

## ON THE SEMISIMPLICITY OF THE CYCLOTOMIC QUIVER HECKE ALGEBRA OF TYPE $C$

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ABSTRACT. We provide criteria for the cyclotomic quiver Hecke algebras of type  $C$  to be semisimple. In the semisimple case, we construct the irreducible modules.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The *quiver Hecke algebras*  $\mathcal{R}_n$  were introduced by Khovanov and Lauda [KL09] and Rouquier [Rou08] to categorify the negative half of quantum groups. Kang and Kashiwara [KK12] later showed that cyclotomic quotients  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$  of  $\mathcal{R}_n$  categorify irreducible highest weight modules with dominant integral highest weight  $\Lambda$ . Motivated and propelled by an isomorphism theorem of Brundan and Kleshchev [BK09], these cyclotomic quotients have received a lot of attention in types  $A_\infty$  and  $A_\ell^{(1)}$ . However, in other types relatively little is known about the cyclotomic quiver Hecke algebras. Among the few results here are Ariki and Park’s results on the representation type of their blocks when  $\Lambda = \Lambda_0$  [AP14, AP16b, AP16a].

One of the first questions one should ask when studying a finite-dimensional algebra is whether or not it is semisimple. In this short note, we will prove semisimplicity criteria for the cyclotomic quiver Hecke algebras  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$  in type  $C$ , over a field, building on previous work [APS17], in which we developed a Specht module theory in types  $C_\infty$  and  $C_\ell^{(1)}$ . Our result is a fundamental step in gaining a better understanding of these algebras.

Now we state our main result – see Section 2 for definitions of the notation used.

**Theorem 1.1** (Main Theorem). *Over a field,  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$  is semisimple if and only if the following two conditions are satisfied:*

- (i) For all  $i \in I$ ,  $\langle \Lambda, \alpha_{i,n}^\vee \rangle \leq 1$ .
- (ii) For all  $1 \leq j \leq l$ ,  $\frac{n-1}{2} \leq \overline{\kappa}_j \leq \ell - \frac{n-1}{2}$ .

Our proof that  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$  is semisimple when the above two conditions hold is inspired by an argument from Mathas’s survey [Mat15] in type  $A$ . In the other direction, when the conditions fail, we explicitly construct modules that have one-dimensional submodules, which we show have no complement, thus concluding that  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$  is not semisimple. In most cases, the modules we construct are in fact Specht modules, and our previous work with Ariki and Park [APS17] is crucial to our proof.

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2. BACKGROUND

We begin by providing a brief summary of the necessary definitions. Throughout, we let  $\mathcal{O}$  denote an arbitrary integral domain. All our modules are left modules.

**2.1. The quiver Hecke algebras.** Let  $\ell \in \{2, 3, \dots\} \cup \{\infty\}$ , and set  $I := \mathbb{Z}/(\ell + 1)\mathbb{Z}$  if  $\ell < \infty$  or  $I = \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  if  $\ell = \infty$ . If  $\ell < \infty$ , we identify  $I$  with the set  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, \ell\}$ . We adopt standard notation from [Kac90] for the root datum of type  $C_\ell^{(1)}$  or  $C_\infty$ . In particular, we have *simple roots*  $\{\alpha_i \mid i \in I\}$ , *simple coroots*  $\{\alpha_i^\vee \mid i \in I\}$ , and we have *fundamental weights*  $\{\Lambda_i \mid i \in I\}$  in the *weight lattice*  $\mathbb{P}$ . We let  $\mathbb{Q}^+ := \bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \alpha_i$  be the *positive cone of the root lattice* and  $\mathbb{P}^+ := \{\Lambda \in \mathbb{P} \mid \langle \Lambda, \alpha_i^\vee \rangle \geq 0 \text{ for all } i \in I\}$  the *positive weight lattice*, where  $\langle -, - \rangle$  is the natural pairing  $\langle \Lambda_i, \alpha_j^\vee \rangle = \delta_{i,j}$ . We say that  $\beta = \sum_{i \in I} a_i \alpha_i \in \mathbb{Q}^+$  has *height*  $\text{ht}(\beta) = \sum_{i \in I} a_i$ , and  $\Lambda = \sum_{i \in I} b_i \Lambda_i \in \mathbb{P}^+$  has *level*  $\sum_{i \in I} b_i$ . Set  $\mathbb{Q}_n^+ := \{\beta \in \mathbb{Q}^+ \mid \text{ht}(\beta) = n\}$ .

For any  $\beta \in \mathbb{Q}_n^+$ , we set  $I^\beta = \{\mathbf{i} \in I^n \mid \alpha_{i_1} + \dots + \alpha_{i_n} = \beta\}$ . The symmetric group  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  acts on elements of  $I^n$  by place permutation.

The *quiver Hecke algebra*  $\mathcal{R}_\beta$  is the unital associative  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebra with generators

$$\{e(\mathbf{i}) \mid \mathbf{i} \in I^\beta\} \cup \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \cup \{\psi_1, \dots, \psi_{n-1}\},$$

subject to the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned} e(\mathbf{i})e(\mathbf{j}) &= \delta_{\mathbf{i},\mathbf{j}}e(\mathbf{i}); & x_r e(\mathbf{i}) &= e(\mathbf{i})x_r; \\ \sum_{\mathbf{i} \in I^\beta} e(\mathbf{i}) &= 1; & x_r x_s &= x_s x_r; \\ \psi_r e(\mathbf{i}) &= e(s_r \mathbf{i})\psi_r; & \psi_r x_s &= x_s \psi_r \quad \text{if } s \neq r, r + 1; \\ x_r \psi_r e(\mathbf{i}) &= (\psi_r x_{r+1} - \delta_{i_r, i_{r+1}})e(\mathbf{i}); & \psi_r \psi_s &= \psi_s \psi_r \quad \text{if } |r - s| > 1; \\ x_{r+1} \psi_r e(\mathbf{i}) &= (\psi_r x_r + \delta_{i_r, i_{r+1}})e(\mathbf{i}); \\ \psi_r^2 e(\mathbf{i}) &= \begin{cases} (x_r + x_{r+1}^2)e(\mathbf{i}) & \text{if } (i_r, i_{r+1}) = (0, 1) \text{ or if } (\ell, \ell - 1); \\ (x_r^2 + x_{r+1})e(\mathbf{i}) & \text{if } (i_r, i_{r+1}) = (1, 0) \text{ or if } (\ell - 1, \ell); \\ (x_r + x_{r+1})e(\mathbf{i}) & \text{if } i_{r+1} = i_r \pm 1, i_r \neq 0 \neq i_{r+1}, i_r \neq \ell \neq i_{r+1}; \\ 0 & \text{if } i_r = i_{r+1}; \\ e(\mathbf{i}) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \\ \psi_{r+1} \psi_r \psi_{r+1} e(\mathbf{i}) &= \begin{cases} (\psi_r \psi_{r+1} \psi_r + x_r + x_{r+2})e(\mathbf{i}) & \text{if } (i_r, i_{r+2}, i_{r+1}) = (1, 0, 1) \\ & \text{or } (\ell - 1, \ell, \ell - 1); \\ (\psi_r \psi_{r+1} \psi_r + 1)e(\mathbf{i}) & \text{if } i_r = i_{r+2} = i_{r+1} \pm 1, \\ & \text{and } i_{r+1} \neq 0, \ell; \\ \psi_r \psi_{r+1} \psi_r e(\mathbf{i}) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

