follows.  $\square$

Now QSym is a graded connected Hopf algebra. If we adopt the convention that  $M_\emptyset = 1$ , then the grade- $n$  part of QSym is generated by  $\{M_I : |I| = n\}$ . The counit  $\epsilon$  is given by

$$\epsilon(M_I) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } I = \emptyset; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$$

and coproduct  $\Delta$  by

$$\Delta(M_I) = \sum_{JK=I} M_J \otimes M_K. \quad (8)$$

It follows immediately from equation (8) that the only  $M_I$  which are primitives are the power sums  $p_n = M_{(n)}$ .

The antipode  $S : \text{QSym} \rightarrow \text{QSym}$  is given by (see [6, Prop. 3.4])

$$S(M_I) = (-1)^{\ell(I)} \sum_{\bar{I} \succeq J} M_J, \quad (9)$$

where  $\bar{I}$  is the reverse of  $I$  and  $I \succeq J$  means  $I$  is a refinement of  $J$ , i.e.,  $J$  is obtainable by combining some parts of  $I$ . Since QSym is commutative,  $S$  is an automorphism of QSym with  $S^2 = \text{id}$ .

The algebra Sym is generated by the elementary symmetric functions  $e_n$ , and also by the complete symmetric functions  $h_n$ . The generating functions  $E(t)$  and  $H(t)$  for these symmetric functions are related by  $E(t) = H(-t)^{-1}$ . The power-sums  $p_n$  also generate Sym as an algebra, and have generating function

$$P(t) = p_1 + p_2 t + p_3 t^2 + \dots = \frac{H'(t)}{H(t)}.$$

Now Sym is a sub-Hopf-algebra of QSym, and its structure is described succinctly by Geissinger [8]. As follows from equation (9),  $S(e_n) = (-1)^n h_n$ . The power-sums  $p_n$  are primitive, and both the  $e_n$  and  $h_n$  are divided powers, i.e.,

$$\Delta(e_n) = \sum_{i+j=n} e_i \otimes e_j$$

and similarly for  $h_n$ . Stated in terms of generating functions, we have

$$\Delta(E(t)) = E(t) \otimes E(t) \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta(H(t)) = H(t) \otimes H(t). \quad (10)$$

as well as

$$\Delta(P(t)) = P(t) \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes P(t).$$

As a vector space, Sym has the basis  $\{m_\lambda : \lambda \in \Pi\}$ , where  $\Pi$  is the set of partitions. We also have bases

$$\{e_\lambda : \lambda \in \Pi\}, \quad \{h_\lambda : \lambda \in \Pi\}, \quad \text{and} \quad \{p_\lambda : \lambda \in \Pi\},$$

where  $e_\lambda = e_{\lambda_1} e_{\lambda_2} \cdots e_{\lambda_l}$  for  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_l)$ , and similarly for  $h_\lambda$  and  $p_\lambda$ . Another important basis for Sym is the Schur functions  $\{s_\lambda : \lambda \in \Pi\}$  (see [20, I, §3]). For  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_l)$  with  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \cdots$ , the corresponding Schur function  $s_\lambda$  is the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} h_{\lambda_1} & h_{\lambda_1+1} & \cdots & h_{\lambda_1+l-1} \\ h_{\lambda_2-1} & h_{\lambda_2} & \cdots & h_{\lambda_2+l-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ h_{\lambda_l-l+1} & h_{\lambda_l-l+2} & \cdots & h_{\lambda_l} \end{vmatrix},$$

where  $h_i$  is interpreted as 1 if  $i = 0$  and 0 if  $i < 0$ . Then  $s_{(n)} = h_n$  and  $s_{(1^n)} = e_n$ .

There is an inner product on Sym defined by

$$\langle h_\mu, m_\lambda \rangle = \delta_{\mu, \lambda} \tag{11}$$

for all  $\mu, \lambda \in \Pi$ . As shown in [20, I, §4], this inner product is symmetric and positive definite. The Schur functions are an orthonormal basis with respect to it, i.e.,

$$\langle s_\mu, s_\lambda \rangle = \delta_{\mu, \lambda}.$$

For any symmetric function  $f$  we can define its adjoint  $f^\perp$  by

$$\langle f^\perp u, v \rangle = \langle u, f v \rangle.$$

For later use we recall from [20, p. 76] that

$$p_r^\perp = r \frac{\partial}{\partial p_r}. \tag{12}$$

### 3 The character $\zeta$ and its factors $\zeta_+$ and $\zeta_-$

Define  $\zeta : \text{QSym} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  by  $\zeta(1) = 1$ ,

$$\zeta(M_{(i_1, \dots, i_k)}) = \zeta(i_k, i_{k-1}, \dots, i_1)$$

for  $i_k > 1$ , and  $\zeta(M_{(1)}) = \gamma$ . It follows from Theorem 2 that  $\zeta(M_I)$  can be expressed as a polynomial in  $\gamma$  with coefficients in the multiple zeta values, of degree equal to the number of trailing 1's of  $I$ .

Following [1], we say a character of QSym (i.e., an algebra homomorphism  $\chi : \text{QSym} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ ) is even if  $\chi(u) = (-1)^{|u|} \chi(u)$  for homogeneous elements  $u$ , and odd if  $\chi(u) = (-1)^{|u|} \chi(S(u))$  for all homogeneous  $u$ . From [1] we have the following result.

**Theorem 3.** For any character  $\chi$  of  $\text{QSym}$ , there is a unique even character  $\chi_+$  and a unique odd character  $\chi_-$  so that  $\chi$  is the convolution product  $\chi_+\chi_-$ .

From the preceding theorem, there are unique characters  $\zeta_-$  and  $\zeta_+$  of  $\text{QSym}$  so that  $\zeta_+$  is even,  $\zeta_-$  is odd, and  $\zeta = \zeta_+\zeta_-$ , i.e.,

$$\zeta(u) = \sum_u \zeta_+(u')\zeta_-(u'') \quad (13)$$

for all elements  $u$  of  $\text{QSym}$ , where

$$\Delta(u) = \sum_u u' \otimes u''.$$

Since  $M_{(n)} = p_n$  is primitive, we have from equation (13)

$$\zeta(n) = \zeta_+(p_n) + \zeta_-(p_n). \quad (14)$$

This gives us the following result.

**Theorem 4.** If  $n$  is even,  $\zeta_+(p_n) = \zeta(n)$  and  $\zeta_-(p_n) = 0$ . If  $n$  is odd,  $\zeta_+(p_n) = 0$  and  $\zeta_-(p_n) = \zeta(n)$  (or  $\gamma$  if  $n = 1$ ).

