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**Pedro de Carvalho Cayres Pinto, Hans-Christian Herbig, Daniel Herden and Christopher Seaton\*** (seatonc@rhodes.edu), 2000 N. Parkway, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Memphis, TN 38112. *The Hilbert series of a reducible representation of  $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$  and its Laurent coefficients.*

Let  $G = SL_2(\mathbb{C})$ , and let  $V = \bigoplus_{k=1}^r V_{d_k}$  be a finite-dimensional representation of  $G$  where  $V_{d_k}$  denotes the unique irreducible representation of  $G$  of dimension  $d_k + 1$  on binary forms of degree  $d_k$ . Let  $\mathbb{C}[V]^G$  denote the graded algebra of polynomial  $G$ -invariants. Let  $H_V(t)$  denote the Hilbert series of  $\mathbb{C}[V]^G$ , the generating function of the dimensions of the homogeneous components of  $\mathbb{C}[V]^G$ . It is well-known that  $H_V(t)$  is a rational function with a pole at  $t = 1$  of order  $\dim \mathbb{C}[V]^G$ . The lowest-degree coefficient  $\gamma_0(V)$  of the Laurent series of  $H_V(t)$  at  $t = 1$  is sometimes called the *degree* of  $\mathbb{C}[V]^G$ .

When  $r = 1$ , i.e.  $V = V_d$  is irreducible, a formula for  $\gamma_0(V)$  was given by Hilbert, and several authors have developed algorithms to compute  $H_V(t)$ . We will present recent results for the case of an arbitrary finite-dimensional representation, including a general formula for the Hilbert series expressed as averages of rational functions over roots of unity, a corresponding algorithm to compute  $H_V(t)$ , and a closed formula for  $\gamma_0(V)$  in terms of Schur polynomials of the weights. (Received November 03, 2017)