

3 The Second Form : $Y^b + Y^c Z^d$

Again, let K be a field of characteristic $p > 0$ and

$$S = K [Y_1, \dots, Y_s, Z_1, \dots, Z_t].$$

In this section we shall determine the Hilbert-Kunz function of the hypersurface of the following form :

$$f := Y^b + Y^c Z^d$$

where $Y^b = Y_1^{b_1} \dots Y_s^{b_s}$, $Y^c = Y_1^{c_1} \dots Y_s^{c_s}$, $Z^d = Z_1^{d_1} \dots Z_t^{d_t}$. Let $q = p^n$, $J = \{j \mid b_j > c_j\}$, and set $R = S / \langle f \rangle$. Then $0 \leq |J| := m \leq s$, and *w.l.o.g.*, we assume that $b_1 > c_1, \dots, b_m > c_m$, $b_{m+1} \leq c_{m+1}, \dots, b_s \leq c_s$. We shall determine the assignment

$$HK_R(q) := \dim_K \left(S / \langle Y_1^q, \dots, Y_s^q, Z_1^q, \dots, Z_t^q, f \rangle \right).$$

Throughout this section, it is not restrictive to assume that $b_1 - c_1 \geq b_2 - c_2 \geq \dots \geq b_m - c_m > 0$, $c_{m+1} - b_{m+1} \geq c_{m+2} - b_{m+2} \geq \dots \geq c_s - b_s \geq 0$, and $d_1 \geq d_2 \geq \dots \geq d_t > 0$. Let u be the maximum of the integers $b_1 - c_1$, $c_{m+1} - b_{m+1}$, and d_1 ; that is, u is the greatest integer among all $(b_j - c_j)$'s, $(c_h - b_h)$'s, and d_k 's. We also denote by $[y]$ the greatest integer less than or equal to y , and $S_{in}(x)$ the elementary symmetric polynomial of degree i in n indeterminates $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$. Let I_q be the ideal of S generated by all Y_j^q 's, Z_k^q 's, and f , and define $(v)_+ = \max \{0, v\}$.

Firstly, we prove the following lemma.

Lemma 3.1. *Let $S = K[Y_1, \dots, Y_s]$, $s \geq 1$, and G the ideal generated by*

$$Y_1^q, \dots, Y_s^q, Y_1^{[q-\alpha(b_1-c_1)-c_1]_+} Y^{e+\alpha(c-b)_+}, \dots, Y_m^{[q-\alpha(b_m-c_m)-c_m]_+} Y^{e+\alpha(c-b)_+}, \quad \text{and } Y^b,$$

where α is a positive integer, $e = (e_1, \dots, e_s)$, $e_1 = c_1, \dots, e_m = c_m, e_{m+1} = b_{m+1}, \dots, e_s = b_s$, and $(c-b)_+ = (0, \dots, 0, c_{m+1} - b_{m+1}, \dots, c_s - b_s)$. Then the dimension of S/G is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & q^s - \prod_{j=1}^s (q - b_j) - \prod_{j=1}^m (q - c_j) \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+ \\ & \quad + \prod_{j=1}^m (q - b_j) \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+ \\ & \quad + \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - c_j]_+ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+ \\ & - \prod_{j=1}^m [q - (\alpha + 1)(b_j - c_j) - c_j]_+ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+. \end{aligned}$$

Proof : If $[q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - c_j]_+ = 0$ for some j with $1 \leq j \leq m$, then G is generated by

$$Y_1^q, \dots, Y_s^q, Y^{e+\alpha(c-b)_+}, \quad \text{and } Y^b.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \dim_K(S/G) &= q^s - \prod_{j=1}^s (q - b_j) - \prod_{j=1}^m (q - c_j) \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+ \\ & \quad + \prod_{j=1}^m (q - b_j) \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+. \end{aligned}$$

From now on, we assume $q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - c_j > 0$ for each $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$. Let l_α be the minimum of

$$\left\{ \left[\frac{q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - 1}{c_j} \right], \left[\frac{q - 1}{b_h + \alpha(c_h - b_h)} \right] \mid j = 1, \dots, m, h = m + 1, \dots, s \right\}.$$

Then we have $q - \alpha(b_{j_0} - c_{j_0}) \leq (l_\alpha + 1)c_{j_0}$ for some j_0 with $1 \leq j_0 \leq m$ or

$$q \leq (l_\alpha + 1)(b_{h_0} + \alpha(c_{h_0} - b_{h_0})) \quad \text{for some } h_0 \text{ with } m + 1 \leq h_0 \leq s, \quad \text{and}$$

$$q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - l_\alpha c_j \geq 1 \quad \text{for each } j \quad \text{and} \quad q - l_\alpha(b_h + \alpha(c_h - b_h)) \geq 1 \quad \text{for each } h.$$

We consider the ideals $G_\beta = G : Y^{\beta[e+\alpha(c-b)_+]}$, for $\beta = 0, 1, 2, \dots, l_\alpha + 1$. Since $G_0 = G$, $G_{l_\alpha+1} = S$, and $G_{\beta+1} = G_\beta : Y^{e+\alpha(c-b)_+}$, we have the exact sequence of K-modules :

$$0 \longrightarrow S/G_{\beta+1} \xrightarrow{Y^{e+\alpha(c-b)_+}} S/G_\beta \longrightarrow S / \langle G_\beta, Y^{e+\alpha(c-b)_+} \rangle \longrightarrow 0.$$

It follows that

$$\dim_K(S/G) = \dim_K(S/G_0) = \sum_{\beta=0}^{l_\alpha} \dim_K \left(S / \langle G_\beta, Y^{e+\alpha(c-b)_+} \rangle \right).$$

We compute $\dim_K \left(S / \langle G_\beta, Y^{e+\alpha(c-b)_+} \rangle \right)$ as follows :

For $\beta = 0$, the ideal $\langle G_0, Y^{e+\alpha(c-b)_+} \rangle$ is generated by $Y_1^q, \dots, Y_s^q, Y^{e+\alpha(c-b)_+}$, and Y^b .