The quiver Hecke algebra  $\mathcal{R}_n$  is defined to be  $\bigoplus_{\beta \in \mathbb{Q}_n^+} \mathcal{R}_\beta$ . These algebras have cyclotomic quotients, which are our primary interest here. The *cyclotomic quiver Hecke algebra*  $\mathcal{R}_\beta^\Lambda$  is the quotient of  $\mathcal{R}_\beta$  by the additional *cyclotomic relations*

$$x_1^{\langle \Lambda, \alpha_{i_1}^\vee \rangle} e(\mathbf{i}) = 0 \text{ for all } \mathbf{i} \in I^\beta.$$

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The quiver Hecke algebras and their cyclotomic quotients may be  $(\mathbb{Z}_-)$ graded by

$$\deg e(\mathbf{i}) = 0, \quad \deg x_r e(\mathbf{i}) = (\alpha_{i_r}, \alpha_{i_r}), \quad \deg \psi_r e(\mathbf{i}) = (\alpha_{i_r}, \alpha_{i_{r+1}}),$$

where  $(-, -)$  is the invariant symmetric bilinear form on  $\mathbb{P}$ .

*Remark.* Technically, we have made a choice of certain polynomials in our definition of the quiver Hecke algebras. See [APS17, §2.1–2.2] for discussion of these polynomials and the choice we have made.

**2.2. Multipartitions and tableaux.** A *partition*  $\lambda$  of  $n$  is a weakly decreasing sequence of non-negative integers  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots)$  such that  $\sum \lambda_i = n$ . We write  $\emptyset$  for the unique partition of 0. For any  $l \geq 1$ , an  $l$ -*multipartition* of  $n$  is an  $l$ -tuple  $\lambda = (\lambda^{(1)}, \dots, \lambda^{(l)})$ . We denote the set of all  $l$ -multipartitions of  $n$  by  $\mathcal{P}_n^l$ . For  $\lambda, \mu \in \mathcal{P}_n^l$ , we say that  $\lambda$  *dominates*  $\mu$ , and write  $\lambda \triangleright \mu$  or  $\mu \triangleleft \lambda$ , if for all  $1 \leq t \leq l$  and  $r \geq 0$ ,

$$|\lambda^{(1)}| + \dots + |\lambda^{(t-1)}| + \sum_{j=1}^r \lambda_r^{(t)} \geq |\mu^{(1)}| + \dots + |\mu^{(t-1)}| + \sum_{j=1}^r \mu_r^{(t)}.$$

For  $\lambda \in \mathcal{P}_n^l$ , we define the *Young diagram*  $[\lambda]$  to be the set

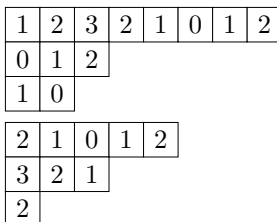
$$\{(r, c, t) \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \times \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \times \{1, \dots, l\} \mid c \leq \lambda_r^{(t)}\}.$$

We call elements of  $[\lambda]$  *nodes*. We draw the Young diagram of a partition using the English convention (where the first coordinate increases down the page and the second coordinate increases from left to right), and of a multipartition as a column vector of Young diagrams for each component. We say that  $A \notin [\lambda]$  is an *addable node* (for  $\lambda$ ) if  $[\lambda] \cup A$  is a valid Young diagram of a multipartition.

Let  $p$  be the natural projection  $p : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\ell\mathbb{Z}$  if  $\ell < \infty$ , and  $p = \text{id}$  if  $\ell = \infty$ . If  $\ell = \infty$ , we define  $f_\ell : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow I$  by  $k \mapsto |k|$ . If  $\ell < \infty$ , we define  $f_\ell : \mathbb{Z}/2\ell\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow I$  by  $\underline{f}_\ell(0) = 0$ ,  $f_\ell(\ell) = \ell$ , and  $f_\ell(k) = f_\ell(2\ell - k) = k$  for  $1 \leq k \leq \ell - 1$ . Then we define  $\cdot : f_\ell \circ p : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow I$ .

Given a *multicharge*  $\kappa = (\kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_l) \in \mathbb{Z}^l$ , we define  $\Lambda_\kappa \in \mathbb{P}^+$  by  $\Lambda_\kappa = \Lambda_{\overline{\kappa_1}} + \dots + \Lambda_{\overline{\kappa_l}}$ . The *residue* of a node  $A = (r, c, t) \in [\lambda]$  is  $\text{res } A = \overline{\kappa_t + c - r}$ . If  $\text{res } A = i$ , we call  $A$  an  $i$ -node.

**Example.** Let  $\ell = 3$ ,  $\kappa = (1, 4)$  and  $\lambda = ((8, 3, 2), (5, 3, 1))$ . Then the Young diagram  $[\lambda]$ , along with the residue pattern, is depicted below.



A  $\lambda$ -tableau is a bijection  $T : [\lambda] \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}$ . We depict  $T$  by filling each node  $(r, c, t)$  with  $T(r, c, t)$ . We say that a  $\lambda$ -tableau is *standard* if in each component, the entries increase along each row and down each column. We denote by  $\text{Std}(\mathcal{P}_n^l)$  the set of all standard tableaux whose shape is an  $l$ -multipartition of  $n$ , and by  $\text{Std}^2(\mathcal{P}_n^l)$  the subset of  $\text{Std}(\mathcal{P}_n^l) \times \text{Std}(\mathcal{P}_n^l)$  consisting of all pairs of standard tableaux of the same shape.

The distinguished tableau  $T^\lambda$  is obtained by filling nodes in order along rows, starting with the first row of  $[\lambda^{(1)}]$  and working down the rows of this component before moving on to successive components.

A *Garnir node*  $A = (r, c, t) \in [\lambda]$  is a node for which  $(r + 1, c, t) \in [\lambda]$ . The corresponding *Garnir belt*  $\mathbf{B}^A$  is the set of nodes

$$\{(r, c, t), (r, c + 1, t), \dots, (r, \lambda_r^{(t)}, t)\} \cup \{(r + 1, 1, t), (r + 1, 2, t), \dots, (r + 1, c, t)\}.$$

We define the *Garnir tableau*  $\mathbf{G}^A$  to be the  $\lambda$ -tableau which agrees with  $T^\lambda$  outside of  $\mathbf{B}^A$ , with the entries in  $\mathbf{B}^A$  in order from left to right along row  $r + 1$ , and then row  $r$ . See [APS17, §1.4] for examples.

The *residue sequence* of a  $\lambda$ -tableau  $T$  is the sequence  $\mathbf{i}^T = (i_1, \dots, i_n)$ , where  $i_r = \text{res } T^{-1}(r)$ . We define  $\mathbf{i}^\lambda = \mathbf{i}^{T^\lambda}$ .

We denote by  $\text{Shp}(T)$  the *shape* of  $T$  – i.e.  $T$  is a  $\text{Shp}(T)$ -tableau. We let  $T_{\downarrow m}$  denote the tableau obtained from  $T$  by deleting all entries greater than  $m$ . Finally, we define the dominance order on tableaux by  $S \trianglelefteq T$  if  $\text{Shp}(S_{\downarrow m}) \trianglelefteq \text{Shp}(T_{\downarrow m})$  for all  $1 \leq m \leq n$ .

