

Let V be an ℓ -dimensional Euclidean space. Let $G \subset O(V)$ be a finite irreducible orthogonal reflection group. Let $\mathcal{A}$ be the corresponding Coxeter arrangement. Let S be the algebra of polynomial functions on V . For $H \in \mathcal{A}$ choose $\alpha_H \in V^*$ such that $H = \ker(\alpha_H)$. For each nonnegative integer m , define the derivation module $D^{(m)}(\mathcal{A}) = \{\theta \in \text{Der}_S \mid \theta(\alpha_H) \in S\alpha_H^m\}$. The module is known to be a free S -module of rank ℓ by K. Saito (1975) for $m = 1$ and L. Solomon-H. Terao (1998) for $m = 2$. The main result of this paper is that this is the case for all m . Moreover we explicitly construct a basis for $D^{(m)}(\mathcal{A})$. Their degrees are all equal to $mh/2$ (when m is even) or are equal to $((m-1)h/2) + m_i$ ($1 \leq i \leq \ell$) (when m is odd). Here $m_1 \leq \dots \leq m_\ell$ are the exponents of G and $h = m_\ell + 1$ is the Coxeter number. The construction heavily uses the primitive derivation D which plays a central role in the theory of flat generators by K. Saito (or equivalently the Frobenius manifold structure for the orbit space of G .) Some new results concerning the primitive derivation D are obtained in the course of proof of the main result. Also relations to the “exponents” for the extended Shi arrangements, which are all equal to kh , and to the “exponents” for the extended Catalan arrangements, which are $kh + m_i$ ($1 \leq i \leq \ell$), will be discussed.