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \dim_K \left(S / \langle G_0, Y^{e+\alpha(c-b)_+} \rangle \right) &= q^s - \prod_{j=1}^s (q - b_j) - \prod_{j=1}^m (q - c_j) \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+ \\ &\quad + \prod_{j=1}^m (q - b_j) \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+. \end{aligned}$$

For $1 \leq \beta \leq l_\alpha$, the ideal $G_\beta = G : Y^{\beta[e+\alpha(c-b)_+]}$ is generated by

$$\begin{aligned} &Y_1^{q-\alpha(b_1-c_1)-\beta c_1}, \dots, Y_m^{q-\alpha(b_m-c_m)-\beta c_m}, Y_{m+1}^{q-\beta[b_{m+1}+\alpha(c_{m+1}-b_{m+1})]}, \dots, Y_s^{q-\beta[b_s+\alpha(c_s-b_s)]}, \text{ and} \\ &Y_1^{(b_1-\beta c_1)_+} \dots Y_m^{(b_m-\beta c_m)_+} Y_{m+1}^{[b_{m+1}-\beta(b_{m+1}+\alpha(c_{m+1}-b_{m+1}))]_+} \dots Y_s^{[b_s-\beta(b_s+\alpha(c_s-b_s))]_+}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the ideal $\langle G_\beta, Y^{e+\alpha(c-b)_+} \rangle$ is generated by

$$\begin{aligned} &Y_1^{q-\alpha(b_1-c_1)-\beta c_1}, \dots, Y_m^{q-\alpha(b_m-c_m)-\beta c_m}, Y_{m+1}^{q-\beta[b_{m+1}+\alpha(c_{m+1}-b_{m+1})]}, \dots, Y_s^{q-\beta[b_s+\alpha(c_s-b_s)]}, \\ &Y_1^{(b_1-\beta c_1)_+} \dots Y_m^{(b_m-\beta c_m)_+} Y_{m+1}^{[b_{m+1}-\beta(b_{m+1}+\alpha(c_{m+1}-b_{m+1}))]_+} \dots Y_s^{[b_s-\beta(b_s+\alpha(c_s-b_s))]_+}, \text{ and } Y^{e+\alpha(c-b)_+}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} &\dim_K \left(S / \langle G_\beta, Y^{e+\alpha(c-b)_+} \rangle \right) \\ &= \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - \beta c_j]_+ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \beta(b_h + \alpha(c_h - b_h))]_+ \\ &\quad - \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - (\beta + 1)c_j]_+ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - (\beta + 1)(b_h + \alpha(c_h - b_h))]_+ \\ &\quad - \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - \beta c_j - (b_j - \beta c_j)_+]_+ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \beta(b_h + \alpha(c_h - b_h)) - [b_h - \beta(b_h \\ &\quad + \alpha(c_h - b_h))]_+]_+ + \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - \beta c_j - u_{j\beta}]_+ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - (\beta + 1)(b_h + \alpha(c_h - b_h))]_+, \end{aligned}$$

where $u_{j\beta} = \max \{ c_j, [b_j - \beta c_j]_+ \}$.

Now, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\dim_K(S/G) = & q^s - \prod_{j=1}^s (q - b_j) - \prod_{j=1}^m (q - c_j) \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+ \\
& + \prod_{j=1}^m (q - b_j) \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+ \\
& + \sum_{\beta=1}^{l_\alpha} \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - \beta c_j]_+ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \beta(b_h + \alpha(c_h - b_h))]_+ \right. \\
& \quad \left. - \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - (\beta + 1)c_j]_+ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - (\beta + 1)(b_h + \alpha(c_h - b_h))]_+ \right\} \\
& - \sum_{\beta=1}^{l_\alpha} \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - \beta c_j - (b_j - \beta c_j)_+]_+ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \beta(b_h + \alpha(c_h - b_h))]_+ \right. \\
& \quad \left. - \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - \beta c_j - u_{j\beta}]_+ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - (\beta + 1)(b_h + \alpha(c_h - b_h))]_+ \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Let (Δ) be the term

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{\beta=1}^{l_\alpha} \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - \beta c_j]_+ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \beta(b_h + \alpha(c_h - b_h))]_+ \right. \\
& \quad \left. - \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - (\beta + 1)c_j]_+ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - (\beta + 1)(b_h + \alpha(c_h - b_h))]_+ \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since $q - \alpha(b_{j_0} - c_{j_0}) \leq (l_\alpha + 1)c_{j_0}$ for some j_0 with $1 \leq j_0 \leq m$ or
 $q \leq (l_\alpha + 1)(b_{h_0} + \alpha(c_{h_0} - b_{h_0}))$ for some h_0 with $m + 1 \leq h_0 \leq s$,

the term (Δ) is equal to $\prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - c_j]_+ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+$.