*Proof.* For even  $n$ , the oddness of  $\zeta_-$  implies

$$\zeta_-(p_n) = \zeta_-(S(p_n)) = -\zeta_-(p_n),$$

and the first statement follows from equation (14). If  $n$  is odd, then  $\zeta_+(p_n) = 0$  and the second statement follows from equation (14).  $\square$

The result that  $\zeta_-(p_n) = 0$  for  $n$  even can be generalized as follows. Call a composition  $I$  even if all its parts are even.

**Theorem 5.** If  $I$  is even, then  $\zeta_-(M_I) = 0$ .

*Proof.* We make use of the universal character  $\zeta_Q : \text{QSym} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  given by

$$\zeta_Q(M_I) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \ell(I) = 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

By [1, Theorem 4.1], there is a unique homomorphism  $\Psi : \text{QSym} \rightarrow \text{QSym}$  such that  $\zeta_Q \circ \Psi = \zeta$ . Further,  $\Psi$  is given by

$$\Psi(M_I) = \sum_{I=I_1 I_2 \cdots I_h} \zeta(M_{I_1})\zeta(M_{I_2}) \cdots \zeta(M_{I_h})M_{(|I_1|, \dots, |I_h|)},$$

where the sum is over all decompositions of  $I$  into a juxtaposition  $I_1 I_2 \cdots I_h$  of compositions. Lemma 2.2 of [2] implies that  $\zeta_{Q-} \circ \Psi = \zeta_-$ , so

$$\zeta_-(M_I) = \sum_{I=I_1 I_2 \cdots I_h} \zeta(M_{I_1})\zeta(M_{I_2}) \cdots \zeta(M_{I_h})\zeta_{Q-}(M_{(|I_1|, \dots, |I_h|)}).$$

Now an explicit formula for  $\zeta_{Q-}(M_J)$  is given by [2, Theorem 3.2], which implies that  $\zeta_{Q-}(M_J) = 0$  whenever the last part of  $J$  is even. Since  $(|I_1|, |I_2|, \dots, |I_h|)$  is even whenever  $I$  is, the conclusion follows.  $\square$

It follows from the preceding result and equation (13) that  $\zeta_+(M_I) = \zeta(M_I)$  for  $I$  even. Nevertheless, for most compositions  $I$  with  $|I|$  even it is no easier to compute  $\zeta_+(M_I)$  or  $\zeta_-(M_I)$  than  $\zeta(M_I)$ . In fact, the bound on the degree of  $\gamma$  in  $\zeta(M_I)$  given by Theorem 2 need not hold for  $\zeta_+(M_I)$  and  $\zeta_-(M_I)$ . For example,

$$\zeta(M_{(1,2,3)}) = \zeta(3, 2, 1) = 3\zeta(3)^2 - \frac{203}{48}\zeta(6),$$

while

$$\zeta_+(M_{(1,2,3)}) = -\gamma\zeta(2)\zeta(3) + \frac{11}{4}\gamma\zeta(5) + \frac{5}{2}\zeta(3)^2 - \frac{203}{48}\zeta(6)$$

and

$$\zeta_-(M_{(1,2,3)}) = \gamma\zeta(2)\zeta(3) - \frac{11}{4}\gamma\zeta(5) + \frac{1}{2}\zeta(3)^2$$

(note equation (13) gives  $\zeta(M_{(1,2,3)}) = \zeta_+(M_{(1,2,3)}) + \zeta_-(M_{(1,2,3)})$  here). As we see in the next section, the situation is dramatically different when these characters are restricted to  $\text{Sym} \subset \text{QSym}$ .

## 4 The restriction of $\zeta$ to $\text{Sym}$

The vector space  $\text{Sym}$  has the various bases  $m_\lambda$ ,  $e_\lambda$ ,  $h_\lambda$ ,  $p_\lambda$  and  $s_\lambda$  discussed in §2. We shall consider the last two bases first. We know the values of  $\zeta$  in the basis elements  $p_\lambda$  immediately from the definition, since

$$\zeta(p_i) = \begin{cases} \gamma, & \text{if } i = 1, \\ \zeta(i), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

From Theorem 4 and Euler's identity for  $\zeta(i)$ ,  $i$  even,

$$\zeta_+(p_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{2^{i-1}|B_i|}{i!}\pi^i, & \text{if } i \text{ is even,} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

so it follows that  $\zeta_+(u)$  for an element  $u \in \text{Sym}$  of even degree  $d$  is a rational multiple of  $\pi^d$  (or alternatively of  $\zeta(d)$ ). Of course  $\zeta_+(u) = 0$  if  $u$  has odd degree. Also

$$\zeta_-(p_i) = \begin{cases} \gamma, & \text{if } i = 1, \\ \zeta(i), & \text{if } i > 1 \text{ is odd,} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

so the value  $\zeta_-(u)$  on any  $u \in \text{Sym}$  is a polynomial in  $\gamma, \zeta(3), \zeta(5), \dots$ .

Now the transition matrix from the  $p_\lambda$  to the Schur functions  $s_\lambda$  is provided by the character table of the symmetric group  $S_n$  (see [20, I, §7]). The irreducible characters of  $S_n$  are indexed by the partitions of  $n$ : let  $\chi^\lambda$  be the character associated with  $\lambda$ . The

value  $\chi^\lambda(\sigma)$  of the character  $\chi^\lambda$  on a permutation  $\sigma \in S_n$  only depends on the conjugacy class of  $\sigma$ , i.e., its cycle-type: the cycle-type corresponding to the partition  $\rho \vdash n$  is

$$\{\sigma \in S_n : \sigma \text{ has } m_i(\rho) \text{ } i\text{-cycles for } 1 \leq i \leq n\},$$

where  $m_i(\rho)$  is the number of parts of  $\rho$  equal to  $i$ . If we let  $\chi_\rho^\lambda = \chi^\lambda(\sigma)$  for  $\sigma$  of cycle-type  $\rho$ , the numbers  $\chi_\rho^\lambda$  completely determine the character  $\chi^\lambda$ . From [20] we have the following result.

