

# Gröbner-Shirshov Bases and Hilbert Series of Free Dendriform Algebras\*

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we give a Gröbner-Shirshov basis of the free dendriform algebra as a quotient algebra of an  $L$ -algebra. As applications, we obtain a normal form of the free dendriform algebra. Moreover, Hilbert series and Gelfand-Kirillov dimension of finitely generated free dendriform algebras are obtained.

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## 1 Introduction

The theories of Gröbner-Shirshov bases and Gröbner bases were invented independently by A.I. Shirshov ([8], 1962) for (commutative, anti-commutative) non-associative algebras, by H. Hironaka ([4], 1964) for infinite series algebras (both formal and convergent) and by B. Buchberger (first publication in [3], 1965) for polynomial algebras. Gröbner-Shirshov technique is very useful in the study of presentations of many kinds of algebras defined by generators and defining relations.

An  $L$ -algebra (see [5]) is a vector space over a field  $k$  with two operations  $\prec, \succ$  satisfying one identity:  $(x \succ y) \prec z = x \succ (y \prec z)$ . A dendriform algebra (see [6, 7]) is an  $L$ -algebra with two identities:  $(x \prec y) \prec z = x \prec (y \prec z) + x \prec (y \succ z)$  and  $x \succ (y \succ z) = (x \succ y) \succ z + (x \prec y) \succ z$ .

The Composition-Diamond lemma for  $L$ -algebras is established in a recent paper [1]. In this paper, by using the Composition-Diamond lemma for  $L$ -algebras in [1], we give a Gröbner-Shirshov basis of the free dendriform algebra as a quotient algebra of a free  $L$ -algebra and then a normal form of a free dendriform algebra is obtained. As applications, we obtain the Hilbert series and Gelfand-Kirillov dimension of the free dendriform algebra generated by a finite set.

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## 2 $L$ -algebras

We first introduce some concepts and results from the literature which are related to the Gröbner-Shirshov bases for  $L$ -algebras. We will use some definitions and notations which are mentioned in [1].

Let  $k$  be a field,  $X$  a set of variables,  $\Omega$  a set of multilinear operations, and

$$\Omega = \cup_{n \geq 1} \Omega_n,$$

where  $\Omega_n = \{\delta_i^{(n)} \mid i \in I_n\}$  is the set of  $n$ -ary operations,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Now, we define “ $\Omega$ -words”.

Define

$$(X, \Omega)_0 = X.$$

For  $m \geq 1$ , define

$$(X, \Omega)_m = X \cup \Omega((X, \Omega)_{m-1})$$

where

$$\Omega((X, \Omega)_{m-1}) = \cup_{t=1}^{\infty} \{\delta_i^{(t)}(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_t) \mid \delta_i^{(t)} \in \Omega_t, u_j \in (X, \Omega)_{m-1}\}.$$

Let

$$(X, \Omega) = \bigcup_{m=0}^{\infty} (X, \Omega)_m.$$

Then each element in  $(X, \Omega)$  is called an  $\Omega$ -word.

**Definition 2.1** [5] *An  $L$ -algebra is a  $k$ -vector space  $L$  equipped with two bilinear operations  $\prec, \succ: L \otimes^2 \rightarrow L$  verifying the so-called entanglement relation:*

$$(x \succ y) \prec z = x \succ (y \prec z), \forall x, y, z \in L.$$

Let  $\Omega = \{\prec, \succ\}$ . In this case, we call an  $\Omega$ -word as an  $L$ -word.

**Definition 2.2** [1] *An  $L$ -word  $u$  is a normal  $L$ -word if  $u$  is one of the following:*

- i)  $u = x$ , where  $x \in X$ .
- ii)  $u = v \succ w$ , where  $v$  and  $w$  are normal  $L$ -words.
- iii)  $u = v \prec w$  with  $v \neq v_1 \succ v_2$ , where  $v_1, v_2, v, w$  are normal  $L$ -words.

We denote  $u$  by  $[u]$  if  $u$  is a normal  $L$ -word.