Let $(\Delta\Delta)$ be the term

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{\beta=1}^{l_\alpha} \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - \beta c_j - (b_j - \beta c_j)_+]_+ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \beta(b_h + \alpha(c_h - b_h))]_+ \right. \\
& \quad \left. - \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - \beta c_j - u_{j\beta}]_+ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - (\beta + 1)(b_h + \alpha(c_h - b_h))]_+ \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} & \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - \beta c_j - u_{j\beta}]_+ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - (\beta + 1)(b_h + \alpha(c_h - b_h))]_+ \\ &= \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - (\beta + 1)c_j - (b_j - (\beta + 1)c_j)]_+ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - (\beta + 1)(b_h + \alpha(c_h - b_h))]_+, \end{aligned}$$

where $\beta = 1, 2, \dots, l_\alpha - 1$, the term $(\Delta\Delta)$ is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & \prod_{j=1}^m [q - (\alpha + 1)(b_j - c_j) - c_j]_+ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+ \\ & \quad - \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - l_\alpha c_j - u_{jl_\alpha}]_+ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - (l_\alpha + 1)(b_h + \alpha(c_h - b_h))]_+. \end{aligned}$$

Since $q - \alpha(b_{j_0} - c_{j_0}) \leq (l_\alpha + 1)c_{j_0}$ or $q \leq (l_\alpha + 1)(b_{h_0} + \alpha(c_{h_0} - b_{h_0}))$, we have

$$\prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - l_\alpha c_j - u_{jl_\alpha}]_+ = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - (l_\alpha + 1)(b_h + \alpha(c_h - b_h))]_+ = 0.$$

Thus, $(\Delta\Delta)$ is equal to

$$\prod_{j=1}^m [q - (\alpha + 1)(b_j - c_j) - c_j]_+ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \dim_K(S/G) &= q^s - \prod_{j=1}^s (q - b_j) - \prod_{j=1}^m (q - c_j) \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+ \\ & \quad + \prod_{j=1}^m (q - b_j) \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+ \\ & \quad + \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - c_j]_+ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+ \\ & \quad - \prod_{j=1}^m [q - (\alpha + 1)(b_j - c_j) - c_j]_+ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+. \end{aligned}$$

□

Since u is the maximum of the integers among all $(b_j - c_j)$'s, $(c_h - b_h)$'s, and d_k 's, we have

$$\left[\frac{q-v}{u} \right] := \min \left\{ \left[\frac{q-c_j-1}{b_j-c_j} \right], \left[\frac{q-b_h-1}{c_h-b_h} \right], \left[\frac{q-1}{d_k} \right] \mid \begin{array}{l} b_j - c_j > 0, \quad c_h - b_h > 0, \quad 1 \leq j \leq m \\ m+1 \leq h \leq s, \quad 1 \leq k \leq t \end{array} \right\}$$

for $q \gg 0$, where $v = 1$ or $1 + c_j$ for some j or $1 + b_h$ for some h . Let l_u be the integer $\left[\frac{q-v}{u} \right]$, and ϵ be the remainder of $q - v$ divided by u . Then $l_u = \frac{q-v-\epsilon}{u}$ and one has $q - l_u(b_j - c_j) - c_j > 0$, $q - l_u(c_h - b_h) - b_h > 0$, and $q - l_u d_k > 0$ for all j, h , and k . On the other hand, by the definition of l_u , at least one of $[q - (l_u + 1)(b_j - c_j) - c_j]_+$'s, $[q - (l_u + 1)(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+$'s, and $[q - (l_u + 1)d_k]_+$'s must be zero.

Proposition 3.2. *Let $f := Y^b + Y^c Z^d$. Then $HK_R(q)$ is equal to*

$$\begin{aligned} & q^{s+t} - q^t \prod_{j=1}^s (q - b_j) \\ & - \prod_{j=1}^m (q - c_j) \times \left\{ \sum_{\alpha=1}^{l_u} \left[\prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h] \right] \times \left[\prod_{k=1}^t (q - \alpha d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (\alpha + 1)d_k]_+ \right] \right\} \\ & + \prod_{j=1}^m (q - b_j) \times \left\{ \sum_{\alpha=1}^{l_u} \left[\prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h] \right] \times \left[\prod_{k=1}^t (q - \alpha d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (\alpha + 1)d_k]_+ \right] \right\} \\ & + \sum_{\alpha=1}^{l_u} \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - c_j] \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h] - \prod_{j=1}^m [q - (\alpha + 1)(b_j - c_j) - c_j]_+ \right. \\ & \quad \left. \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h] \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^t (q - \alpha d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (\alpha + 1)d_k]_+ \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where l_u is the integer $\left[\frac{q-v}{u} \right]$, and $0 \leq m \leq s$.

Proof : We prove this proposition by discussing on m , and let $<$ be the lexicographic order on S .

Case 1 : Assume that $m = 0$, i.e., $b_j \leq c_j$ for each $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$. Then $Y^c Z^d$ is the leading term of f . The elements

$$Y_1^q, \dots, Y_s^q, Z_1^q, \dots, Z_t^q, \text{ and } Y^b$$

form a Gröbner basis of the ideal I_q . Thus, the ideal $\text{in}(I_q)$ is generated by the elements as above. It follows that

$$\dim_K(S/\text{in}(I_q)) = \dim_K(S / \langle Y_1^q, \dots, Y_s^q, Z_1^q, \dots, Z_t^q, Y^b \rangle).$$

Hence, $HK_R(q) = q^{s+t} - q^t \prod_{j=1}^s (q - b_j)$.