**Proposition.** *For any partition  $\lambda$  of  $n$ ,*

$$s_\lambda = \sum_{\rho \vdash n} \frac{\chi_\rho^\lambda}{z_\rho} p_\rho, \quad (15)$$

where

$$z_\rho = m_1(\rho)! m_2(\rho)! 2^{m_2(\rho)} m_3(\rho)! 3^{m_3(\rho)} \dots$$

Two special cases are worth noting:  $\lambda = (n)$  and  $\lambda = (1^n)$ . In the first case  $\chi^{(n)}$  is the trivial character, and equation (15) is

$$h_n = \sum_{i_1+2i_2+\dots=n} \frac{1}{i_1! 1^{i_1} i_2! 2^{i_2} \dots i_n! n^{i_n}} p_1^{i_1} p_2^{i_2} \dots p_n^{i_n}. \quad (16)$$

In the second,  $\chi^{(1^n)}$  is the alternating character of  $S_n$ , i.e.,

$$\chi^{(1^n)}(\sigma) = \text{sign of } \sigma = (-1)^{m_2(\rho)+m_4(\rho)+\dots}$$

where  $\rho$  is the cycle-type of  $\sigma$ . In this case equation (15) becomes

$$e_n = \sum_{i_1+2i_2+\dots=n} \frac{(-1)^{i_2+i_4+\dots}}{i_1! 1^{i_1} i_2! 2^{i_2} \dots i_n! n^{i_n}} p_1^{i_1} p_2^{i_2} \dots p_n^{i_n}. \quad (17)$$

At this point we could compute  $\zeta$  on the bases  $h_\lambda$  and  $e_\lambda$  by applying  $\zeta$  to equations (16) and (17) respectively (cf. [10, Prop. 2]). But as we shall see shortly, it is much more efficient to split  $\zeta$  into even and odd parts.

Applying  $\zeta$  to equation (15), we obtain

$$\zeta(s_\lambda) = \sum_{\rho \vdash n} \frac{\chi_\rho^\lambda}{z_\rho} \gamma^{m_1(\rho)} \zeta(2)^{m_2(\rho)} \zeta(3)^{m_3(\rho)} \dots,$$

which can be written in the alternative form

$$\zeta(s_\lambda) = \sum_{\rho \vdash n} \frac{\chi_\rho^\lambda N(\rho)}{n!} \gamma^{m_1(\rho)} \zeta(2)^{m_2(\rho)} \zeta(3)^{m_3(\rho)} \dots, \quad (18)$$

where  $N(\rho)$  is the number of permutations of cycle-type  $\rho$ . For example, using the tables of group characters in [18], equation (18) gives

$$\begin{aligned}\zeta(s_{(3,2,1)}) &= \frac{16}{6!}\gamma^6 - \frac{2 \cdot 40}{6!}\gamma^3\zeta(3) + \frac{144}{6!}\gamma\zeta(5) - \frac{2 \cdot 40}{6!}\zeta(3)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{45}\gamma^6 - \frac{1}{9}\gamma^3\zeta(3) + \frac{1}{5}\gamma\zeta(5) - \frac{1}{9}\zeta(3)^2.\end{aligned}$$

Now we turn to the values of  $\zeta$  on the bases  $e_\lambda$  and  $h_\lambda$ . The two are closely related, because the automorphism  $\omega$  of  $\text{Sym}$  defined by  $\omega(u) = (-1)^{|u|}S(u)$  simply exchanges the two (see [20, I,§2]). The values of  $\zeta_+(e_n)$  and  $\zeta_+(h_n)$  are given by the following result.

**Theorem 6.**

$$\zeta_+(H(t)) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi t}{\sin \pi t}} \quad \text{and} \quad \zeta_+(E(t)) = \sqrt{\frac{\sin \pi t}{\pi t}}.$$

*Proof.* The oddness of  $\zeta_-$  means it is  $\omega$ -invariant, so  $\omega(E(t)) = H(t)$  implies

$$\zeta_-(H(t)) = \zeta_-(E(t)). \quad (19)$$

Since  $\zeta_+(H(t))$  is an even function of  $t$ ,

$$\zeta_+(H(t)) = \zeta_+(H(-t)) = \zeta_+(E(t)^{-1}) = \zeta_+(E(t))^{-1}. \quad (20)$$

Now using equations (4) and (5) together with (10), we have

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma(1-t)\Gamma(1+t) &= \zeta(H(t))\zeta(E(t))^{-1} \\ &= \zeta_+(H(t))\zeta_-(H(t))\zeta_+(E(t))^{-1}\zeta_-(E(t))^{-1},\end{aligned}$$

and from equations (19) and (20) the right-hand side simplifies to  $\zeta_+(H(t))^2$ . Using the reflection formula for the gamma function and taking square roots, we have

$$\zeta_+(H(t)) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi t}{\sin \pi t}}$$

and thus, by equation (20), the conclusion. □

From the preceding result, the  $\zeta_-(e_n)$  are given by

$$\zeta_-(E(t)) = \zeta_-(H(t)) = \frac{\zeta(H(t))}{\zeta_+(H(t))} = \Gamma(1-t)\sqrt{\frac{\sin \pi t}{\pi t}}.$$

We can also apply  $\zeta_-$  to both sides of equation (17) to obtain

$$\zeta_-(e_n) = \sum_{i_1+3i_3+5i_5+\dots=n} \frac{\gamma^{i_1}\zeta(3)^{i_3}\zeta(5)^{i_5}\dots}{i_1!1^{i_1}i_3!3^{i_3}i_5!5^{i_5}\dots} \quad (21)$$

for all positive integers  $n$ .

Since the  $e_n$  are divided powers,

$$\zeta(e_n) = \sum_{i+j=n} \zeta_+(e_i)\zeta_-(e_j), \quad (22)$$

and we need only consider those terms in the sum (22) with  $i$  even. So from

$$\sqrt{\frac{\sin \pi t}{\pi t}} = 1 - \frac{\pi^2 t}{12} + \frac{\pi^4 t^4}{1440} - \frac{\pi^6 t^6}{24192} + \dots$$

we can compute  $\zeta(e_6)$  using equations (21) and (22) as

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_-(e_6) + \zeta_+(e_2)\zeta_-(e_4) + \zeta_+(e_4)\zeta_-(e_2) + \zeta_+(e_6) &= \\ \frac{\gamma^6}{720} + \frac{\gamma^3\zeta(3)}{18} + \frac{\gamma\zeta(5)}{5} + \frac{\zeta(3)^2}{18} - \frac{\pi^2}{12} \left( \frac{\gamma^4}{24} + \frac{\gamma\zeta(3)}{3} \right) + \frac{\pi^4}{1440} \frac{\gamma^2}{2} - \frac{\pi^6}{24192} \\ &= \frac{\gamma^6}{720} - \frac{\gamma^4\pi^2}{288} + \frac{\gamma^3\zeta(3)}{18} + \frac{\gamma^2\pi^4}{2880} + \gamma \left( \frac{\zeta(5)}{5} - \frac{\pi^2\zeta(3)}{36} \right) + \frac{\zeta(3)^2}{18} - \frac{\pi^6}{24192}. \end{aligned}$$

The  $h_n$  are also divided powers, so we can compute  $\zeta(h_n)$  similarly, using Theorem 6 and equation (21) (since  $\zeta_-(e_n) = \zeta_-(h_n)$ ).