We denote the set of all the normal  $L$ -words by  $N$ . Then, the free  $L$ -algebra has an expression  $L(X) = kN = \{\sum \alpha_i u_i \mid \alpha_i \in k, u_i \in N\}$  with  $k$ -basis  $N$  and the operations  $\prec, \succ$ : for any  $u, v \in N$ ,

$$u \prec v = [u \prec v], \quad u \succ v = [u \succ v].$$

Clearly,  $[u \succ v] = u \succ v$  and

$$[u \prec v] = \begin{cases} u \prec v & \text{if } u = u_1 \prec u_2, \text{ or } u \in X, \\ u_1 \succ [u_2 \prec v] & \text{if } u = u_1 \succ u_2. \end{cases}$$

Now, we order  $N$  in the same way as in [1].

Let  $X$  be a well ordered set. We denote  $\succ$  by  $\delta_1$ ,  $\prec$  by  $\delta_2$ . For any normal  $L$ -word  $u$ , define

$$wt(u) = \begin{cases} (1, x), & \text{if } u = x \in X; \\ (|u|, \delta_i, u_1, u_2), & \text{if } u = \delta_i(u_1, u_2) \in N, \end{cases}$$

where  $|u|$  is the number of  $x \in X$  in  $u$ . Then we order  $N$  as follows:

$$u > v \iff wt(u) > wt(v) \quad \textit{lexicographically}$$

by induction on  $|u| + |v|$ , where  $\delta_2 > \delta_1$ .

Let  $\star \notin X$ . By a  $\star$ - $L$ -word we mean any expression in  $(X \cup \{\star\}, \{\prec, \succ\})$  with only one occurrence of  $\star$ .

Let  $u$  be a  $\star$ - $L$ -word and  $s \in L(X)$ . Then we call  $u|_s = u|_{\star \rightarrow s}$  an  $s$ -word in  $L(X)$ .

An  $s$ -word  $u|_s$  is called a normal  $s$ -word if  $u|_{\bar{s}} \in N$ .

It is shown in [1] that the above ordering on  $N$  is monomial in the sense that for any  $\star$ - $L$ -word  $w$  and any  $u, v \in N$ ,  $u > v$  implies  $[w|_u] > [w|_v]$ .

Assume that  $L(X)$  is equipped with the monomial ordering  $>$  as above. For any  $L$ -polynomial  $f \in L(X)$ , let  $\bar{f}$  be the leading normal  $L$ -word of  $f$ . If the coefficient of  $\bar{f}$  is 1, then  $f$  is called monic.

**Definition 2.3** [1] *Let  $f, g \in L(X)$  are two monic polynomials.*

1) *Composition of right multiplication.*

*If  $\bar{f} = u_1 \succ u_2$  for some  $u_1, u_2 \in N$ , then for any  $v \in N$ ,  $f \prec v$  is called a composition of right multiplication.*

2) *Composition of inclusion.*

*If  $w = \bar{f} = u|_{\bar{g}}$  where  $u|_g$  is a normal  $g$ -word, then*

$$(f, g)_w = f - u|_g$$

*is called the composition of inclusion and  $w$  is called the ambiguity of the composition  $(f, g)_w$ .*

**Definition 2.4** [1] *Let the ordering on  $N$  be as before,  $S \subset L(X)$  a monic set and  $f, g \in S$ .*

1) *The composition of right multiplication  $f \prec v$  is called trivial modulo  $S$ , denoted by  $f \prec v \equiv 0 \pmod{S}$ , if*

$$f \prec v = \sum \alpha_i u_i|_{s_i},$$

*where each  $\alpha_i \in k$ ,  $s_i \in S$ ,  $u_i|_{s_i}$  normal  $s_i$ -word, and  $u_i|_{\bar{s}_i} \leq \bar{f} \prec v$ .*

- 2) The composition of inclusion  $(f, g)_w$  is called trivial modulo  $(S, w)$ , denoted by  $(f, g)_w \equiv 0 \pmod{(S, w)}$ , if

$$(f, g)_w = \sum \alpha_i u_i|_{s_i},$$

where each  $\alpha_i \in k$ ,  $s_i \in S$ ,  $u_i|_{s_i}$  normal  $s_i$ -word, and  $u_i|_{\overline{s_i}} < w$ .