Case 2 : Suppose that $1 \leq m \leq s$, and define

$$e_j = c_j \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq m, \text{ and } e_h = b_h \text{ for } m+1 \leq h \leq s.$$

Then Y^b is the leading term of f and $Y^e = Y_1^{e_1} \cdots Y_s^{e_s} = Y_1^{c_1} \cdots Y_m^{c_m} Y_{m+1}^{b_{m+1}} \cdots Y_s^{b_s}$.

By means of Buchberger's algorithm (Algorithm 1.9), the elements

$$Y_1^q, \dots, Y_s^q, Z_1^q, \dots, Z_t^q, Y^b + Y^c Z^d, \text{ and} \\ Y_j^{[q-\delta(b_j-c_j)-c_j]_+} Y^{e+\delta(c-b)_+} Z^{\delta d}, j = 1, \dots, m, \delta = 1, \dots, l,$$

form a Gröbner basis of the ideal I_q , where $l = \left\lfloor \frac{q-1}{d_1} \right\rfloor$.

Hence, the ideal $\text{in}(I_q)$ is generated by

$$Y_1^q, \dots, Y_s^q, Z_1^q, \dots, Z_t^q, Y^b, \text{ and } Y_j^{[q-\delta(b_j-c_j)-c_j]_+} Y^{e+\delta(c-b)_+} Z^{\delta d}, j = 1, \dots, m, \delta = 1, \dots, l.$$

Now we have to compute the dimension of $S/\text{in}(I_q)$. In order to do this, we consider the ideals $K_\alpha = \text{in}(I_q) : Z^{\alpha d}$ for $\alpha = 0, 1, \dots, l+1$. Since $K_0 = \text{in}(I_q)$, $K_{l+1} = S$, and $K_{\alpha+1} = K_\alpha : Z^d$, we have the exact sequence of K-modules :

$$0 \longrightarrow S/K_{\alpha+1} \xrightarrow{Z^d} S/K_\alpha \longrightarrow S / \langle K_\alpha, Z^d \rangle \longrightarrow 0.$$

It follows that

$$\dim_K(S/\text{in}(I_q)) = \dim_K(S/K_0) = \sum_{\alpha=0}^l \dim_K(S / \langle K_\alpha, Z^d \rangle).$$

We compute $\dim_K(S / \langle K_\alpha, Z^d \rangle)$ as follows :

For $\alpha = 0$, the ideal $\langle K_0, Z^d \rangle$ is generated by $Y_1^q, \dots, Y_s^q, Z_1^q, \dots, Z_t^q, Y^b$, and Z^d .

Therefore,

$$\dim_K(S / \langle K_0, Z^d \rangle) = \dim_K(S / \langle Y_1^q, \dots, Y_s^q, Z_1^q, \dots, Z_t^q, Y^b, Z^d \rangle) \\ = q^{s+t} - q^t \prod_{j=1}^s (q - b_j) - q^s \prod_{k=1}^t (q - d_k) + \prod_{j=1}^s (q - b_j) \prod_{k=1}^t (q - d_k).$$

For $1 \leq \alpha \leq l$, the ideal $\langle K_\alpha, Z^d \rangle$ is generated by

$$Y_1^q, \dots, Y_s^q, Z_1^{q-\alpha d_1}, \dots, Z_t^{q-\alpha d_t}, Y^b, Z^d, \text{ and } Y_j^{[q-\alpha(b_j-c_j)-c_j]_+} Y^{e+\delta(c-b)_+}, j = 1, \dots, m.$$

Let $S_1 = K[Y_1, \dots, Y_s]$, and $S_2 = K[Z_1, \dots, Z_t]$. Then by Lemma 3.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \dim_K(S / \langle K_\alpha, Z^d \rangle) \\
&= \dim_K(S_1 / \langle Y_1^q, \dots, Y_s^q, Y^b, Y_1^{[q-\alpha(b_1-c_1)-c_1]_+} Y^{e+\alpha(c-b)_+}, \dots, Y_m^{[q-\alpha(b_m-c_m)-c_m]_+} Y^{e+\alpha(c-b)_+} \rangle) \\
&\quad \times \dim_K(S_2 / \langle Z_1^{q-\alpha d_1}, \dots, Z_t^{q-\alpha d_t}, Z^d \rangle) \\
&= \left\{ q^s - \prod_{j=1}^s (q - b_j) - \prod_{j=1}^m (q - c_j) \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+ \right. \\
&\quad + \prod_{j=1}^m (q - b_j) \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+ \\
&\quad + \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - c_j]_+ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+ \\
&\quad \left. - \prod_{j=1}^m [q - (\alpha + 1)(b_j - c_j) - c_j]_+ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+ \right\} \times \\
&\quad \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^t (q - \alpha d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (\alpha + 1)d_k]_+ \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since $\dim_K(S/\text{in}(I_q))$ can be written as

$$\dim_K(S / \langle K_0, Z^d \rangle) + \sum_{\alpha=1}^l \dim_K(S / \langle K_\alpha, Z^d \rangle),$$