For each  $w \in \mathfrak{S}_n$ , we fix a preferred reduced expression  $w = s_{i_1} \dots s_{i_r}$ . For  $T$  a  $\lambda$ -tableau, we define  $w^T \in \mathfrak{S}_n$  to be the permutation such that  $w^T T^\lambda = T$ , where  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  acts on tableaux by permuting entries. If  $w^T = s_{i_1} \dots s_{i_r}$  is our preferred reduced expression for  $w^T$ , we define the element  $\psi_{w^T} = \psi_{i_1} \dots \psi_{i_r} \in \mathcal{R}_n$ .

**2.3. Specht modules.** We will briefly recall the definition of the (graded) Specht modules from [APS17]. The reader should refer to [APS17] for a more thorough treatment of Specht modules, and of the graded module categories of  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$ .

Fix a multicharge  $\kappa \in \mathbb{Z}^l$  and let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{P}_n^l$ . For each Garnir node  $A \in [\lambda]$  we may define the *Garnir element*  $\mathbf{g}^A \in \mathcal{R}_n$ . See [APS17, §3.2] for the definition of  $\mathbf{g}^A$ .

The graded Specht module  $\mathcal{S}_\kappa^\lambda$  is the unital  $\mathcal{R}_n$ -module with generator  $z^\lambda$  of degree  $\text{deg } T^\lambda$  (see [APS17, §1.3]) subject to the relations

- (i)  $e(\mathbf{i})z^\lambda = z^\lambda$ ;
- (ii)  $x_r z^\lambda = 0$  for all  $1 \leq r \leq n$ ;
- (iii)  $\psi_r z^\lambda = 0$  whenever  $r$  and  $r + 1$  lie in the same row of  $T^\lambda$ ;
- (iv)  $\mathbf{g}^A z^\lambda = 0$  for all Garnir nodes  $A \in [\lambda]$ .

For each  $\lambda$ -tableau  $T$ , we define  $v^T = \psi_{w^T} z^\lambda \in \mathcal{S}_\kappa^\lambda$ .

**Theorem 2.1** ([APS17, Theorem 3.12]). *The Specht module  $\mathcal{S}_\kappa^\lambda$  is a graded  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$ -module and is generated by  $\{v^T \mid T \in \text{Std}(\lambda)\}$  as an  $\mathcal{O}$ -module.*

In type  $C_\infty$ , [APS17, Theorem 3.19] tells us that the generating set in Theorem 2.1 is in fact a (homogeneous) basis, and we conjectured in [APS17, Conjecture 5.3] that the same is true in type  $C_\ell^{(1)}$ .

For us, it will suffice to note that  $\mathbf{g}^A = \psi_{w^{\mathbf{g}^A}}$  for all Specht modules we will consider. Indeed, we have [APS17, Equation 3.3]:

$$\mathbf{g}^A = \psi_{w^{\mathbf{g}^A}} + \sum_w a_w \psi_w \quad \text{for some } a_w \in \mathcal{O},$$

where the sum is taken over  $\{w \in \mathfrak{S}_n \mid w < w^{g^A}, \mathbf{i}^{wT^\lambda} = \mathbf{i}^{g^A}, wT^\lambda \text{ is row-strict}\}$ . In every Specht module we will consider in this paper, there is no row-strict  $\lambda$ -tableau which dominates  $g^A$  and has the same residue sequence as  $g^A$ , for any Garnir node  $A$ . In general, however,  $g^A$  will also include these terms indexed by more dominant tableaux with the same residue sequence.

The following lemma will be useful to us later.

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{P}_n^l$ . Then we have the following actions of the generators of  $\mathcal{R}_n$  on the  $\mathcal{O}$ -generating set for  $\mathcal{S}^\lambda$  in Theorem 2.1.*

(i) *Let  $T \in \text{Std}(\lambda)$  and  $1 \leq r \leq n$ . Then*

$$x_r v^T = \sum_{\substack{S \in \text{Std}(\lambda) \\ \mathbf{i}^S = \mathbf{i}^T \\ S \triangleright T}} a_S v^S \quad \text{for some } a_S \in \mathcal{O}.$$

(ii) *Let  $T \in \text{Std}(\lambda)$  and  $1 \leq r < n$ . Then*

$$\psi_r v^T = \sum_{\substack{S \in \text{Std}(\lambda) \\ \mathbf{i}^S = \mathbf{i}^{s_r T} \\ S \triangleright T}} a_S v^S \quad \text{for some } a_S \in \mathcal{O},$$

*unless  $s_r T \in \text{Std}(\lambda)$  and  $s_r w^T$  is a reduced expression of length  $\ell(w^T) + 1$ .*

*Proof.* This is identical to [BKW11, Lemmas 4.8 and 4.9] and [FS16, Lemma 2.14]. □

### 3. SEMISIMPLICITY OF $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$

Let  $\ell \in \{2, 3, \dots\} \cup \{\infty\}$ ,  $\Lambda \in P^+$  be a dominant weight of level  $l \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>1}$  so that we have the cyclotomic quiver Hecke algebra  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$ . Let  $\kappa \in \mathbb{Z}^l$  be any multicharge such that  $\Lambda = \Lambda_\kappa$ .

For  $i \in I$  and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ , we set  $\alpha_{i,k}^\vee = \alpha_i^\vee + \alpha_{i+1}^\vee + \dots + \alpha_{i+k-1}^\vee$ , where the indices are taken modulo  $\ell + 1$ .

The following two conditions will be key in our semisimplicity arguments, and we will refer back to them frequently:

(SS1) For all  $i \in I$ ,  $\langle \Lambda, \alpha_{i,n}^\vee \rangle \leq 1$ .

(SS2) For all  $1 \leq j \leq l$ ,  $\frac{n-1}{2} \leq \overline{\kappa_j} \leq \ell - \frac{n-1}{2}$ .

*Remark.* The following observations are the driving force for this paper, and will be used frequently:

- (1) Suppose that (SS1) holds, and let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{P}_m^l$  for some  $0 \leq m < n$ . Then for any  $i \in I$ ,  $\mu$  has at most one component with addable  $i$ -nodes. Informally, we may think of (SS1) as ensuring that for any  $\lambda \in \mathcal{P}_n^l$ , nodes in distinct components of  $[\lambda]$  must have distinct residues.
- (2) Suppose that (SS2) holds, and let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{P}_n^l$ . For a given residue  $i \in I$ , there is either only one possible diagonal of residue  $i$  which may appear in the Young diagram of some partition, or there are two diagonals which, in any multipartition, may contain at most a single node each (in which case both nodes lie in the same row or the same column of the multipartition, and the residue is either 1 or  $\ell - 1$ ).