$S$  is called a Gröbner-Shirshov basis in  $L(X)$  if any composition of polynomials in  $S$  is trivial modulo  $S$  (and  $w$ ).

**Theorem 2.5** [1] (Composition-Diamond lemma for  $L$ -algebras) Let  $S \subset L(X)$  be a monic set and the ordering on  $N$  as before. Let  $Id(S)$  be the ideal of  $L(X)$  generated by  $S$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (I)  $S$  is a Gröbner-Shirshov basis in  $L(X)$ .
- (II)  $f \in Id(S) \Rightarrow \overline{f} = u|_{\overline{s}}$  for some  $s \in S$ , where  $u|_s$  is a normal  $s$ -word.
- (III) The set  $Irr(S) = \{u \in N \mid u \neq v|_{\overline{s}}, s \in S, v|_s \text{ is a normal } s\text{-word}\}$  is a  $k$ -basis of the  $L$ -algebra  $L(X|S) = L(X)/Id(S)$ .

### 3 Gröbner-Shirshov bases for free dendriform algebras

In this section, we give a Gröbner-Shirshov basis of the free dendriform algebra  $DD(X)$  generated by  $X$ . As an application, we obtain a normal form of  $DD(X)$ .

**Definition 3.1** [6] A dendriform algebra is a  $k$ -vector space  $DD$  with two bilinear operations  $\prec, \succ$  subject to the three axioms below: for any  $x, y, z \in DD$ ,

- 1)  $(x \succ y) \prec z = x \succ (y \prec z)$ ,
- 2)  $(x \prec y) \prec z = x \prec (y \prec z) + x \prec (y \succ z)$ ,
- 3)  $x \succ (y \succ z) = (x \succ y) \succ z + (x \prec y) \succ z$ .

Thus, any dendriform algebra is an  $L$ -algebra.

It is clear that the free dendriform algebra generated by  $X$ , denoted by  $DD(X)$ , has an expression

$$\begin{aligned} L(X) \quad | \quad & (x \prec y) \prec z = x \prec (y \prec z) + x \prec (y \succ z), \\ & x \succ (y \succ z) = (x \succ y) \succ z + (x \prec y) \succ z, \quad x, y, z \in N. \end{aligned}$$

The following theorem gives a Gröbner-Shirshov basis for  $DD(X)$ .

**Theorem 3.2** *Let the ordering on  $N$  be as before. Let*

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(x, y, z) &= (x \prec y) \prec z - x \prec (y \prec z) - x \prec (y \succ z), \\ f_2(x, y, z) &= (x \prec y) \succ z + (x \succ y) \succ z - x \succ (y \succ z), \\ f_3(x, y, z, v) &= ((x \succ y) \succ z) \succ v - (x \succ y) \succ (z \succ v) + (x \succ (y \prec z)) \succ v. \end{aligned}$$

Then,  $S = \{f_1(x, y, z), f_2(x, y, z), f_3(x, y, z, v) \mid x, y, z, v \in N\}$  is a Gröbner-Shirshov basis in  $L(X)$ .

**Proof.** All the possible compositions of right multiplication in  $S$  are as follows.

1)  $f_2(x, y, z) \prec u, u \in N$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} f_2(x, y, z) \prec u &= ((x \prec y) \succ z) \prec u + ((x \succ y) \succ z) \prec u - (x \succ (y \succ z)) \prec u \\ &= (x \prec y) \succ (z \prec u) + (x \succ y) \succ (z \prec u) - x \succ ((y \succ z) \prec u) \\ &\equiv -(x \succ y) \succ (z \prec u) + x \succ (y \succ (z \prec u)) + (x \succ y) \succ (z \prec u) \\ &\quad - x \succ ((y \succ z) \prec u) \\ &\equiv 0 \text{ mod}(S). \end{aligned}$$