it follows that $\dim_K(S/\text{in}(I_q))$ is equal to

$$\begin{aligned}
& q^{s+t} - q^t \prod_{j=1}^s (q - b_j) - q^s \prod_{k=1}^t (q - d_k) + \prod_{j=1}^s (q - b_j) \prod_{k=1}^t (q - d_k) \\
& + \left[q^s - \prod_{j=1}^s (q - b_j) \right] \times \left\{ \sum_{\alpha=1}^l \left[\prod_{k=1}^t (q - \alpha d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (\alpha + 1)d_k]_+ \right] \right\} \\
& - \sum_{\alpha=1}^l \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^m (q - c_j) \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+ \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^t (q - \alpha d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (\alpha + 1)d_k]_+ \right\} \\
& + \sum_{\alpha=1}^l \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^m (q - b_j) \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+ \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^t (q - \alpha d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (\alpha + 1)d_k]_+ \right\} \\
& + \sum_{\alpha=1}^l \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - c_j]_+ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+ - \prod_{j=1}^m [q - (\alpha + 1)(b_j - c_j) - c_j]_+ \right. \\
& \quad \left. \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+ \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^t (q - \alpha d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (\alpha + 1)d_k]_+ \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Let $(\Delta\Delta\Delta)$ be the term

$$\left[q^s - \prod_{j=1}^s (q - b_j) \right] \times \left\{ \sum_{\alpha=1}^l \left[\prod_{k=1}^t (q - \alpha d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (\alpha + 1)d_k]_+ \right] \right\}.$$

Since $l = \left\lfloor \frac{q-1}{d_1} \right\rfloor$, we have $q \leq (l+1)d_1$, and so $\prod_{k=1}^t [q - (\alpha + 1)d_k]_+ = 0$.

Thus, the term $(\Delta\Delta\Delta)$ is equal to

$$q^s \prod_{k=1}^t (q - d_k) - \prod_{j=1}^s (q - b_j) \prod_{k=1}^t (q - d_k).$$

It follows that $\dim_K(S/\text{in}(I_q))$ is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & q^{s+t} - q^t \prod_{j=1}^s (q - b_j) \\ & - \prod_{j=1}^m (q - c_j) \times \left\{ \sum_{\alpha=1}^l \left[\prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+ \right] \times \left[\prod_{k=1}^t (q - \alpha d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (\alpha + 1)d_k]_+ \right] \right\} \\ & + \prod_{j=1}^m (q - b_j) \times \left\{ \sum_{\alpha=1}^l \left[\prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+ \right] \times \left[\prod_{k=1}^t (q - \alpha d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (\alpha + 1)d_k]_+ \right] \right\} \\ & + \sum_{\alpha=1}^l \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - c_j]_+ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+ - \prod_{j=1}^m [q - (\alpha + 1)(b_j - c_j) - c_j]_+ \right. \\ & \quad \left. \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h]_+ \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^t (q - \alpha d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (\alpha + 1)d_k]_+ \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

By the definition of l_u , we have

$$\begin{aligned} HK_R(q) &= q^{s+t} - q^t \prod_{j=1}^s (q - b_j) \\ & - \prod_{j=1}^m (q - c_j) \times \left\{ \sum_{\alpha=1}^{l_u} \left[\prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h] \right] \times \left[\prod_{k=1}^t (q - \alpha d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (\alpha + 1)d_k]_+ \right] \right\} \\ & + \prod_{j=1}^m (q - b_j) \times \left\{ \sum_{\alpha=1}^{l_u} \left[\prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h] \right] \times \left[\prod_{k=1}^t (q - \alpha d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (\alpha + 1)d_k]_+ \right] \right\} \\ & + \sum_{\alpha=1}^{l_u} \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - c_j] \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h] - \prod_{j=1}^m [q - (\alpha + 1)(b_j - c_j) - c_j]_+ \right. \\ & \quad \left. \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h] \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^t (q - \alpha d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (\alpha + 1)d_k]_+ \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, combining *the Case 1* with *the Case 2*, and we have the following result :

$$\begin{aligned}
HK_R(q) &= q^{s+t} - q^t \prod_{j=1}^s (q - b_j) \\
&- \prod_{j=1}^m (q - c_j) \times \left\{ \sum_{\alpha=1}^{l_u} \left[\prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h] \right] \times \left[\prod_{k=1}^t (q - \alpha d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (\alpha + 1)d_k]_+ \right] \right\} \\
&+ \prod_{j=1}^m (q - b_j) \times \left\{ \sum_{\alpha=1}^{l_u} \left[\prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h] \right] \times \left[\prod_{k=1}^t (q - \alpha d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (\alpha + 1)d_k]_+ \right] \right\} \\
&+ \sum_{\alpha=1}^{l_u} \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - c_j] \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h] - \prod_{j=1}^m [q - (\alpha + 1)(b_j - c_j) - c_j]_+ \right. \\
&\quad \left. \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h] \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^t (q - \alpha d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (\alpha + 1)d_k]_+ \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

where $0 \leq m \leq s$. □

We will need some lemmas before observing the behavior of the Hilbert-Kunz function of R .

Lemma 3.3.

$$q^{s+t} - q^t \prod_{j=1}^s (q - b_j) = S_{1s}(b)q^{s+t-1} + (\text{terms of degree } \leq s+t-2 \text{ in } q \text{ over } Z),$$

where $b = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_s)$.

Proof : The proof is similar to Lemma 2.3. □

Lemma 3.4.

$$\prod_{j=1}^m (q - b_j) - \prod_{j=1}^m (q - c_j) = -S_{1m}(b' - c')q^{m-1} + (\text{terms of degree } \leq m-2 \text{ in } q \text{ over } Z),$$

where $b' - c' = (b_1 - c_1, \dots, b_m - c_m)$.