**3.1. The semisimple case.** First, we will handle the case when  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$  is semisimple. This subsection mirrors the corresponding type  $A$  arguments of [Mat15, §2.4], which we have adapted to fit the type  $C$  case.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Suppose that conditions (SS1) and (SS2) hold, and let  $\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{S} \in \text{Std}(\mathcal{P}_n^l)$ . Then  $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{S}$  if and only if  $\mathbf{i}^{\mathbf{T}} = \mathbf{i}^{\mathbf{S}}$ .*

*Proof.* If  $i \in I$  and  $\lambda \in \mathcal{P}_m^l$  for some  $0 \leq m < n$ , then by the above remark,  $[\lambda]$  has at most one addable  $i$ -node, and the result follows by induction on  $n$ .  $\square$

$$\text{Let } I_\Lambda^n = \{\mathbf{i}^{\mathbf{T}} \mid \mathbf{T} \in \text{Std}(\mathcal{P}_n^l)\}.$$

**Corollary 3.2.** *Suppose that conditions (SS1) and (SS2) hold, and let  $\mathbf{i} \in I_\Lambda^n$  such that  $i_{r+1} = i_r \pm 1$ . Then  $s_r \mathbf{i} \notin I_\Lambda^n$ .*

*Proof.* By the above remark, if  $\mathbf{i} = \mathbf{i}^{\mathbf{T}}$  for some  $\mathbf{T} \in \text{Std}(\mathcal{P}_n^l)$ , and  $i_{r+1} = i_r \pm 1$ , then  $r$  and  $r + 1$  must lie in adjacent diagonals of  $\mathbf{T}$ . In particular, they must lie in either the same row or the same column of  $\mathbf{T}$ . Given that the number of residues is equal to  $i_r$  and  $i_{r+1}$  in  $(i_1, \dots, i_{r-1})$  is unchanged, we deduce that  $r$  and  $r + 1$  must occupy the same two pair of nodes in  $\mathbf{T}$  as in any standard tableau with residue sequence  $s_r \mathbf{i}$ . But this is a contradiction, as such a tableau cannot be standard.  $\square$

Recall that we have fixed a multicharge  $\kappa \in \mathbb{Z}^l$  such that  $\Lambda = \Lambda_\kappa$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** *Suppose that  $\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{F}$  is a field, and that conditions (SS1) and (SS2) hold. Then for each  $\lambda \in \mathcal{P}_n^l$  there is an irreducible graded  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$ -module  $S_\kappa^\lambda$  with homogeneous basis  $\{v^{\mathbf{T}} \mid \mathbf{T} \in \text{Std}(\lambda)\}$  such that  $\deg v^{\mathbf{T}} = 0$  for all  $\mathbf{T} \in \text{Std}(\lambda)$ , and the  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$ -action is given by*

$$e(\mathbf{i})v^{\mathbf{T}} = \delta_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{i}^{\mathbf{T}}} v^{\mathbf{T}}, \quad x_r v^{\mathbf{T}} = 0, \quad \psi_r v^{\mathbf{T}} = v^{s_r \mathbf{T}},$$

where we set  $v^{s_r \mathbf{T}} = 0$  if  $s_r \mathbf{T}$  is not standard.

*Proof.* We first check that the relations above really define an  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$ -module. Almost all the defining relations for  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$  are trivially satisfied, thanks to Lemma 3.1 and Corollary 3.2. We must check that the  $\psi$  generators satisfy the braid relations and the quadratic relations when acting on basis elements. Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{P}_n^l$ ,  $\mathbf{T} \in \text{Std}(\lambda)$  and set  $\mathbf{i} = \mathbf{i}^{\mathbf{T}} = (i_1, \dots, i_n)$ .

For the braid relations, (SS1) and (SS2) ensure that we never have  $i_r = i_{r+2} = i_{r+1} \pm 1$  with  $i_{r+1} \neq 0, \ell$ . To see this, we again invoke our remark made after introducing conditions (SS1) and (SS2). Since we can only have a single diagonal of any residue besides 1 and  $\ell$ , it is not possible for the (arbitrarily chosen) standard tableau  $\mathbf{T}$  to have consecutive residues  $i, i \pm 1, i$ , except for  $(1, 0, 1)$  and  $(\ell - 1, \ell, \ell - 1)$ . Finally, if  $(i_r, i_{r+1}, i_{r+2}) = (1, 0, 1)$  or  $(\ell - 1, \ell, \ell - 1)$ , then we have  $\psi_{r+1} \psi_r \psi_{r+1} v^{\mathbf{T}} = \psi_r \psi_{r+1} \psi_r v^{\mathbf{T}} = 0$ .

Since  $i_{r+1} \neq i_r$  for any  $r$  and  $i_{r+1} = i_r \pm 1$  if and only if  $r$  and  $r + 1$  are in the same row or column of  $\mathbf{T}$ , it follows from Corollary 3.2 that  $\psi_r^2 v^{\mathbf{T}} = 0$  when  $i_{r+1} = i_r \pm 1$ .

These residue conditions also tell us that  $\deg \psi_r e(\mathbf{i}) = 0$  whenever  $s_r \mathbf{T} \in \text{Std}(\lambda)$  (and if  $s_r \mathbf{T} \notin \text{Std}(\lambda)$ ,  $\psi_r e(\mathbf{i}) = 0$  by Corollary 3.2). Thus setting  $\deg v^{\mathbf{T}} = 0$  gives a grading on  $S_\kappa^\lambda$ .

Finally, we show that  $S_\kappa^\lambda$  is irreducible. If  $S, T \in \text{Std}(\lambda)$ , then  $S = w^{ST^\lambda} = w^S(w^T)^{-1}T$ . So  $v^S = \psi_{w^S}\psi_{(w^T)^{-1}}v^T$ . Take a non-zero element  $v = \sum_{T \in \text{Std}(\lambda)} a_T v^T \in S_\kappa^\lambda$ . If  $a_T \neq 0$ , then, by Lemma 3.1,  $v^T = \frac{1}{a_T}e(\mathbf{i}^T)v$ , and therefore for any  $S \in \text{Std}(\lambda)$ ,  $v^S \in \mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda v$ . It follows that  $S_\kappa^\lambda$  is irreducible.  $\square$

*Remark.* The modules  $S_\kappa^\lambda$  are easily seen to be isomorphic to the Specht modules  $S_\kappa^\lambda$  constructed in Subsection 2.3, providing evidence for the importance of the Specht modules constructed in [APS17]. Indeed, as remarked after Theorem 2.1, we know that  $\mathbf{g}^A = \psi_{w^{sA}}$ , and this is sufficient to prove that  $S_\kappa^\lambda$  has a basis indexed by standard tableaux (the elements constructed in [APS17, Theorem 3.12 and Corollary 3.13]), showing that the dimensions match. By the definition of  $S_\kappa^\lambda$ , the cyclic generator  $z^\lambda$  satisfies the same relations as the element  $v^{T^\lambda}$  constructed in Theorem 3.3, so that we have an isomorphism  $S_\kappa^\lambda \rightarrow S_\kappa^\lambda$  determined by  $v^{T^\lambda} \mapsto z^\lambda$ .

If  $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, \dots, i_n) \in I^n$ , we set  $\mathbf{i}_{\downarrow r} = (i_1, \dots, i_r)$ .