2)  $f_3(x, y, z, v) \prec u, u \in N$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} f_3(x, y, z, v) \prec u &= (((x \succ y) \succ z) \succ v) \prec u - ((x \succ y) \succ (z \succ v)) \prec u \\ &\quad + ((x \succ (y \prec z)) \succ v) \prec u \\ &= ((x \succ y) \succ z) \succ (v \prec u) - (x \succ y) \succ (z \succ (v \prec u)) \\ &\quad + (x \succ (y \prec z)) \succ (v \prec u) \\ &\equiv (x \succ y) \succ (z \succ (v \prec u)) - (x \succ (y \prec z)) \succ (v \prec u) \\ &\quad - (x \succ y) \succ (z \succ (v \prec u)) + ((x \succ (y \prec z)) \succ v) \prec u \\ &\equiv 0 \text{ mod}(S). \end{aligned}$$

We denote by  $f_i \wedge f_j$  an inclusion composition of the polynomials  $f_i$  and  $f_j$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2, 3$ . All the possible ambiguities in  $S$  are listed as follows:

3)  $f_1(x, y, z) \wedge f_1(a, b, c)$  :

$$3.1 \ w_{3.1} = (x|_{((a \prec b) \prec c)} \prec y) \prec z,$$

$$3.3 \ w_{3.3} = (x \prec y) \prec z|_{((a \prec b) \prec c)},$$

$$3.2 \ w_{3.2} = (x \prec y|_{((a \prec b) \prec c)}) \prec z,$$

$$3.4 \ w_{3.4} = ((a \prec b) \prec c) \prec z.$$

4)  $f_1(x, y, z) \wedge f_2(a, b, c)$  :

$$4.1 \ w_{4.1} = (x|_{((a \prec b) \succ c)} \prec y) \prec z,$$

$$4.3 \ w_{4.3} = (x \prec y) \prec z|_{((a \prec b) \succ c)}.$$

$$4.2 \ w_{4.2} = (x \prec y|_{((a \prec b) \succ c)}) \prec z,$$

5)  $f_1(x, y, z) \wedge f_3(a, b, c, d)$  :

$$5.1 \ w_{5.1} = (x|_{(((a \succ b) \succ c) \succ d)} \prec y) \prec z,$$

$$5.3 \ w_{5.3} = (x \prec y) \prec z|_{(((a \succ b) \succ c) \succ d)}.$$

$$5.2 \ w_{5.2} = (x \prec y|_{(((a \succ b) \succ c) \succ d)}) \prec z,$$

6)  $f_2(a, b, c) \wedge f_1(x, y, z)$ :