Proof : The proof is similar to Lemma 2.4. □

Lemma 3.5.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[\prod_{j=1}^m (q - b_j) - \prod_{j=1}^m (q - c_j) \right] \times \\
& \left\{ \sum_{\alpha=1}^{l_u-1} \left[\prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h] \right] \times \left[\prod_{k=1}^t (q - \alpha d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (\alpha + 1)d_k] \right] \right\} \\
& = \left[\sum_{h=0, k=1}^{s-m, t} (-1)^{h+k} S_{1m}(b' - c') S_{h(s-m)}(c'' - b'') S_{kt}(d) \frac{k}{(h+k) u^{h+k}} \right] q^{s+t-1} \\
& \quad + (\text{terms of degree } \leq s+t-2 \text{ in } q \text{ over } Q[\epsilon]),
\end{aligned}$$

where $c'' - b'' = (c_{m+1} - b_{m+1}, \dots, c_s - b_s)$, $d = (d_1, \dots, d_t)$, $S_{0(s-m)}(c'' - b'') := 1$, and $Q[\epsilon]$ is the polynomial ring in ϵ over Q .

Proof : By applying Lemma 2.6 and Lemma 3.4, this lemma can be proved. \square

Lemma 3.6.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^m (q - b_j) - \prod_{j=1}^m (q - c_j) \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - l_u(c_h - b_h) - b_h] \right\} \times \\
& \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^t (q - l_u d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (l_u + 1)d_k]_+ \right\} \quad (\triangle\triangle\triangle\triangle) \\
& = \text{terms of degree } \leq s+t-2 \text{ in } q \text{ over } Q[\epsilon], \text{ for } q \gg 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Proof : We prove this lemma by discussing on u .

Case 1 : Suppose $u = d_1$, that is, $\prod_{k=1}^t [q - (l_u + 1)d_k]_+ = 0$, and $l_u = \frac{q-v-\epsilon}{d_1}$.

It follows that for $q \gg 0$, the term $(\triangle\triangle\triangle\triangle)$ is equal to

$$\left\{ \prod_{j=1}^m (q - b_j) - \prod_{j=1}^m (q - c_j) \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - l_u(c_h - b_h) - b_h] \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^t (q - l_u d_k) \right\}.$$

Replacing l_u with $\frac{q-v-\epsilon}{d_1}$, we obtain the following expression for $(\triangle \triangle \triangle \triangle)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{v + \epsilon}{d_1^{s-m+t-1}} \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^m (q - b_j) - \prod_{j=1}^m (q - c_j) \right\} \times \\
& \left\{ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [(d_1 - (c_h - b_h))q + (v + \epsilon)(c_h - b_h) - d_1 b_h] \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{k=2}^t [(d_1 - d_k)q + (v + \epsilon)d_k] \right\},
\end{aligned}$$

which is a polynomial of degree less than $s + t - 1$ in q over $Q[\epsilon]$.

Case 2 ($m \neq 0$) : Suppose $u = b_1 - c_1$, that is, $l_u = \frac{q-v-\epsilon}{b_1-c_1}$.

If $b_1 - c_1 = d_1$, then $\prod_{k=1}^t [q - (l_u + 1)d_k]_+ = 0$, and $(\Delta\Delta\Delta\Delta)$ is equal to

$$\left\{ \prod_{j=1}^m (q - b_j) - \prod_{j=1}^m (q - c_j) \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - l_u(c_h - b_h) - b_h] \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^t (q - l_u d_k) \right\}.$$

Similarly, the term $(\Delta\Delta\Delta\Delta)$ can be expressed as a polynomial of degree less than $s + t - 1$ in q over $Q[\epsilon]$ for $q \gg 0$.

If $b_1 - c_1 > d_1$, then $q - (l_u + 1)d_k > 0$ for $q > \frac{(b_1-1-2c_1)d_k}{(b_1-c_1)-d_k}$.

It follows that for $q \gg 0$, $(\Delta\Delta\Delta\Delta)$ has the form

$$\left\{ \prod_{j=1}^m (q - b_j) - \prod_{j=1}^m (q - c_j) \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - l_u(c_h - b_h) - b_h] \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^t (q - l_u d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (l_u + 1)d_k] \right\}.$$

Replacing l_u with $\frac{q-v-\epsilon}{b_1-c_1}$, we obtain the following expression for $(\Delta\Delta\Delta\Delta)$:

$$\frac{1}{(b_1 - c_1)^{s-m+t}} \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^m (q - b_j) - \prod_{j=1}^m (q - c_j) \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [(b_1 - c_1 - (c_h - b_h))q + (v + \epsilon)(c_h - b_h) - (b_1 - c_1)b_h] \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^t [(b_1 - c_1 - d_k)q + (v + \epsilon)d_k] - \prod_{k=1}^t [(b_1 - c_1 - d_k)q + (v + \epsilon - (b_1 - c_1))d_k] \right\}.$$

Therefore, the term $(\Delta\Delta\Delta\Delta)$ can be expressed as a polynomial of degree less than $s + t - 1$ in q over $Q[\epsilon]$, for $q \gg 0$.

Case 3 ($m \neq s$) : Suppose $u = c_{m+1} - b_{m+1}$, that is, $l_u = \frac{q-v-\epsilon}{c_{m+1}-b_{m+1}}$.

If $c_{m+1} - b_{m+1} = d_1$, then $\prod_{k=1}^t [q - (l_u + 1)d_k]_+ = 0$, and $(\Delta\Delta\Delta\Delta)$ is equal to

$$\left\{ \prod_{j=1}^m (q - b_j) - \prod_{j=1}^m (q - c_j) \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - l_u(c_h - b_h) - b_h] \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^t (q - l_u d_k) \right\}.$$

Similarly, the term $(\Delta\Delta\Delta\Delta)$ can be expressed as a polynomial of degree less than $s + t - 1$ in q over $Q[\epsilon]$ for $q \gg 0$.