**Lemma 3.4.** *Suppose that conditions (SS1) and (SS2) hold, and let  $\mathbf{i} \in I^n$ . Then  $\mathbf{i} \in I_\Lambda^n$  if and only if  $\mathbf{i}$  satisfies the following three conditions:*

- (i)  $\langle \Lambda, \alpha_{i_1}^\vee \rangle \neq 0$ .
- (ii) If  $1 < r \leq n$  and  $\langle \Lambda, \alpha_{i_r}^\vee \rangle = 0$ , then  $\{\overline{i_r - 1}, \overline{i_r + 1}\} \cap \{i_1, \dots, i_{r-1}\} \neq \emptyset$ .
- (iii) Let  $1 \leq s < r \leq n$ . If  $i_r = i_s \neq 1, \ell - 1$ , then  $\{\overline{i_r - 1}, \overline{i_r + 1}\} \subseteq \{i_{s+1}, \dots, i_{r-1}\}$ . If  $i_r = i_s = 1$ , then  $0 \in \{i_{s+1}, \dots, i_{r-1}\}$ . If  $i_r = i_s = \ell - 1$ , then  $\ell \in \{i_{s+1}, \dots, i_{r-1}\}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $T \in \text{Std}(\mathcal{P}_n^l)$  with  $\mathbf{i}^T = \mathbf{i}$ . We prove by induction on  $r$  that  $\mathbf{i}_{\downarrow r} \in I_\Lambda^r$  satisfies all three conditions as claimed. By definition,  $i_1 = \overline{\kappa_j}$  for some  $j$ , so (i) holds. By induction, we assume that  $\mathbf{i}_{\downarrow r-1}$  satisfies (i)–(iii). If  $\langle \Lambda, \alpha_{i_r}^\vee \rangle = 0$ , then  $r$  is not in the (1, 1) node of any component of  $T$ , so  $T$  has an entry directly above or to the left of  $r$ , so (ii) holds. Now suppose that  $i_r = i_s \neq 1, \ell - 1$  are as in the first part of (iii). Condition (SS1) ensures that residues in different components are distinct, so that  $r$  and  $s$  must be in the same component of  $T$ . Condition (SS2) ensures that  $r$  and  $s$  are on the same diagonal, so that  $r$  is not in the first row or first column of the component, so (iii) holds. Finally, suppose that  $i_r = i_s = 1$  or  $\ell - 1$ . Then we have  $r$  and  $s$  both appearing in the first row or both appearing in the first column of  $T$ , so that  $\{i_{s+1}, \dots, i_{r-1}\}$  contains 0 if  $i_r = 1$ , or  $\ell$  if  $i_r = \ell - 1$ , proving the second and third statements in (iii).

Conversely, suppose that  $\mathbf{i} \in I^n$  satisfies conditions (i)–(iii). We show by induction on  $r$  that  $\mathbf{i}_{\downarrow r} \in I_\Lambda^r$  for  $1 \leq r \leq n$ . If  $r = 1$ , (i) implies that  $\mathbf{i}_{\downarrow r} \in I_\Lambda^r$ . So suppose by the induction hypothesis that for some  $1 < r < n$ ,  $\mathbf{i}_{\downarrow r} = \mathbf{i}^S$  for some  $S \in \text{Std}(\mathcal{P}_r^l)$ . Let  $\lambda = \text{Shp}(S)$ . From the proof of Lemma 3.1, we know that for any  $i \in I$ ,  $[\lambda]$  has at most one addable  $i$ -node.

If  $\langle \Lambda, \alpha_{i_{r+1}}^\vee \rangle = 0$ , then by (ii),  $\lambda$  contains either an  $(\overline{i_{r+1} - 1})$ -node or  $(\overline{i_{r+1} + 1})$ -node (or both). Thus either there is an addable  $i_{r+1}$ -node in the first row or first column of the corresponding component of  $\lambda$ , or else there is some  $1 \leq s < r + 1$  such that  $i_s = i_{r+1}$ . By (SS2), if there is no addable  $i_{r+1}$ -node in the first row or column, then  $1 < i_{r+1} < \ell - 1$  in this case, and condition (iii) tells us that there is again an addable  $i_{r+1}$ -node.

If  $\langle \Lambda, \alpha_{i_{r+1}}^\vee \rangle = 1$ , then either the (1, 1) node of some component of  $[\lambda]$  is an addable  $i_{r+1}$ -node, or  $[\lambda]$  already contains a (1, 1) node which has residue  $i_{r+1}$ . In the latter case, (iii) implies that  $[\lambda]$  has an addable  $i_{r+1}$ -node.

Thus we know that  $[\lambda]$  has precisely one addable  $i_{r+1}$ -node, which we shall denote by  $A$ . Then  $\mathbf{i}_{\downarrow r+1} = \mathbf{i}^T$  where  $T$  is the unique standard tableau satisfying  $T_{\downarrow r} = S$  and  $T(A) = r + 1$ . Hence  $\mathbf{i}_{\downarrow r+1} \in I_\Lambda^{r+1}$  and the proof is complete.  $\square$

The following lemma follows easily from the rank formula for  $e(\mathbf{i})\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda e(\mathbf{i})$  given in [APS17, Theorem 2.5], and does not require that (SS1) and (SS2) are satisfied.

**Lemma 3.5.** *If  $\mathbf{i} \in I^n \setminus I_\Lambda^n$ , then  $e(\mathbf{i}) = 0$  in  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$ .*

**Lemma 3.6.** *Let  $1 \leq m < n$  and suppose that (SS1) and (SS2) hold if  $n$  is replaced with  $m$ . Then  $x_1 = \dots = x_m = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Using the defining relations of  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$ , we will prove by induction on  $r$  that  $x_r e(\mathbf{i}) = 0$  for all  $\mathbf{i} \in I_\Lambda^n$  and  $1 \leq r \leq m$ , from which the result will follow by Lemma 3.5.

When  $r = 1$ , the result follows immediately from the cyclotomic relations. So we will assume that  $x_1 = \dots = x_{r-1} = 0$ , and show that  $x_r e(\mathbf{i}) = 0$  whenever  $\mathbf{i}_{\downarrow r} \in I_\Lambda^r$ .

If  $i_{r-1} = i_r \pm 1$  and neither  $i_{r-1}$  nor  $i_r$  are 0 or  $\ell$ , then by induction we have

$$x_r e(\mathbf{i}) = (x_r + x_{r-1})e(\mathbf{i}) = \psi_{r-1}^2 e(\mathbf{i}) = \psi_{r-1} e(s_{r-1} \mathbf{i}) \psi_{r-1} = 0,$$

where the last equality follows from Corollary 3.2. Similarly, if  $(i_{r-1}, i_r) = (1, 0)$  or  $(\ell - 1, \ell)$ , then

$$x_r e(\mathbf{i}) = (x_r + x_{r-1}^2) e(\mathbf{i}) = \psi_{r-1}^2 e(\mathbf{i}) = \psi_{r-1} e(s_{r-1} \mathbf{i}) \psi_{r-1} = 0.$$