Finally, we consider the basis  $m_\lambda$ . Since the power-sums  $p_i$  generate Sym over the rational numbers, there exists for each partition  $\lambda$  a polynomial  $P_\lambda$  (with rational coefficients) so that

$$m_\lambda = P_\lambda(p_1, p_2, \dots).$$

From Theorem 4 we then have

$$\zeta_+(m_\lambda) = P_\lambda(0, \zeta(2), 0, \zeta(4), 0, \dots) \quad (23)$$

and

$$\zeta_-(m_\lambda) = P_\lambda(\gamma, 0, \zeta(3), 0, \zeta(5), 0, \dots), \quad (24)$$

since  $\zeta_+$  and  $\zeta_-$  are homomorphisms. (Of course,  $\zeta_+(m_\lambda) = 0$  if  $|\lambda|$  is odd.) Once  $\zeta_+$  and  $\zeta_-$  are known on the monomial basis, the values of  $\zeta$  can be computed using the fact [8] that

$$\Delta(m_\lambda) = \sum_{\alpha \cup \beta = \lambda} m_\alpha \otimes m_\beta,$$

where  $\alpha \cup \beta$  means the union as multisets. Therefore

$$\zeta(m_\lambda) = \sum_{\alpha \cup \beta = \lambda} \zeta_+(m_\alpha)\zeta_-(m_\beta). \quad (25)$$

Note that we need only consider those terms in (25) with  $|\alpha|$  even.

In fact the polynomials  $P_\lambda$  have an explicit formula, which follows from [16, Theorem 2.3] (see also [12, Theorem 2.2]). We need some notation. If  $\mathcal{B} = \{B_1, \dots, B_l\}$  is a partition of the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ , we write

$$c(\mathcal{B}) = (-1)^{k-l} (\text{card } B_1 - 1)! (\text{card } B_2 - 1)! \dots (\text{card } B_l - 1)!.$$

Then our formula is as follows.

**Theorem 7.** For  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k) \in \Pi$ ,

$$m_\lambda = \frac{1}{m_1(\lambda)!m_2(\lambda)! \dots} \sum_{\text{partitions } \mathcal{B} = \{B_1, \dots, B_l\} \text{ of } \{1, \dots, k\}} c(\mathcal{B}) p_{b_1} p_{b_2} \dots p_{b_l},$$

where  $b_i = \sum_{j \in B_i} \lambda_j$ .

For example, taking partitions into two parts we have

$$m_{(a,b)} = p_a p_b - p_{a+b} \quad (26)$$

$$m_{(a,a)} = \frac{1}{2}(p_a^2 - p_{2a}) \quad (27)$$

and taking those with three parts gives

$$m_{(a,b,c)} = p_a p_b p_c - p_a p_{b+c} - p_b p_{a+c} - p_c p_{a+b} + 2p_{a+b+c} \quad (28)$$

$$m_{(a,b,b)} = \frac{1}{2}(p_a p_b^2 - 2p_b p_{a+b} - p_a p_{2b} + 2p_{a+2b}) \quad (29)$$

$$m_{(a,a,a)} = \frac{1}{6}(p_a^3 - 3p_a p_{2a} + 2p_{3a}) \quad (30)$$

for  $a, b, c$  distinct.

The characters  $\zeta$ ,  $\zeta_+$ ,  $\zeta_-$  can be computed on any  $m_\lambda$  by applying them to Theorem 7. But since it involves a sum over set partitions, the theorem is less effective computationally than it appears. Nevertheless, for some partitions  $\lambda$  the sum in Theorem 7 reduces to a sum over integer partitions. With a little work, equation (17) can be derived from Theorem 7 with  $\lambda = (1^n)$ . We also have the following result on hook partitions  $\lambda = (n, 1^t)$ .

**Corollary.** If  $n > 1$ , then

$$m_{(n, 1^t)} = \sum_{j=0}^t (-1)^j p_{n+j} e_{t-j}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda = (n, 1^t)$ , and consider a partition

$$\mathcal{B} = \{B_1, \dots, B_l\} \quad \text{of} \quad \{1, 2, \dots, t+1\}.$$

We order the blocks  $B_i$  so that  $B_1$  always includes 1. The  $b_i$  as in the conclusion of Theorem 7 are  $b_1 = n + \text{card } B_1 - 1$ , and  $b_i = \text{card } B_i$  for  $i > 1$ . The sets  $B_1 - \{1\}, B_2, \dots, B_l$  form a partition of  $\{2, \dots, t+1\}$ : let  $c_1, \dots, c_l$  be their respective cardinalities. Then

$$c(\mathcal{B}) = (-1)^{t+1-l} c_1! (c_2 - 1)! \dots (c_l - 1)!. \quad (31)$$

The number of distinct partitions of  $\{2, \dots, t+1\}$  corresponding to given values of  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_l$  is

$$\binom{t}{c_1 \ c_2 \ \dots \ c_l} \frac{1}{i_1! i_2! \dots}, \quad (32)$$

where  $i_j = \text{card}\{m \geq 2 : c_m = j\}$ . The factors (31) and (32) have product

$$(-1)^{t-(l-1)} \frac{t!}{c_2 c_3 \cdots c_l} \frac{1}{i_1! i_2! \cdots} = (-1)^{t+i_1+i_2+\cdots} \frac{t!}{i_1! 1^{i_1} i_2! 2^{i_2} \cdots},$$

and from Theorem 7 it follows that

$$m_{(n,1^t)} = \sum_{i_1+2i_2+\cdots \leq t} \frac{(-1)^{t+i_1+i_2+\cdots}}{i_1! 1^{i_1} i_2! 2^{i_2} \cdots} p_{n+t-i_1-2i_2-\cdots} p_1^{i_1} p_2^{i_2} \cdots.$$