If $c_{m+1} - b_{m+1} > d_1$, then $q - (l_u + 1)d_k > 0$ for $q > \frac{(c_{m+1}-1-2b_{m+1})d_k}{(c_{m+1}-b_{m+1})-d_k}$.

It follows that for $q \gg 0$, the term $(\Delta\Delta\Delta\Delta)$ is equal to

$$\left\{ \prod_{j=1}^m (q - b_j) - \prod_{j=1}^m (q - c_j) \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - l_u(c_h - b_h) - b_h] \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^t (q - l_u d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (l_u + 1)d_k] \right\}.$$

Similarly, the term $(\Delta\Delta\Delta\Delta)$ can be expressed as a polynomial of degree less than $s + t - 1$ in q over $Q[\epsilon]$ for $q \gg 0$. \square

Lemma 3.7.

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\alpha=1}^{l_u-1} \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j)] - \prod_{j=1}^m [q - (\alpha + 1)(b_j - c_j)] \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h)] \right\} \times \\ & \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^t (q - \alpha d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (\alpha + 1)d_k] \right\} \\ & = \left[\sum_{j=1, h=0, k=1}^{m, s-m, t} (-1)^{j+h+k} S_{jm}(b' - c') S_{h(s-m)}(c'' - b'') S_{kt}(d) \frac{j k}{(j + h + k - 1) u^{j+h+k-1}} \right] q^{s+t-1} \\ & \quad + (\text{terms of degree} \leq s + t - 2 \text{ in } q \text{ over } Q[\epsilon]), \end{aligned}$$

where $b' - c' = (b_1 - c_1, \dots, b_m - c_m)$, $c'' - b'' = (c_{m+1} - b_{m+1}, \dots, c_s - b_s)$, $d = (d_1, \dots, d_t)$, $S_{0(s-m)}(c'' - b'') := 1$, and $Q[\epsilon]$ is the polynomial ring in ϵ over Q .

Proof : The proof is analogous to Lemma 2.9. \square

Lemma 3.8.

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\alpha=1}^{l_u-1} \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j)] - \prod_{j=1}^m [q - (\alpha + 1)(b_j - c_j)] \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h] \right\} \times \\ & \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^t (q - \alpha d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (\alpha + 1)d_k] \right\} \\ & = \left[\sum_{j=1, h=0, k=1}^{m, s-m, t} (-1)^{j+h+k} S_{jm}(b' - c') S_{h(s-m)}(c'' - b'') S_{kt}(d) \frac{j k}{(j + h + k - 1) u^{j+h+k-1}} \right] q^{s+t-1} \\ & \quad + (\text{terms of degree} \leq s + t - 2 \text{ in } q \text{ over } Q[\epsilon]), \end{aligned}$$

where $b' - c' = (b_1 - c_1, \dots, b_m - c_m)$, $c'' - b'' = (c_{m+1} - b_{m+1}, \dots, c_s - b_s)$, $d = (d_1, \dots, d_t)$, $S_{0(s-m)}(c'' - b'') := 1$, and $Q[\epsilon]$ is the polynomial ring in ϵ over Q .

Proof : Since

$$\begin{aligned}
& \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h] \\
&= \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h)] - \sum_{m+1 \leq h_1 \leq s} \left[b_{h_1} \prod_{h \neq h_1} [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h)] \right] \\
&\quad + \sum_{m+1 \leq h_1 < h_2 \leq s} \left[b_{h_1} b_{h_2} \prod_{h \neq h_1, h_2} [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h)] \right] - \cdots + (-1)^{s-m} b_{m+1} \cdots b_s,
\end{aligned}$$

by applying Lemma 3.7, this lemma can be proved. \square

Lemma 3.9.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{\alpha=1}^{l_u-1} \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - c_j] - \prod_{j=1}^m [q - (\alpha+1)(b_j - c_j) - c_j] \right\} \times \\
& \quad \left\{ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h] \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^t (q - \alpha d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (\alpha+1)d_k] \right\} \\
&= \left[\sum_{j=1, h=0, k=1}^{m, s-m, t} (-1)^{j+h+k} S_{jm}(b' - c') S_{h(s-m)}(c'' - b'') S_{kt}(d) \frac{j k}{(j+h+k-1) u^{j+h+k-1}} \right] q^{s+t-1} \\
&\quad + (\text{terms of degree } \leq s+t-2 \text{ in } q \text{ over } Q[\epsilon]),
\end{aligned}$$

where $b' - c' = (b_1 - c_1, \dots, b_m - c_m)$, $c'' - b'' = (c_{m+1} - b_{m+1}, \dots, c_s - b_s)$, $d = (d_1, \dots, d_t)$, $S_{0(s-m)}(c'' - b'') := 1$, and $Q[\epsilon]$ is the polynomial ring in ϵ over Q .