$$6.1 \ w_{6.1} = (a|_{((x \prec y) \prec z)} \prec b) \succ c,$$

$$6.3 \ w_{6.3} = (a \prec b) \succ c|_{((x \prec y) \prec z)},$$

$$6.2 \ w_{6.2} = (a \prec b|_{((x \prec y) \prec z)}) \succ c,$$

$$6.4 \ w_{6.4} = ((x \prec y) \prec z) \succ c.$$

$$7) \ f_2(a, b, c) \wedge f_2(x, y, z):$$

$$7.1 \ w_{7.1} = (a|_{((x \prec y) \succ z)} \prec b) \succ c,$$

$$7.3 \ w_{7.3} = (a \prec b) \succ c|_{((x \prec y) \succ z)}.$$

$$7.2 \ w_{7.2} = (a \prec b|_{((x \prec y) \succ z)}) \succ c,$$

$$8) \ f_2(a, b, c) \wedge f_3(x, y, z, v):$$

$$8.1 \ w_{8.1} = (a|_{(((x \succ y) \succ z) \succ v)} \prec b) \succ c,$$

$$8.3 \ w_{8.1} = (a \prec b) \succ c|_{(((x \succ y) \succ z) \succ v)}.$$

$$8.2 \ w_{8.2} = (a \prec b|_{(((x \succ y) \succ z) \succ v)}) \succ c,$$

$$9) \ f_3(x, y, z, v) \wedge f_1(a, b, c):$$

$$9.1 \ w_{9.1} = ((x|_{((a \prec b) \prec c)} \succ y) \succ z) \succ v,$$

$$9.3 \ w_{9.3} = ((x \succ y) \succ z|_{((a \prec b) \prec c)}) \succ v,$$

$$9.2 \ w_{9.2} = ((x \succ y|_{((a \prec b) \prec c)}) \succ z) \succ v,$$

$$9.4 \ w_{9.4} = ((x \succ y) \succ z) \succ v|_{((a \prec b) \prec c)}.$$

$$10) \ f_3(x, y, z, v) \wedge f_2(a, b, c):$$

$$10.1 \ w_{10.1} = ((x|_{((a \prec b) \succ c)} \succ y) \succ z) \succ v,$$

$$10.3 \ w_{10.3} = ((x \succ y) \succ z|_{((a \prec b) \succ c)}) \succ v,$$

$$10.5 \ w_{10.5} = (((a \prec b) \succ c) \succ z) \succ v.$$

$$10.2 \ w_{10.2} = ((x \succ y|_{((a \prec b) \succ c)}) \succ z) \succ v,$$

$$10.4 \ w_{10.4} = ((x \succ y) \succ z) \succ v|_{((a \prec b) \succ c)},$$

$$11) \ f_3(x, y, z, v) \wedge f_3(a, b, c, d):$$

$$11.1 \ w_{11.1} = ((x|_{(((a \succ b) \succ c) \succ d)} \succ y) \succ z) \succ v,$$

$$11.2 \ w_{11.2} = ((x \succ y|_{(((a \succ b) \succ c) \succ d)}) \succ z) \succ v,$$

$$11.3 \ w_{11.3} = ((x \succ y) \succ z|_{(((a \succ b) \succ c) \succ d)}) \succ v,$$

$$11.4 \ w_{11.4} = ((x \succ y) \succ z) \succ v|_{(((a \succ b) \succ c) \succ d)},$$

$$11.5 \ w_{11.5} = (((a \succ b) \succ c) \succ d) \succ v,$$

$$11.6 \ w_{11.6} = (((a \succ b) \succ c) \succ d) \succ z) \succ v.$$

We will prove that all compositions are trivial mod( $S, w$ ). Here, for example, we only check Case 6.4, Case 10.5 and Case 11.6. The others are easy to check.

Case 6.4:

$$\begin{aligned} & (f_2(a, b, c), f_1(x, y, z))_{w_{6.4}} \\ \equiv & (x \prec (y \prec z)) \succ c + (x \prec (y \succ z)) \succ c - (x \prec y) \succ (z \succ c) \\ & + ((x \prec y) \succ z) \succ c \\ \equiv & x \succ ((y \prec z) \succ c) - (x \succ (y \prec z)) \succ c + x \succ ((y \succ z) \succ c) \\ & - (x \succ (y \succ z)) \succ c - x \succ (y \succ (z \succ c)) + (x \succ y) \succ (z \succ c) \\ & + (x \succ (y \succ z)) \succ c - ((x \succ y) \succ z) \succ c \\ \equiv & x \succ (y \succ (z \succ c)) - (x \succ (y \prec z)) \succ c - x \succ (y \succ (z \succ c)) \\ & + (x \succ y) \succ (z \succ c) - ((x \succ y) \succ z) \succ c \\ \equiv & 0 \text{ mod}(S, w_{6.4}). \end{aligned}$$