Now apply equation (17) to obtain the conclusion.  $\square$

Applying  $\zeta_+$  and  $\zeta_-$  to both sides of the preceding result,

$$\zeta_+(m_{(n,1^t)}) = (-1)^t \sum_{i=0}^t \zeta_+(p_{n+i}) \zeta_+(e_{t-i}) \quad (33)$$

and

$$\zeta_-(m_{(n,1^t)}) = (-1)^{n+1} \sum_{i=0}^t \zeta_-(p_{n+i}) \zeta_-(e_{t-i}), \quad (34)$$

where in equation (33) we only include terms with  $n+i$  even, and in (34) we only take terms with  $n+i$  odd. To illustrate these formulas, we compute the values of  $\zeta$ ,  $\zeta_+$  and  $\zeta_-$  on  $m_{(5,1^3)}$ . Equations (33) and (34) give respectively

$$\zeta_+(m_{(5,1^3)}) = (-1)^3 (\zeta(6) \zeta_+(e_2) + \zeta(8)) = -\frac{1}{6} \zeta(8)$$

and

$$\zeta_-(m_{(5,1^3)}) = (-1)^6 (\zeta(5) \zeta_-(e_3) + \zeta(7) \zeta_-(e_1)) = \frac{1}{6} \gamma^3 \zeta(5) + \gamma \zeta(7) + \frac{1}{3} \zeta(3) \zeta(5)$$

Now apply equation (25) to get

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(m_{(5,1^3)}) &= \zeta_-(m_{(5,1^3)}) + \zeta_+(e_2) \zeta_-(m_{(5,1)}) + \zeta_+(m_{(5,1)}) \zeta_-(e_2) + \zeta_+(m_{(5,1^3)}) \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \gamma^3 \zeta(5) - \frac{1}{2} \gamma^2 \zeta(6) + \gamma (\zeta(7) - \frac{1}{2} \zeta(2) \zeta(5)) + \frac{1}{3} \zeta(3) \zeta(5) - \frac{1}{6} \zeta(8). \end{aligned}$$

A table of the polynomials  $P_\lambda$  can also be built up by formal antidifferentiation, as we now explain.

**Theorem 8.** *For any partitions  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ , define*

$$P_{\lambda-\mu} = \begin{cases} P_\pi, & \text{if } \lambda = \mu \cup \pi, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Then*

$$\frac{\partial P_\lambda}{\partial p_r} = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{\mu \vdash r} c_\mu P_{\lambda-\mu},$$

*where*

$$p_r = \sum_{\mu \vdash r} c_\mu h_\mu.$$

*Proof.* We recall the inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  defined by (11). For all partitions  $\pi$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \frac{\partial P_\lambda}{\partial p_r}(p_1, p_2, \dots), h_\pi \right\rangle &= \frac{1}{r} \langle p_r^\perp m_\lambda, h_\pi \rangle = \frac{1}{r} \langle m_\lambda, p_r h_\pi \rangle = \\ &= \frac{1}{r} \sum_{\mu \vdash r} c_\mu \langle m_\lambda, h_{\mu \cup \pi} \rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{r} \sum_{\mu \vdash r} c_\mu P_{\lambda-\mu}(p_1, p_2, \dots), h_\pi \right\rangle, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used equation (12). □

Thus, from

$$\begin{aligned} p_1 &= h_1 \\ p_3 &= h_1^3 - 3h_1h_2 + 3h_3 \\ p_5 &= h_1^5 - 5h_1^3h_2 + 5h_1^2h_3 + 5h_1h_2^2 - 5h_1h_4 - 5h_2h_3 + 5h_5 \end{aligned}$$

it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial P_\lambda}{\partial p_1} &= P_{\lambda-(1)} \\ \frac{\partial P_\lambda}{\partial p_3} &= \frac{1}{3} P_{\lambda-(1^3)} - P_{\lambda-(2,1)} + P_{\lambda-(3)} \\ \frac{\partial P_\lambda}{\partial p_5} &= \frac{1}{5} P_{\lambda-(1^5)} - P_{\lambda-(2,1^3)} + P_{\lambda-(3,1,1)} + P_{\lambda-(2,2,1)} - P_{\lambda-(4,1)} - P_{\lambda-(2,3)} + P_{\lambda-(5)}. \end{aligned}$$

Now to find, e.g.,  $\zeta_-(m_{(5,3,1,1)})$  we begin with

$$\zeta_-(m_{(5,3,1)}) = \gamma \zeta(3) \zeta(5) + 2\zeta(9),$$

obtainable by applying  $\zeta_-$  to equation (28). From the preceding result with  $r = 1$ ,

$$\zeta_-(m_{(5,3,1,1)}) = \frac{1}{2} \gamma^2 \zeta(3) \zeta(5) + 2\gamma \zeta(9) + \alpha \zeta(3) \zeta(7) + \beta \zeta(5)^2$$

for some rational numbers  $\alpha, \beta$ . Since

$$\frac{\partial P_{(5,3,1,1)}}{\partial p_3} = P_{(5,1,1)}$$

we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \gamma^2 \zeta(5) + \alpha \zeta(7) = \zeta_-(m_{(5,1,1)}),$$

and comparing with  $\zeta_-$  applied to equation (29) (with  $a = 5$  and  $b = 1$ ) gives  $\alpha = 1$ . But also

$$\frac{\partial P_{(5,3,1,1)}}{\partial p_5} = P_{(3,1,1)} + P_{(5)},$$

so

$$\frac{1}{2} \gamma^2 \zeta(3) + 2\beta \zeta(5) = \zeta_-(m_{(3,1,1)}) + \zeta(5)$$

from which we see that  $\beta = 1$ . Thus

$$\zeta_{-}(m_{(5,3,1,1)}) = \frac{1}{2}\gamma^2\zeta(3)\zeta(5) + 2\gamma\zeta(9) + \zeta(3)\zeta(7) + \zeta(5)^2.$$

Another check on tables of  $\zeta_{-}(m_{\lambda})$  is provided by a series of identities that show certain symmetric functions are in the kernel of  $\zeta_{-}$ . For  $\pi \in \Pi$ , let  $L(\pi)$  be the number of parts of  $\pi$  of size greater than 1. Set

$$L_{n,k} = \sum_{|\pi|=n, L(\pi)=k} m_{\pi}.$$

Note that  $L_{n,k} = 0$  unless  $k \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ . We define the “excess” of  $L_{n,k}$  by  $e(L_{n,k}) = n - 2k$ , so the excess of a nonzero  $L_{n,k}$  is always nonnegative.

