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Richard P. Stanley* (rstan@math.mit.edu) and **Yinghui Wang**, Department of Mathematics, M.I.T., Cambridge, MA 02139. *Some aspects of (r, k) -parking functions.*

An (r, k) -parking function of length n may be defined as a sequence (a_1, \dots, a_n) of positive integers whose increasing rearrangement $b_1 \leq \dots \leq b_n$ satisfies $b_i \leq k + (i - 1)r$. The case $r = k = 1$ corresponds to ordinary parking functions. If $F_n^{(r, k)}$ denotes the Frobenius characteristic of the action of the symmetric group \mathfrak{S}_n on the set of all (r, k) -parking functions of length n , then we find a combinatorial interpretation of the coefficients of the power series $\left(\sum_{n \geq 0} F_n^{(r, 1)} t^n\right)^k$ for any $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. For fixed r , we can use the symmetric functions $F_n^{(r, 1)}$ to define a multiplicative basis for the ring Λ of symmetric functions. We also discuss some of the properties of this basis. (Received July 12, 2016)