If  $(i_{r-1}, i_r) = (0, 1)$  or  $(\ell, \ell - 1)$ , then by (SS2) and Lemma 3.1,  $\mathbf{i}$  is the residue sequence of some standard tableau  $T$  of shape  $\lambda$ , and  $[\lambda]$  has exactly one other 1-node (resp.  $(\ell - 1)$ -node) besides  $T^{-1}(r)$ , and  $T^{-1}(r - 1)$  is the only 0-node (resp.  $\ell$ -node) of  $[\lambda]$ . Moreover, the other 1-node (resp.  $(\ell - 1)$ -node) is  $T^{-1}(u)$  for some  $1 \leq u < r$ , and  $T^{-1}(v) \neq 2$  (resp.  $\ell - 2$ ) for any  $u < v < r$ . Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} e(\mathbf{i}) &= \psi_u^2 e(\mathbf{i}) = \psi_u e(s_u \mathbf{i}) \psi_u = \psi_u \psi_{u+1} e(s_{u+1} s_u \mathbf{i}) \psi_{u+1} \psi_u \\ &= \dots = \psi_u \psi_{u+1} \dots \psi_{r-3} e(s_{r-3} \dots s_u \mathbf{i}) \psi_{r-3} \dots \psi_u, \end{aligned}$$

so that  $((s_{r-3} \dots s_u \mathbf{i})_{r-2}, (s_{r-3} \dots s_u \mathbf{i})_{r-1}, (s_{r-3} \dots s_u \mathbf{i})_r) = (1, 0, 1)$  or  $(\ell - 1, \ell, \ell - 1)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} x_r e(\mathbf{i}) &= \psi_u \psi_{u+1} \dots \psi_{r-3} x_r e(s_{r-3} \dots s_u \mathbf{i}) \psi_{r-3} \dots \psi_u \\ &= \psi_u \psi_{u+1} \dots \\ &\quad \psi_{r-3} (\psi_{r-1} \psi_{r-2} \psi_{r-1} - \psi_{r-2} \psi_{r-1} \psi_{r-2} - x_{r-2}) e(s_{r-3} \dots s_u \mathbf{i}) \psi_{r-3} \dots \psi_u \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

by the induction hypothesis and the fact that  $s_{r-2} s_{r-3} \dots s_u \mathbf{i}, s_{r-1} s_{r-3} \dots s_u \mathbf{i} \notin I_\Lambda^n$  by Corollary 3.2.

Finally, if  $i_{r-1} \neq i_r \pm 1$ , then since we know that  $i_{r-1} \neq i_r$  by Lemma 3.4,

$$x_r e(\mathbf{i}) = x_r \psi_{r-1}^2 e(\mathbf{i}) = x_r \psi_{r-1} e(s_{r-1} \mathbf{i}) \psi_{r-1} = 0,$$

which completes the proof.  $\square$

**Definition 3.7.** Let  $(S, T) \in \text{Std}^2(\mathcal{P}_n^l)$ . Then we define the element  $e_{ST} \in \mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$  to be  $e_{ST} = \psi_{(ws)^{-1}} e(\mathbf{i}^\lambda) \psi_{w^\tau}$ .

By Lemma 3.1, the elements  $e_{ST}$  do not depend on the choice of reduced expression.



**Theorem 3.8.** *Suppose that conditions (SS1) and (SS2) hold. Then  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$  is a graded cellular algebra with graded cellular basis*

$$\mathcal{B} = \{e_{\mathbf{ST}} \mid (\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{T}) \in \text{Std}^2(\mathcal{P}_n^l)\}$$

with  $\deg e_{\mathbf{ST}} = 0$  for all  $\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{T}$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.4, if  $\mathbf{i} \in I_\Lambda^n$ ,  $\mathbf{i}$  cannot contain a subsequence of the form  $(i, i \pm 1, i)$  for any  $i \in I$ , except possibly  $(1, 0, 1)$  or  $(\ell - 1, \ell, \ell - 1)$ . Lemmas 3.5 and 3.6 imply that (even in the degenerate cases above) the  $\psi$  generators satisfy the braid relations for  $\mathfrak{S}_n$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$  is spanned by the elements  $\{\psi_v e(\mathbf{i}) \psi_w \mid v, w \in \mathfrak{S}_n, \mathbf{i} \in I_\Lambda^n\}$ . Since  $\psi_v e(\mathbf{i}) \psi_w = e(v\mathbf{i}) \psi_v e(\mathbf{i}) \psi_w = 0$  if  $v\mathbf{i} \notin I_\Lambda^n$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$  is in fact spanned by the elements of  $\mathcal{B}$ . It follows from the rank formula [APS17, Theorem 2.5] that  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis for  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$ .

The orthogonality relations on the idempotents  $e(\mathbf{i})$  imply that  $e_{\mathbf{ST}} e_{\mathbf{UV}} = \delta_{\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{U}} e_{\mathbf{SV}}$ , so that  $\mathcal{B}$  is in fact a basis of matrix units, and

$$\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \mathcal{P}_n^l} \text{Mat}_{\dim S_\lambda^\Lambda(\mathcal{O})}.$$

It follows that this basis is a cellular basis. As in the proof of Theorem 3.3, we have that  $\deg \psi_r e(\mathbf{i}) = 0$  for all  $1 \leq r < n$  and  $\mathbf{i} \in I_\Lambda^n$ , so all elements of  $\mathcal{B}$  are homogeneous of degree 0. □

In the proof of the above theorem, we showed that if conditions (SS1) and (SS2) hold,  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$  is a direct sum of matrix algebras. We obtain the main result of this subsection as a corollary of this fact.

**Corollary 3.9.** *Suppose that  $\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{F}$  is a field and that conditions (SS1) and (SS2) hold. Then  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$  is semisimple.*

**3.2. The non-semisimple case.** In this section, we will assume throughout that  $\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{F}$  is a field and prove the following converse to Corollary 3.9.

**Theorem 3.10.** *Suppose that  $\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{F}$  is a field, and that at least one of the conditions (SS1) and (SS2) fails. Then  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$  is not semisimple.*

We break the proof into several lemmas. First we will look at the case where (SS2) fails. We begin with separate treatment of the case where  $\overline{\kappa_j} = 0$  or  $\ell$  for some  $1 \leq j \leq l$ .

**Lemma 3.11.** *Suppose  $\overline{\kappa_j} = 0$  or  $\ell$  for some  $1 \leq j \leq l$ . If  $n > 1$ , then  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$  is not semisimple.*

*Proof.* For any  $n > 1$  we construct an explicit two-dimensional uniserial  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$ -module. Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{P}_n^l$  be the multipartition such that every component is empty except for component  $j$ , with  $\lambda^{(j)} = (n)$ , and let  $\mathbf{i} = \mathbf{i}^\lambda$ .

Define  $M$  to be the  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$ -module with generators  $u, v$  subject to the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned} e(\mathbf{i})u &= u, \\ e(\mathbf{i})v &= v, \\ \psi_r u &= \psi_r v = 0 \text{ for all } r, \\ x_r u &= 0 \text{ for all } r, \\ x_r v &= 0 \text{ if } r \equiv 1 \pmod{\ell}, \\ x_{2k\ell+r} v &= (-1)^r u \text{ for all } k \text{ and all } 2 \leq r \leq \ell, \\ x_{2k\ell+r} v &= (-1)^{r+1} u \text{ for all } k \text{ and all } \ell + 2 \leq r \leq 2\ell. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $M$  is a two-dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$ , and we must show it is an  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$ -module, whence the result follows since  $u$  generates a proper submodule of  $M$ , while  $v$  generates the whole of  $M$ . So we must check that the defining relations of  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$  hold when acting on  $M$ . For most of the relations, the result is trivial – if  $\psi$  generators appear in every term or for the idempotent relations, or the product of two  $x$  generators. By definition of  $\mathbf{i}$ , there are no error terms in the relations pushing  $x$  generators past  $\psi$  generators, so these are also trivial. This leaves the quadratic and braid relations.