**Lemma.** *For integers  $e \geq 1$  and  $k \geq 0$ ,*

$$p_1 L_{2k+e-1,k} + p_2 L_{2k+e-2,k} + \cdots + p_e L_{2k,k} = e L_{2k+e,k} + 2(k+1) L_{2k+e,k+1}.$$

*Proof.* First note that if we define  $L(I)$  for a composition  $I$  to be the number of parts of  $I$  of size greater than 1, then

$$L_{n,k} = \sum_{|I|=n, L(I)=k} M_I.$$

Consider an individual monomial quasi-symmetric function in  $L_{2k+e,k}$ , say  $M_{(2,1,4,2,1)}$  in the case  $k = 3$  and  $e = 4$ . It can arise in the sum

$$M_{(1)} L_{2k+e-1,k} + M_{(2)} L_{2k+e-2,k} + \cdots + M_{(e)} L_{2k,k} \tag{35}$$

from  $M_{(1)} M_{(2,4,2,1)}$ ,  $M_{(1)} M_{(2,1,4,2)}$ ,  $M_{(1)} M_{(2,1,3,2,1)}$ , and  $M_{(2)} M_{(2,1,2,2,1)}$ . More generally,  $M_I$  in  $L_{2k+e,k}$  arises in (35) in

$$P_1(I) - P_2(I) + P_3(I) + P_4(I) + \cdots = |I| - 2P_2(I) \tag{36}$$

ways, where  $P_r(I)$  is the number of parts of  $I$  of size  $\geq r$ . But in fact (36) is just the excess  $e$  of  $L_{2k+e,k}$ , thus establishing the coefficient  $e$  in the lemma. Now consider a monomial quasi-symmetric function in  $L_{2k+e,k+1}$ , say  $M_{(2,3,2,3)}$  in the case  $k = 3, e = 4$ . It can arise in (35) from any of the eight terms

$$\begin{aligned} &M_{(1)} M_{(1,3,2,3)}, M_{(1)} M_{(2,2,2,3)}, M_{(1)} M_{(2,3,1,3)}, M_{(1)} M_{(2,3,2,2)}, \\ &M_{(2)} M_{(3,2,3)}, M_{(2)} M_{(2,3,3)}, M_{(3)} M_{(2,2,3)}, M_{(3)} M_{(2,3,2)}. \end{aligned}$$

In general,  $M_I$  in  $L_{2k+e,k+1}$  arises in (35) in  $2(k+1)$  ways, giving the coefficient  $2(k+1)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 9.** *If  $k \geq 1$ , then  $\zeta_{-}(L_{n,k}) = 0$ .*

*Proof.* We use induction on the excess of  $L_{n,k}$ . Since for  $k \geq 1$

$$\zeta_-(L_{2k,k}) = \zeta_-(m_{(2,2,\dots,2)}) = 0,$$

the theorem evidently holds for excess 0. Suppose it holds for excess  $\leq n$ . From the lemma we have

$$L_{n+2k+1,k} = \frac{1}{n+1} [p_1 L_{n+2k,k} + \dots + p_{n+1} L_{2k,k} - 2(k+1)L_{n+2k+1,k+1}],$$

and every  $L$  on the right-hand side has excess  $n$  or less. Applying  $\zeta_-$  to both sides, it follows from the induction hypothesis that the theorem also holds for  $L_{n+2k+1,k}$ .  $\square$

**Remark.** If  $k = 0$ , then  $\zeta_-(L_{n,k}) = \zeta_-(e_n)$  is given by equation (21).

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# Appendix: $\zeta$ , $\zeta_+$ and $\zeta_-$ on Sym in monomial basis for weight $\leq 7$

|               | $\zeta$                                                                                                           | $\zeta_+$              | $\zeta_-$                                                                   |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $m_{(1)}$     | $\gamma$                                                                                                          | 0                      | $\gamma$                                                                    |
| $m_{(2)}$     | $\zeta(2)$                                                                                                        | $\zeta(2)$             | 0                                                                           |
| $m_{(1^2)}$   | $\frac{1}{2}\gamma^2 - \frac{1}{2}\zeta(2)$                                                                       | $-\frac{1}{2}\zeta(2)$ | $\frac{1}{2}\gamma^2$                                                       |
| $m_{(3)}$     | $\zeta(3)$                                                                                                        | 0                      | $\zeta(3)$                                                                  |
| $m_{(2,1)}$   | $\gamma\zeta(2) - \zeta(3)$                                                                                       | 0                      | $-\zeta(3)$                                                                 |
| $m_{(1^3)}$   | $\frac{1}{6}\gamma^3 - \frac{1}{2}\gamma\zeta(2) + \frac{1}{3}\zeta(3)$                                           | 0                      | $\frac{1}{6}\gamma^3 + \frac{1}{3}\zeta(3)$                                 |
| $m_{(4)}$     | $\zeta(4)$                                                                                                        | $\zeta(4)$             | 0                                                                           |
| $m_{(3,1)}$   | $\gamma\zeta(3) - \zeta(4)$                                                                                       | $-\zeta(4)$            | $\gamma\zeta(3)$                                                            |
| $m_{(2^2)}$   | $\frac{3}{4}\zeta(4)$                                                                                             | $\frac{3}{4}\zeta(4)$  | 0                                                                           |
| $m_{(2,1^2)}$ | $\frac{1}{2}\gamma^2\zeta(2) - \gamma\zeta(3) - \frac{1}{4}\zeta(4)$                                              | $-\frac{1}{4}\zeta(4)$ | $-\gamma\zeta(3)$                                                           |
| $m_{(1^4)}$   | $\frac{1}{24}\gamma^4 - \frac{1}{4}\gamma^2\zeta(2) + \frac{1}{3}\gamma\zeta(3) + \frac{1}{16}\zeta(4)$           | $\frac{1}{16}\zeta(4)$ | $\frac{1}{24}\gamma^4 + \frac{1}{3}\gamma\zeta(3)$                          |
| $m_{(5)}$     | $\zeta(5)$                                                                                                        | 0                      | $\zeta(5)$                                                                  |
| $m_{(4,1)}$   | $\gamma\zeta(4) - \zeta(5)$                                                                                       | 0                      | $-\zeta(5)$                                                                 |
| $m_{(3,2)}$   | $\zeta(2)\zeta(3) - \zeta(5)$                                                                                     | 0                      | $-\zeta(5)$                                                                 |
| $m_{(3,1^2)}$ | $\frac{1}{2}\gamma^2\zeta(3) - \gamma\zeta(4) - \frac{1}{2}\zeta(2)\zeta(3) + \zeta(5)$                           | 0                      | $\frac{1}{2}\gamma^2\zeta(3) + \zeta(5)$                                    |
| $m_{(2^2,1)}$ | $\frac{3}{4}\gamma\zeta(4) - \zeta(2)\zeta(3) + \zeta(5)$                                                         | 0                      | $\zeta(5)$                                                                  |
| $m_{(2,1^3)}$ | $\frac{1}{6}\gamma^3\zeta(2) - \frac{1}{2}\gamma^2\zeta(3) - \frac{1}{4}\gamma\zeta(4)$                           | 0                      | $-\frac{1}{2}\gamma^2\zeta(3) - \zeta(5)$                                   |
|               | $+ \frac{5}{6}\zeta(2)\zeta(3) - \zeta(5)$                                                                        |                        |                                                                             |
| $m_{(1^5)}$   | $\frac{1}{120}\gamma^5 - \frac{1}{12}\gamma^3\zeta(2) + \frac{1}{6}\gamma^2\zeta(3) + \frac{1}{16}\gamma\zeta(4)$ | 0                      | $\frac{1}{120}\gamma^5 + \frac{1}{6}\gamma^2\zeta(3) + \frac{1}{5}\zeta(5)$ |
|               | $- \frac{1}{6}\zeta(2)\zeta(3) + \frac{1}{5}\zeta(5)$                                                             |                        |                                                                             |