Case 10.5:

$$\begin{aligned}
& (f_3(x, y, z, v), f_2(a, b, c))_{w_{10.5}} \\
\equiv & ((a \succ (b \succ c)) \succ z) \succ v - (((a \succ b) \succ c) \succ z) \succ v \\
& - ((a \prec b) \succ c) \succ (z \succ v) + ((a \prec b) \succ (c \prec z)) \succ v \\
\equiv & (a \succ (b \succ c)) \succ (z \succ v) - (a \succ ((b \succ c) \prec z)) \succ v \\
& - ((a \succ b) \succ c) \succ (z \succ v) + ((a \succ b) \succ (c \prec z)) \succ v \\
& - (a \succ (b \succ c)) \succ (z \succ v) + ((a \succ b) \succ c) \succ (z \succ v) \\
& + (a \succ (b \succ (c \prec z))) \succ v - ((a \succ b) \succ (c \prec z)) \succ v \\
\equiv & 0 \text{ mod}(S, w_{10.5}).
\end{aligned}$$

Case 11.6:

$$\begin{aligned}
& (f_3(x, y, z, v), f_3(a, b, c, d))_{w_{11.6}} \\
\equiv & (((a \succ b) \succ (c \succ d)) \succ z) \succ v - (((a \succ (b \prec c)) \succ d) \succ z) \succ v \\
& - (((a \succ b) \succ c) \succ d) \succ (z \succ v) + (((a \succ b) \succ c) \succ (d \prec z)) \succ v \\
\equiv & ((a \succ b) \succ (c \succ d)) \succ (z \succ v) - ((a \succ b) \succ ((c \succ d) \prec z)) \succ v \\
& - ((a \succ (b \prec c)) \succ d) \succ (z \succ v) + ((a \succ (b \prec c)) \succ (d \prec z)) \succ v \\
& - ((a \succ b) \succ (c \succ d)) \succ (z \succ v) + ((a \succ (b \prec c)) \succ d) \succ (z \succ v) \\
& + ((a \succ b) \succ (c \succ (d \prec z))) \succ v - ((a \succ (b \prec c)) \succ (d \prec z)) \succ v \\
\equiv & 0 \text{ mod}(S, w_{11.6}).
\end{aligned}$$

The proof is complete. □

**Definition 3.3** An  $L$ -word  $u$  is called a normal  $DD$ -word, denoted by  $[u]$ , if

- 1)  $u = x, x \in X,$
- 2)  $u = x \prec [v], x \in X,$
- 3)  $u = x \succ [v], x \in X,$
- 4)  $u = (x \succ [u_1]) \succ [u_2], x \in X.$

**Remark** From Definition 2.2 and Definition 3.3, we know that any normal  $DD$ -word is a normal  $L$ -word.

The following corollary follows from Theorem 2.5 and Theorem 3.2.

**Corollary 3.4** The set  $\text{Irr}(S) = \{u \mid u \text{ is a normal } DD\text{-word}\}$  is a  $k$ -basis of the free dendriform algebra  $DD(X)$ .

## 4 Hilbert series and Gelfand-Kirillov dimension of the free dendriform algebra

In this section, we give Hilbert series of the free dendriform algebra  $DD(X)$  where  $|X|$  is finite. As an application, we prove that Gelfand-Kirillov dimension of the free dendriform algebra  $DD(X)$  is infinite.

We introduce some basic definitions and concepts that we will use throughout this section.

**Definition 4.1** *Let  $V = (V, \prec, \succ)$  be a dendriform algebra. Then  $V$  is called a finitely graded algebra if*

$$V = \bigoplus_{m \geq 1} V_m$$

as  $k$ -vector spaces such that

$$\dim_k V_m < \infty \text{ and } \delta(V_i, V_j) \subseteq V_{i+j} \text{ for all } i, j \geq 1, \delta \in \{\prec, \succ\}.$$

**Definition 4.2** *Let  $V = \bigoplus_{m \geq 1} V_m$  be a finitely graded dendriform algebra and  $\dim_k(V_m)$ , the dimension of the vector space  $V_m$ . Then the Hilbert series of  $V$  is defined to be*

$$\mathcal{H}(V, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \dim_k(V_m) t^m.$$

Let  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  and  $DD_m$  the subspace of  $DD(X)$  generated by all normal  $DD$ -words in  $DD(X)$  of degree  $m$ . Then

$$DD(X) = \bigoplus_{m \geq 1} DD_m$$

is a finitely graded dendriform algebra.