First, we deal with the quadratic relations. If  $r \equiv 1 \pmod{\ell}$ , then  $(i_r, i_{r+1}) = (0, 1)$  or  $(\ell, \ell - 1)$ , so that  $\psi_r^2 e(\mathbf{i}) = (x_r + x_{r+1}^2) e(\mathbf{i})$ . In both cases,  $\psi_r, x_r$  and  $x_{r+1}^2$  each kill both  $u$  and  $v$ , so the relation holds. If  $(i_r, i_{r+1}) = (1, 0)$  or  $(\ell - 1, \ell)$ , then  $\psi_r^2 e(\mathbf{i}) = (x_r^2 + x_{r+1}) e(\mathbf{i})$ , and again each of  $\psi_r, x_r^2$  and  $x_{r+1}$  kills both  $u$  and  $v$ , so the relation holds. Finally, suppose that  $i_r, i_{r+1} \neq 0$  or  $\ell$ . Then  $\psi_r^2 e(\mathbf{i}) = (x_r + x_{r+1}) e(\mathbf{i})$ , with the left-hand side killing  $u$  and  $v$ ,  $x_r$  and  $x_{r+1}$  each killing  $u$ , and  $x_r v = -x_{r+1} v$ , so that this relation always holds.

Next, we check the braid relations. Since  $\psi_r u = \psi_r v = 0$  for all  $r$ , we only have to worry about the braid relations which yield error terms. With our chosen  $\mathbf{i}$ , this only happens for the relations  $(\psi_{r+1} \psi_r \psi_{r+1} - \psi_r \psi_{r+1} \psi_r) e(\mathbf{i}) = (x_r + x_{r+2}) e(\mathbf{i})$  for  $r \equiv 0 \pmod{\ell}$ . Now we have that  $x_r v = -x_{r+2} v$  by the final two defining relations for  $M$ . □

Next, we will handle the case where (SS2) fails and  $\overline{\kappa}_j \neq 0, \ell$  for any  $1 \leq j \leq l$ . Recall that we have fixed a multicharge  $\kappa = (\kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_l) \in \mathbb{Z}^l$  such that  $\Lambda = \Lambda_\kappa$ . Define  $\overline{\kappa} = (\overline{\kappa}_1, \dots, \overline{\kappa}_l) \in I^l$  and  $\hat{\kappa} = (2\ell - \overline{\kappa}_1, \dots, 2\ell - \overline{\kappa}_l) \in I^l$ .

**Lemma 3.12.** *Suppose that  $\overline{\kappa}_j \neq 0, \ell$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq l$ , and (SS2) fails. Then  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$  is not semisimple.*

*Proof.* We fix  $1 \leq j \leq l$  such that either  $\frac{n-1}{2} > \overline{\kappa}_j$  or  $\ell - \frac{n-1}{2} < \overline{\kappa}_j$ . Set  $\mu \in \mathcal{P}_n^l$  to be the multipartition such that every component is empty except component  $j$ , with  $\mu^{(j)} = (1^n)$ .

If  $\frac{n-1}{2} > \overline{\kappa}_j$ , we set  $\lambda \in \mathcal{P}_n^l$  to be the multipartition such that every component is empty except component  $j$ , with  $\lambda^{(j)} = (n - 2\overline{\kappa}_j, 1^{2\overline{\kappa}_j})$ . We will show that for  $\mathbf{T}$  the least dominant standard  $\lambda$ -tableau, the homogeneous basis element  $v^{\mathbf{T}} = \psi_w \tau z^\lambda$  generates a one-dimensional submodule of  $\mathcal{S}_\kappa^\lambda$  isomorphic to  $\mathcal{S}_\kappa^\mu$ .

If  $\ell - \frac{n-1}{2} < \overline{\kappa}_j$ , we may instead set  $\lambda \in \mathcal{P}_n^l$  to be the multipartition such that every component is empty except  $\lambda^{(j)} = (2(\ell - \overline{\kappa}_j), 1^{n-2(\ell - \overline{\kappa}_j)})$ . A similar argument shows that for  $\mathbf{T}$  the least dominant standard  $\lambda$ -tableau,  $v^{\mathbf{T}}$  generates a

one-dimensional submodule of  $\mathcal{S}_{\bar{\kappa}}^\lambda$  isomorphic to  $\mathcal{S}_{\bar{\kappa}}^\mu$ , so we will focus on the former case, leaving the latter as an exercise.

We have that  $e(\mathbf{i}^T)v^T = v^T$ , where  $\mathbf{i}^T = (\overline{\kappa_j}, \overline{\kappa_j} - 1, \dots, 1, 0, 1, \dots, \overline{\kappa_j}, \overline{\kappa_j} + 1, \dots)$ . We will show that all  $x$  and  $\psi$  generators of  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$  annihilate  $v^T$ . First, let  $1 \leq r \leq n$ . Then by Lemma 2.2(i),

$$x_r v^T = \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{s} \in \text{Std}(\lambda) \\ \mathbf{i}^{\mathbf{s}} = \mathbf{i}^T \\ \mathbf{s} \triangleright \mathbf{T}}} a_{\mathbf{s}} v^{\mathbf{s}}.$$

However, it is clear that  $\mathbf{T}$  is the only standard  $\lambda$ -tableau with residue sequence  $\mathbf{i}$ , so that  $x_r v^T = 0$ . Now suppose that  $1 \leq r < n$ . Then since  $\mathbf{T}$  is the least dominant standard  $\lambda$ -tableau, we see by Lemma 2.2(ii) that

$$\psi_r v^T = \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{s} \in \text{Std}(\lambda) \\ \mathbf{i}^{\mathbf{s}} = s_r \mathbf{i}^T \\ \mathbf{s} \triangleright \mathbf{T}}} a_{\mathbf{s}} v^{\mathbf{s}}.$$

However, there is no standard  $\lambda$ -tableau with residue sequence  $s_r \mathbf{i}^T$ , so that  $\psi_r v^T = 0$ .

To see that  $\mathcal{S}_{\bar{\kappa}}^\mu$  has no complement in  $\mathcal{S}_{\bar{\kappa}}^\lambda$  (i.e. is not a direct summand), it suffices to note that the residue sequence of the unique standard  $\mu$ -tableau is different from the residue sequence  $\mathbf{i}^\lambda$  of the initial  $\lambda$ -tableau  $\mathbf{T}^\lambda$ , so that there is no non-zero homomorphism  $\mathcal{S}_{\bar{\kappa}}^\lambda \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_{\bar{\kappa}}^\mu$ . □

*Remark.* Our choice of multicharge defining the Specht modules in Lemma 3.12 ensures (since  $\overline{\kappa_j} \neq \ell$ ) that  $\text{res}(1, 2, j) = \overline{\kappa_j} + 1$ . Similarly, in the case left as an exercise,  $\text{res}(2, 1, j) = \overline{\kappa_j} + 1$ . Thanks to the symmetry in the type C residue pattern, this suffices to prove that  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$  is not semisimple. A different choice of multicharge  $\kappa'$  satisfying  $\Lambda = \Lambda_{\overline{\kappa'}}$  would also do the trick, but would need a slightly different choice of multipartition  $\lambda$ .