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|                 | $\zeta$                                                                                                                                                        |
| $m_{(6)}$       | $\zeta(6)$                                                                                                                                                     |
| $m_{(5,1)}$     | $\gamma\zeta(5) - \zeta(6)$                                                                                                                                    |
| $m_{(4,2)}$     | $\frac{3}{4}\zeta(6)$                                                                                                                                          |
| $m_{(3^2)}$     | $\frac{1}{2}\zeta(3)^2 - \frac{1}{2}\zeta(6)$                                                                                                                  |
| $m_{(4,1^2)}$   | $\frac{1}{2}\gamma^2\zeta(4) - \gamma\zeta(5) + \frac{1}{8}\zeta(6)$                                                                                           |
| $m_{(3,2,1)}$   | $\gamma\zeta(2)\zeta(3) - \gamma\zeta(5) - \zeta(3)^2 + \frac{1}{4}\zeta(6)$                                                                                   |
| $m_{(2^3)}$     | $\frac{3}{16}\zeta(6)$                                                                                                                                         |
| $m_{(3,1^3)}$   | $\frac{1}{6}\gamma^3\zeta(3) - \frac{1}{2}\gamma^2\zeta(4) - \frac{1}{2}\gamma\zeta(2)\zeta(3) + \gamma\zeta(5) + \frac{1}{3}\zeta(3)^2 - \frac{1}{8}\zeta(6)$ |
| $m_{(2^2,1^2)}$ | $\frac{3}{8}\gamma^2\zeta(4) - \gamma\zeta(2)\zeta(3) + \gamma\zeta(5) + \frac{1}{2}\zeta(3)^2 - \frac{13}{32}\zeta(6)$                                        |
| $m_{(2,1^4)}$   | $\frac{1}{24}\gamma^4\zeta(2) - \frac{1}{6}\gamma^3\zeta(3) - \frac{1}{8}\gamma^2\zeta(4) + \frac{5}{6}\gamma\zeta(2)\zeta(3) - \gamma\zeta(5)$                |
|                 | $-\frac{1}{3}\zeta(3)^2 + \frac{15}{64}\zeta(6)$                                                                                                               |
| $m_{(1^6)}$     | $\frac{1}{720}\gamma^6 - \frac{1}{48}\gamma^4\zeta(2) + \frac{1}{18}\gamma^3\zeta(3) + \frac{1}{32}\gamma^2\zeta(4) - \frac{1}{6}\gamma\zeta(2)\zeta(3)$       |
|                 | $+\frac{1}{5}\gamma\zeta(5) + \frac{1}{18}\zeta(3)^2 - \frac{5}{128}\zeta(6)$                                                                                  |

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|                 | $\zeta_+$                | $\zeta_-$                                                                                                   |
| $m_{(6)}$       | $\zeta(6)$               | 0                                                                                                           |
| $m_{(5,1)}$     | $-\zeta(6)$              | $\gamma\zeta(5)$                                                                                            |
| $m_{(4,2)}$     | $\frac{3}{4}\zeta(6)$    | 0                                                                                                           |
| $m_{(3^2)}$     | $-\frac{1}{2}\zeta(6)$   | $\frac{1}{2}\zeta(3)^2$                                                                                     |
| $m_{(4,1^2)}$   | $\frac{1}{8}\zeta(6)$    | $-\gamma\zeta(5)$                                                                                           |
| $m_{(3,2,1)}$   | $\frac{1}{4}\zeta(6)$    | $-\gamma\zeta(5) - \zeta(3)^2$                                                                              |
| $m_{(2^3)}$     | $\frac{3}{16}\zeta(6)$   | 0                                                                                                           |
| $m_{(3,1^3)}$   | $-\frac{1}{8}\zeta(6)$   | $\frac{1}{6}\gamma^3\zeta(3) + \gamma\zeta(5) + \frac{1}{3}\zeta(3)^2$                                      |
| $m_{(2^2,1^2)}$ | $-\frac{13}{32}\zeta(6)$ | $\gamma\zeta(5) + \frac{1}{2}\zeta(3)^2$                                                                    |
| $m_{(2,1^4)}$   | $\frac{15}{64}\zeta(6)$  | $-\frac{1}{6}\gamma^3\zeta(3) - \gamma\zeta(5) - \frac{1}{3}\zeta(3)^2$                                     |
| $m_{(1^6)}$     | $-\frac{5}{128}\zeta(6)$ | $\frac{1}{720}\gamma^6 + \frac{1}{18}\gamma^3\zeta(3) + \frac{1}{5}\gamma\zeta(5) + \frac{1}{18}\zeta(3)^2$ |