Proof : Since

$$\begin{aligned}
& \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - c_j] \\
&= \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j)] - \sum_{1 \leq j_1 \leq m} \left[c_{j_1} \prod_{j \neq j_1} [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j)] \right] \\
&\quad + \sum_{1 \leq j_1 < j_2 \leq m} \left[c_{j_1} c_{j_2} \prod_{j \neq j_1, j_2} [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j)] \right] - \cdots + (-1)^m c_1 \cdots c_m, \quad \text{and}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \prod_{j=1}^m [q - (\alpha + 1)(b_j - c_j) - c_j] \\
&= \prod_{j=1}^m [q - (\alpha + 1)(b_j - c_j)] - \sum_{1 \leq j_1 \leq m} \left[c_{j_1} \prod_{j \neq j_1} [q - (\alpha + 1)(b_j - c_j)] \right] \\
& \quad + \sum_{1 \leq j_1 < j_2 \leq m} \left[c_{j_1} c_{j_2} \prod_{j \neq j_1, j_2} [q - (\alpha + 1)(b_j - c_j)] \right] - \cdots + (-1)^m c_1 \cdots c_m,
\end{aligned}$$

by applying Lemma 3.8, this lemma can be proved. \square

Lemma 3.10.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^m [q - l_u(b_j - c_j) - c_j] - \prod_{j=1}^m [q - (l_u + 1)(b_j - c_j) - c_j]_+ \right\} \times \\
& \left\{ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - l_u(c_h - b_h) - b_h] \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^t (q - l_u d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (l_u + 1)d_k]_+ \right\} \\
&= \text{terms of degree } \leq s + t - 2 \text{ in } q \text{ over } Q[\epsilon], \text{ for } q \gg 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Proof : The proof is analogous to Lemma 2.12. \square

Theorem 3.11. *The Hilbert-Kunz function of the hypersurface*

$$Y_1^{b_1} \cdots Y_s^{b_s} + Y_1^{c_1} \cdots Y_s^{c_s} Z_1^{d_1} \cdots Z_t^{d_t}$$

is

$$n \longmapsto \lambda p^{(s+t-1)n} + \sum_{k=0}^{s+t-2} f_k(n) p^{kn} \quad \text{for } n \gg 0,$$

where $\lambda = S_{1s}(b) +$

$$\left[\sum_{j=2, h=0, k=1}^{m, s-m, t} (-1)^{j+h+k} S_{jm}(b' - c') S_{h(s-m)}(c'' - b'') S_{kt}(d) \frac{j k}{(j+h+k-1)u^{j+h+k-1}} \right]$$

$b = (b_1, \dots, b_s)$, $d = (d_1, \dots, d_t)$, $b' - c' = (b_1 - c_1, \dots, b_m - c_m)$, $c'' - b'' = (c_{m+1} - b_{m+1}, \dots, c_s - b_s)$, $0 \leq m \leq s$, and $f_k(n)$ is an eventually periodic function of n for each k .

Proof : Let $q = p^n$. By Proposition 3.2, $HK_R(q)$ is equal to the sum of five terms :

$$q^{s+t} - q^t \prod_{j=1}^s (q - b_j), \quad (1)$$

$$\left\{ \prod_{j=1}^m (q - b_j) - \prod_{j=1}^m (q - c_j) \right\} \times \left\{ \sum_{\alpha=1}^{l_u-1} \left[\prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h] \right] \times \left[\prod_{k=1}^t (q - \alpha d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (\alpha + 1)d_k] \right] \right\}, \quad (2)$$

$$\left\{ \prod_{j=1}^m (q - b_j) - \prod_{j=1}^m (q - c_j) \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - l_u(c_h - b_h) - b_h] \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^t (q - l_u d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (l_u + 1)d_k]_+ \right\}, \quad (3)$$

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^{l_u-1} \left\{ \prod_{j=1}^m [q - \alpha(b_j - c_j) - c_j] - \prod_{j=1}^m [q - (\alpha + 1)(b_j - c_j) - c_j] \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - \alpha(c_h - b_h) - b_h] \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^t (q - \alpha d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (\alpha + 1)d_k] \right\}, \quad (4)$$

$$\left\{ \prod_{j=1}^m [q - l_u(b_j - c_j) - c_j] - \prod_{j=1}^m [q - (l_u + 1)(b_j - c_j) - c_j]_+ \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{h=m+1}^s [q - l_u(c_h - b_h) - b_h] \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^t (q - l_u d_k) - \prod_{k=1}^t [q - (l_u + 1)d_k]_+ \right\}. \quad (5)$$

By applying Lemma 3.3 , Lemma 3.5 , Lemma 3.6 , Lemma 3.9 , and Lemma 3.10 to the five terms, we have

$$HK_R(q) = \lambda q^{s+t-1} + \Delta_{s+t-2}(\epsilon) q^{s+t-2} + \dots + \Delta_1(\epsilon) q + \Delta_0(\epsilon),$$

where $\lambda = S_{1s}(b) +$

$$\left[\sum_{j=2}^m \sum_{h=0}^{s-m} \sum_{k=1}^t (-1)^{j+h+k} S_{jm}(b' - c') S_{h(s-m)}(c'' - b'') S_{kt}(d) \frac{j k}{(j + h + k - 1) u^{j+h+k-1}} \right]$$

$b' - c' = (b_1 - c_1, \dots, b_m - c_m)$, $c'' - b'' = (c_{m+1} - b_{m+1}, \dots, c_s - b_s)$, $0 \leq m \leq s$, and $\Delta_{s+t-2}(\epsilon)$, \dots , $\Delta_1(\epsilon)$, and $\Delta_0(\epsilon)$ are polynomials in ϵ over Q .

Let $f_k(n) := \Delta_k(\epsilon)$, $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, s + t - 2$.

Since ϵ is the remainder of $q - v$ divided by u , $f_k(n)$ is an eventually periodic function of n for $n \gg 0$. \square