We now turn our attention to the case where condition (SS1) fails.

**Lemma 3.13.** *Suppose that condition (SS2) holds, but  $\overline{\kappa_j} = \overline{\kappa_{j'}}$  for some  $1 \leq j \neq j' \leq l$ . Then  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$  is not semisimple.*

*Proof.* The proof is similar to the proof of Lemma 3.11. We let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{P}_n^l$  be the multipartition such that every component is empty except for component  $j$ , with  $\lambda^{(j)} = (n)$ , and let  $\mathbf{i} = \mathbf{i}^\lambda$ .

Define  $M$  to be the  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$ -module with generators  $u, v$  subject to the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned} e(\mathbf{i})u &= u, \\ e(\mathbf{i})v &= v, \\ \psi_r u &= \psi_r v = 0 \text{ for all } r, \\ x_r u &= 0 \text{ for all } r, \\ x_{\ell - \overline{\kappa_j} + 1} v &= 0, \\ (-1)^{r+1} x_r v &= u \text{ for all } 1 \leq r < \ell - \overline{\kappa_j} + 1, \\ (-1)^r x_r v &= u \text{ for all } \ell - \overline{\kappa_j} + 1 < r \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $M$  is a two-dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$ , and we proceed to show that it is an  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$ -module. For most of the relations, the result is trivial, so we check the quadratic and braid relations. We note that since (SS2) holds,  $\mathbf{i}$  is a prefix of  $(\overline{\kappa_j}, \overline{\kappa_j} + 1, \dots, \ell - 1, \ell, \ell - 1, \dots, \overline{\kappa_j})$ , so that there is only a single non-trivial braid relation to check, corresponding to  $(i_{\ell - \overline{\kappa_j}}, i_{\ell - \overline{\kappa_j} + 1}, i_{\ell - \overline{\kappa_j} + 2}) = (\ell - 1, \ell, \ell - 1)$ .

First, we deal with the quadratic relations. For  $1 \leq r < \ell - \overline{\kappa_j}$ , we have  $\psi_r^2 e(\mathbf{i}) = (x_r + x_{r+1})e(\mathbf{i})$ , and both sides kill  $u$  and  $v$ . Next,  $\psi_{\ell - \overline{\kappa_j}}^2 e(\mathbf{i}) = (x_{\ell - \overline{\kappa_j}}^2 + x_{\ell - \overline{\kappa_j} + 1})e(\mathbf{i})$ , and both sides again kill  $u$  and  $v$ . Similarly, both sides of  $\psi_{\ell - \overline{\kappa_j} + 1}^2 e(\mathbf{i}) = (x_{\ell - \overline{\kappa_j} + 1} + x_{\ell - \overline{\kappa_j} + 2}^2)e(\mathbf{i})$  kill  $u$  and  $v$ . Finally, for  $\ell - \overline{\kappa_j} + 1 < r < n$ , we have  $\psi_r^2 e(\mathbf{i}) = (x_r + x_{r+1})e(\mathbf{i})$  and both sides kill  $u$  and  $v$ .

Finally, we check the non-trivial braid relation, which is only present if  $n > \ell - \overline{\kappa_j} + 2$ . We have

$$(\psi_{\ell - \overline{\kappa_j} + 1} \psi_{\ell - \overline{\kappa_j}} \psi_{\ell - \overline{\kappa_j} + 1} - \psi_{\ell - \overline{\kappa_j}} \psi_{\ell - \overline{\kappa_j} + 1} \psi_{\ell - \overline{\kappa_j}})e(\mathbf{i}) = (x_{\ell - \overline{\kappa_j}} + x_{\ell - \overline{\kappa_j} + 2})e(\mathbf{i}).$$

Both sides of the above equation kill  $u$  and  $v$ , which completes our proof, as  $M$  is uniserial.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.14.** *Suppose that condition (SS2) holds,  $\overline{\kappa_j}$  are distinct, but for some  $i \in I$ ,  $\langle \Lambda, \alpha_{i,n}^\vee \rangle > 1$ . Then  $\mathcal{R}_n^\Lambda$  is not semisimple.*

*Proof.* In spirit, the proof is the same as that of Lemma 3.12. Since we have assumed that condition (SS2) holds,  $\ell \geq n - 1$  and we may assume that  $i = \overline{\kappa_j}$  for some  $1 \leq j \leq \ell$ , and for some  $1 \leq j' \leq \ell$  and  $1 \leq k \leq \ell - i - \frac{n-1}{2}$ ,  $\overline{\kappa_{j'}} = i + k$ .

We consider two cases – either  $j < j'$  or  $j > j'$ . As in the proof of Lemma 3.12, we will in each case define a multipartition  $\lambda \in \mathcal{P}_n^l$  and let  $\mathbf{T}$  denote the least dominant standard  $\lambda$ -tableau, and will show that  $v^{\mathbf{T}} = \psi_{w^{\mathbf{T}}} z^\lambda = \psi_1 \psi_2 \dots \psi_{n-1} z^\lambda$  generates a one-dimensional submodule of  $\mathcal{S}_{\overline{\kappa}}^\lambda$ .

First suppose that  $j < j'$ . Then we define  $\lambda \in \mathcal{P}_n^l$  to be the multipartition with all components empty except components  $j$  and  $j'$ , with  $\lambda^{(j)} = (1^{n-k})$  and  $\lambda^{(j')} = (1^k)$ . Note that the standard  $\lambda$ -tableaux are uniquely determined by their residue sequences, by Lemma 3.1. Now it follows from Lemma 2.2 that all  $x$  and  $\psi$  generators except possibly  $\psi_k$  annihilate  $v^{\mathbf{T}}$ . We note that  $\psi_{w^{\mathbf{T}}}$  is fully commutative, and has an expression starting with  $\psi_k$ . Let  $\mathbf{S}$  denote the tableau  $s_k \mathbf{T}$ , so that  $v^{\mathbf{T}} = \psi_k \psi_{w^{\mathbf{S}}} z^\lambda$ . Then

$$\psi_k v^{\mathbf{T}} = \psi_k^2 \psi_{w^{\mathbf{S}}} z^\lambda = (x_k + x_{k+1}) \psi_{w^{\mathbf{S}}} z^\lambda = 0,$$

where the last equality follows from Lemma 2.2(i). We have proved that  $v^{\mathbf{T}}$  generates a one-dimensional submodule of  $\mathcal{S}_{\overline{\kappa}}^\lambda$ . As in the proof of Lemma 3.12, examining residues yields that this module is not a direct summand of  $\mathcal{S}_{\overline{\kappa}}^\lambda$ .

Finally, if  $k > 0$  and  $j > j'$ , we define  $\lambda \in \mathcal{P}_n^l$  to be the multipartition with all components empty except components  $j$  and  $j'$ , with  $\lambda^{(j)} = (k)$  and  $\lambda^{(j')} = (n - k)$ . This case is almost identical to the other, and we leave the details to the reader.  $\square$

Combining Corollary 3.9 and Lemmas 3.11 to 3.14, we have proved our Main Theorem, Theorem 1.1.

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