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|                 | $\zeta$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| $m_{(7)}$       | $\zeta(7)$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| $m_{(6,1)}$     | $\gamma\zeta(6) - \zeta(7)$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| $m_{(5,2)}$     | $\zeta(2)\zeta(5) - \zeta(7)$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| $m_{(4,3)}$     | $\zeta(3)\zeta(4) - \zeta(7)$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| $m_{(5,1^2)}$   | $\frac{1}{2}\gamma^2\zeta(5) - \gamma\zeta(6) - \frac{1}{2}\zeta(2)\zeta(5) + \zeta(7)$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| $m_{(4,2,1)}$   | $\frac{3}{4}\gamma\zeta(6) - \zeta(2)\zeta(5) - \zeta(3)\zeta(4) + 2\zeta(7)$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| $m_{(3^2,1)}$   | $\frac{1}{2}\gamma\zeta(3)^2 - \frac{1}{2}\gamma\zeta(6) - \zeta(3)\zeta(4) + \zeta(7)$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| $m_{(3,2^2)}$   | $\frac{3}{4}\zeta(3)\zeta(4) - \zeta(2)\zeta(5) + \zeta(7)$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| $m_{(4,1^3)}$   | $\frac{1}{6}\gamma^3\zeta(4) - \frac{1}{2}\gamma^2\zeta(5) + \frac{1}{8}\gamma\zeta(6) + \frac{1}{3}\zeta(3)\zeta(4) + \frac{1}{2}\zeta(2)\zeta(5) - \zeta(7)$                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| $m_{(3,2,1^2)}$ | $\frac{1}{2}\gamma^2\zeta(2)\zeta(3) - \frac{1}{2}\gamma^2\zeta(5) - \gamma\zeta(3)^2 + \frac{1}{4}\gamma\zeta(6) + \frac{3}{4}\zeta(3)\zeta(4)$<br>$+ \frac{3}{2}\zeta(2)\zeta(5) - 3\zeta(7)$                                                                                                                                                    |
| $m_{(2^3,1)}$   | $\frac{3}{16}\gamma\zeta(6) - \frac{3}{4}\zeta(3)\zeta(4) + \zeta(2)\zeta(5) - \zeta(7)$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| $m_{(3,1^4)}$   | $\frac{1}{24}\gamma^4\zeta(3) - \frac{1}{6}\gamma^3\zeta(4) - \frac{1}{4}\gamma^2\zeta(2)\zeta(3) + \frac{1}{2}\gamma^2\zeta(5) + \frac{1}{3}\gamma\zeta(3)^2 - \frac{1}{8}\gamma\zeta(6)$<br>$- \frac{13}{48}\zeta(3)\zeta(4) - \frac{1}{2}\zeta(2)\zeta(5) + \zeta(7)$                                                                           |
| $m_{(2^2,1^3)}$ | $\frac{1}{8}\gamma^3\zeta(4) - \frac{1}{2}\gamma^2\zeta(2)\zeta(3) + \frac{1}{2}\gamma^2\zeta(5) + \frac{1}{2}\gamma\zeta(3)^2 - \frac{13}{32}\gamma\zeta(6)$<br>$+ \frac{1}{2}\zeta(3)\zeta(4) - \frac{3}{2}\zeta(2)\zeta(5) + 2\zeta(7)$                                                                                                         |
| $m_{(2,1^5)}$   | $\frac{1}{120}\gamma^5\zeta(2) - \frac{1}{24}\gamma^4\zeta(3) - \frac{1}{24}\gamma^3\zeta(4) + \frac{5}{12}\gamma^2\zeta(2)\zeta(3) - \frac{1}{2}\gamma^2\zeta(5)$<br>$- \frac{1}{3}\gamma\zeta(3)^2 + \frac{15}{64}\gamma\zeta(6) - \frac{7}{48}\zeta(3)\zeta(4) + \frac{7}{10}\zeta(2)\zeta(5) - \zeta(7)$                                       |
| $m_{(1^7)}$     | $\frac{1}{5040}\gamma^7 - \frac{1}{240}\gamma^5\zeta(2) + \frac{1}{72}\gamma^4\zeta(3) + \frac{1}{96}\gamma^3\zeta(4) - \frac{1}{12}\gamma^2\zeta(2)\zeta(3) + \frac{1}{10}\gamma^2\zeta(5)$<br>$+ \frac{1}{18}\gamma\zeta(3)^2 - \frac{5}{128}\gamma\zeta(6) + \frac{1}{48}\zeta(3)\zeta(4) - \frac{1}{10}\zeta(2)\zeta(5) + \frac{1}{7}\zeta(7)$ |

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|                 | $\zeta_+$ | $\zeta_-$                                                                                                                                   |
| $m_{(7)}$       | 0         | $\zeta(7)$                                                                                                                                  |
| $m_{(6,1)}$     | 0         | $-\zeta(7)$                                                                                                                                 |
| $m_{(5,2)}$     | 0         | $-\zeta(7)$                                                                                                                                 |
| $m_{(4,3)}$     | 0         | $-\zeta(7)$                                                                                                                                 |
| $m_{(5,1^2)}$   | 0         | $\frac{1}{2}\gamma^2\zeta(5) + \zeta(7)$                                                                                                    |
| $m_{(4,2,1)}$   | 0         | $2\zeta(7)$                                                                                                                                 |
| $m_{(3^2,1)}$   | 0         | $\frac{1}{2}\gamma\zeta(3)^2 + \zeta(7)$                                                                                                    |
| $m_{(3,2^2)}$   | 0         | $\zeta(7)$                                                                                                                                  |
| $m_{(4,1^3)}$   | 0         | $-\frac{1}{2}\gamma^2\zeta(5) - \zeta(7)$                                                                                                   |
| $m_{(3,2,1^2)}$ | 0         | $-\frac{1}{2}\gamma^2\zeta(5) - \gamma\zeta(3)^2 - 3\zeta(7)$                                                                               |
| $m_{(2^3,1)}$   | 0         | $-\zeta(7)$                                                                                                                                 |
| $m_{(3,1^4)}$   | 0         | $\frac{1}{24}\gamma^4\zeta(3) + \frac{1}{2}\gamma^2\zeta(5) + \frac{1}{3}\gamma\zeta(3)^2 + \zeta(7)$                                       |
| $m_{(2^2,1^3)}$ | 0         | $\frac{1}{2}\gamma^2\zeta(5) + \frac{1}{2}\gamma\zeta(3)^2 + 2\zeta(7)$                                                                     |
| $m_{(2,1^5)}$   | 0         | $-\frac{1}{24}\gamma^4\zeta(3) - \frac{1}{2}\gamma^2\zeta(5) - \frac{1}{3}\gamma\zeta(3)^2 - \zeta(7)$                                      |
| $m_{(1^7)}$     | 0         | $\frac{1}{5040}\gamma^7 + \frac{1}{72}\gamma^4\zeta(3) + \frac{1}{10}\gamma^2\zeta(5) + \frac{1}{18}\gamma\zeta(3)^2 + \frac{1}{7}\zeta(7)$ |