By the definition of normal  $DD$ -words, one has

$$\dim_k(DD_1) = n, \dim_k(DD_2) = 2n^2.$$

Assume that for any  $m \geq 1$ ,  $\dim_k(DD_m) = f(m)n^m$ . Then  $f(1) = 1$ ,  $f(2) = 2$ . For convenience, let  $f(0) = 1$ .

For any  $m > 2$ , it is clear that  $DD_m$  has a  $k$ -basis

$$\begin{aligned} & \{x \prec [u] \mid x \in X, |u| > 1, [u] \text{ is a normal } DD\text{-word}\} \\ & \bigcup \{x \succ [u] \mid x \in X, |u| > 1, [u] \text{ is a normal } DD\text{-word}\} \\ & \bigcup \{(x \succ [u_1]) \succ [u_2] \mid x \in X, |u_1|, |u_2| \geq 1, [u_1], [u_2] \text{ are normal } DD\text{-words}\}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} f(m) &= 2 \times f(m-1) + 1 \times 1 \times f(m-2) + 1 \times f(m-2) \times 1 \\ & \quad + 1 \times \sum_{i=2}^{m-3} f(i)f(m-3-i) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} f(i)f(m-1-i). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we prove the following lemma.



**Lemma 4.3** *Let  $X$  be a finite set with  $|X| = n$ . Then the Hilbert series of the free dendriform algebra  $DD(X)$  is*

$$\mathcal{H}(DD(X), t) = \sum_{m \geq 1} f(m)n^m t^m,$$

where  $f(m)$  satisfies the recursive relation ( $f(0) = 1$ ):

$$f(m) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} f(i)f(m-1-i), \quad m \geq 1.$$

Now, we describe the Hilbert series of  $DD(X)$  with another way.

Let  $A, B, C$  be the subspaces of  $DD(X)$  with  $k$ -bases

$$\begin{aligned} & \{x \prec [u] \mid x \in X, [u] \text{ is a normal } DD\text{-word}\}, \\ & \{x \succ [u] \mid x \in X, [u] \text{ is a normal } DD\text{-word}\}, \\ & \{(x \succ [u_1]) \succ [u_2] \mid x \in X, [u_1], [u_2] \text{ are normal } DD\text{-words}\}, \end{aligned}$$

respectively. Assume that their Hilbert series are  $\mathcal{H}(A, t)$ ,  $\mathcal{H}(B, t)$ ,  $\mathcal{H}(C, t)$ , respectively. Clearly, we have

$$\mathcal{H}(B, t) = \mathcal{H}(A, t).$$

Noting that  $A$  has a  $k$ -basis

$$\{x_i \prec x_j \mid x_i, x_j \in X\} \cup \{x \prec [u] \mid |u| > 1, x \in X, [u] \text{ is a normal } DD\text{-word}\},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}(A, t) &= n^2 t^2 + nt \times (\mathcal{H}(A, t) + \mathcal{H}(B, t) + \mathcal{H}(C, t)) \\ &= n^2 t^2 + nt \times (2\mathcal{H}(A, t) + \mathcal{H}(C, t)). \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Since  $C$  has a  $k$ -basis

$$\begin{aligned} & \{(x_i \succ x_j) \succ x_k \mid x_i, x_j, x_k \in X\} \\ & \cup \{(x_i \succ x_j) \succ [u] \mid x_i, x_j \in X, |u| > 1, [u] \text{ is a normal } DD\text{-word}\} \\ & \cup \{(x_i \succ [u]) \succ x_j \mid x_i, x_j \in X, |u| > 1, [u] \text{ is a normal } DD\text{-word}\} \\ & \cup \{(x \succ [u]) \succ [v] \mid |u|, |v| > 1, [u], [v] \text{ are normal } DD\text{-words}\}, \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}(C, t) &= n^3 t^3 + 2n^2 t^2 \times (\mathcal{H}(A, t) + \mathcal{H}(B, t) + \mathcal{H}(C, t)) + nt \times (\mathcal{H}(A, t) \\ & \quad + \mathcal{H}(B, t) + \mathcal{H}(C, t))^2 \\ &= nt \times (nt + (2\mathcal{H}(A, t) + \mathcal{H}(C, t)))^2 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

From equations (1) and (2), we obtain

$$\mathcal{H}(A, t) = \frac{1 - 2nt \pm \sqrt{1 - 4nt}}{2}.$$

Since  $\mathcal{H}(A, 0) = 0$ , we have

$$\mathcal{H}(A, t) = \frac{1 - 2nt - \sqrt{1 - 4nt}}{2}.$$

Therefore,

$$\mathcal{H}(C, t) = \frac{1 - (1 - 2nt)\sqrt{1 - 4nt}}{2nt} - 2 + nt.$$

Thus, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.4** *Let  $X$  be a finite set with  $|X| = n$ . The Hilbert series of the free dendriform algebra  $DD(X)$  is*

$$\mathcal{H}(DD(X), t) = \frac{1 - 2nt - \sqrt{1 - 4nt}}{2nt}.$$

We now give an exact expression of the function  $\mathcal{H}(DD(X), t)$ .

For  $t \leq \frac{1}{4n}$ , we have

$$\sqrt{1 - 4nt} = (1 + (-4nt))^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2} - 1) \cdots (\frac{1}{2} - i + 1)}{i!} \times (-1)^i 4^i n^i t^i.$$

From this and Lemma 4.3 we get the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.5** *Let  $X$  be a finite set with  $|X| = n$ . Then the Hilbert series of the free dendriform algebra  $DD(X)$  is*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}(DD(X), t) &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 \times 3 \times \cdots (2m - 1) \times 2^m}{(m + 1)!} n^m t^m \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2m)! \times n^m \times t^m}{(m + 1)! m!}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\dim_k(DD_m) = \frac{(2m)! \times n^m}{(m+1)! m!}$ ,  $m \geq 1$ .

Now, by using Theorem 4.5, we show that Gelfand-Kirillov dimension of the free dendriform algebra  $DD(X)$  is infinite when  $|X|$  is finite.

**Definition 4.6** [2] *Let  $R$  be a finitely presented algebra over a field  $k$  and  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  be its generators. Consider  $R = \bigcup_{d \in \mathbb{N}} V(d)$ , where  $V(d)$  is spanned by all the monomials in  $x_i$  of length  $\leq d$ . The quantity*

$$GKR = \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \dim_k V(d)}{\log d}$$

*is called the Gelfand-Kirillov dimension of  $R$ .*

**Theorem 4.7** *Let  $X$  be a finite set with  $|X| = n$ . Then the Gelfand-Kirillov dimension of free dendriform algebra  $DD(X)$  is*

$$GKDD(X) = \infty.$$

**Proof.** For a fixed natural  $d$ , let  $DD_{(d)}$  be the subspace spanned by all the monomials in  $x_i$  of length  $\leq d$ . Then

$$\dim DD_{(d)} = \sum_{i=1}^d \dim_k(DD_i) \geq \dim_k(DD_d).$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} GKDD(X) &\geq \overline{\lim}_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \dim_k(DD_d)}{\log d} = \overline{\lim}_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \frac{(2d)! \times n^d}{(d+1)!d!}}{\ln d} \\ &= \overline{\lim}_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d \ln 2n + \sum_{i=1}^d \ln(2i-1) - \sum_{i=1}^{d+1} \ln i}{\ln d} \\ &= \overline{\lim}_{d \rightarrow \infty} d \ln 2n + \overline{\lim}_{d \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{\ln 2^{2i-1}}{\ln d} - 1 \\ &= \overline{\lim}_{d \rightarrow \infty} (d \ln 2n) + \overline{\lim}_{d \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{d}{\ln d} \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{\ln(2 - \frac{1}{i})}{d} \right) - 1 \\ &= \infty. \end{aligned}$$

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