

# A linear variant of nearly Gorensteinness and projective monomial curves

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# Projective monomial curves

Let  $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  be the set of non-negative integers.

Let  $\mathbf{a} = a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  with  $\gcd(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 1$ .

We may assume that  $0 < a_{i_1} < a_{i_2} < \dots < a_{i_n}$ , then

$$S_{\mathbf{a}} := \mathbb{N}(0, a_{i_n}) + \mathbb{N}(a_{i_1}, a_{i_n} - a_{i_1}) + \mathbb{N}(a_{i_2}, a_{i_n} - a_{i_2}) + \dots + \mathbb{N}(a_{i_{n-1}}, a_{i_n} - a_{i_{n-1}}) + \mathbb{N}(a_{i_n}, 0)$$

We call  $S_{\mathbf{a}}$  the *projective monomial curve* defined by  $\mathbf{a}$ .

Ex

Set  $S = \mathbb{N}(0, 25) + \mathbb{N}(7, 25 - 7) + \mathbb{N}(9, 25 - 9) + \mathbb{N}(16, 25 - 16) + \mathbb{N}(25, 0)$ .

Then  $S$  is projective monomial curve defined by 7, 9, 16, 25.

We can study  $S_{\mathbf{a}}$  by using the techniques of **numerical semigroups**!

# Affine semigroup rings

An *affine semigroup*  $S$  is a finitely generated sub-semigroup of  $\mathbb{Z}^d$ .

$$\mathbb{k}[S] := \mathbb{k}[\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{p}} : \mathbf{p} \in S]$$

is called *affine semigroup rings* of  $S$ .  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{p}} \cdot \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}} \quad \forall \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in S$ .

## Def

Let  $\mathbf{a} = a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  with  $\gcd(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 1$  and let  $\mathbb{k}$  be a field.

We also call  $\mathbb{k}[S_{\mathbf{a}}]$  the *projective monomial curve* defined by  $\mathbf{a}$ .

# Semi-standard graded rings and its $h$ -vector

$R = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} R_i$  : a positively graded ring with  $R_0 = \mathbb{k}$  a field.

## Def

- $R$  is *standard graded*  $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} R = \mathbb{k}[R_1]$ .
- $R$  is *semi-standard graded*  $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} R$  is finitely generated as  $\mathbb{k}[R_1]$ -module.

Notice that the projective monomial curve

$$\mathbb{k}[S_a] \cong \mathbb{k}[t^{a_n}, s^{a_1} t^{a_n - a_1}, s^{a_2} t^{a_n - a_2}, \dots, s^{a_{n-1}} t^{a_n - a_{n-1}}, s^{a_n}]$$

is a standard graded ring with

$$\deg t^{a_n} = \deg s^{a_1} t^{a_n - a_1} = \deg s^{a_2} t^{a_n - a_2} = \dots = \deg s^{a_{n-1}} t^{a_n - a_{n-1}} = \deg s^{a_n} = 1.$$

## Def

If  $R$  is a semi-standard graded ring, then

$$\text{Hilb}(R, t) := \sum_{i \geq 0} (\dim_{\mathbb{k}} R_i) t^i = \frac{h_0 + h_1 t + \cdots + h_{s(R)} t^{s(R)}}{(1-t)^{\dim R}}$$

where  $h_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $h_{s(R)} \neq 0$ .  $h(R) = (h_0, h_1, \dots, h_{s(R)})$  is called *h-vector* of  $R$ .

$s(R)$  is called *socle degree* of  $R$ .

# Nearly Gorenstein

Let  $R = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}} R_i$  be a positively graded ring with  $R_0 = \mathbb{k}$ . Assume that  $R$  is CM.

$\mathfrak{m} := \bigoplus_{i > 0} R_i$ .  $\omega_R$  : canonical module of  $R$ .  $\mathrm{tr}_R(\omega_R) := \sum_{\phi \in \mathrm{Hom}(M, R)} \phi(M) \subset R$ .

**Def and Rem** (Herzog–Hibi–Stamate (2019))

- $R$  is *nearly Gorenstein*  $\Leftrightarrow \mathrm{tr}_R(\omega_R) \supset \mathfrak{m}$ .
- $R$  is Gorenstein on  $\mathrm{Spec}(R) \setminus \{\mathfrak{m}\}$   $\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{\mathrm{tr}_R(\omega_R)} \supset \mathfrak{m}$ .

In particular,  $R$  is nearly Gorenstein  $\Rightarrow R$  is Gorenstein on  $\mathrm{Spec} R \setminus \{\mathfrak{m}\}$ .

# Nearly Gorenstein projective monomial curves with $n \leq 4$

Note that  $\mathbb{k}[S_{a_1, a_2}]$  is always Gorenstein.

## Fact (M.)

Assume that  $\mathbb{k}[S_{\mathbf{a}}] = \mathbb{k}[S_{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n}]$  is Cohen–Macaulay. The following is true:

(1) If  $n = 3$ , then  $\mathbb{k}[S_{\mathbf{a}}]$  is non-Gorenstein and nearly Gorenstein

$$\iff \mathbf{a} = k, k+1, 2k+1 \quad (k \geq 1).$$

(2) If  $n = 4$ ,  $\mathbb{k}[S_{\mathbf{a}}]$  is non-Gorenstein and nearly Gorenstein

$$\iff \mathbf{a} = 1, 2, 3, 4 \text{ or } S_{\mathbf{a}} \cong S_{2k-1, 2k+1, 4k, 6k+1} \quad (k \geq 1).$$

To prove it, the following fact is a key.

**Fact (M.)** Assume that  $R = \mathbb{k}[S_{a_1, \dots, a_n}]$  is Cohen–Macaulay.

If  $R$  is non-Gorenstein and  $\text{tr}(\omega_R) \supset (s^{a_{i_n}}, t^{a_{i_n}})$ , then  $h_{s(R)} \geq 2$ .

# Projective monomial curves with $\text{tr}(\omega_R) \supset (s^{a_{in}}, t^{a_{in}})$

## Note

Assume  $\mathbb{k}[S_{\mathbf{a}}] = \mathbb{k}[S_{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4}]$  is CM but not Gorenstein. The following is true:  
 $\mathbb{k}[S_{\mathbf{a}}]$  is nearly Gor  $\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{a} = 1, 2, 3, 4$  or  $S_{\mathbf{a}} \cong S_{2k-1, 2k+1, 4k, 6k+1}$  ( $k \geq 1$ ).

In this case ( $n = 4$ ), if we consider the condition  $\text{tr}(\omega_R) \supset (s^{a_{i4}}, t^{a_{i4}})$  instead of the nearly Gorenstein property, we can obtain many more examples.

## Ex

Take any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>1}$ . Set  $\mathbf{a} = 4k + 2, 4k + 6, 6k + 5, 10k + 11$  or  $\mathbf{a} = 1, k, 2k, 3k$ . Then  $R = \mathbb{Q}[S_{\mathbf{a}}]$  is CM. Moreover,  $R$  is not nearly Gor but  $\text{tr}(\omega_R) \supset (s^{a_{in}}, t^{a_{in}})$ .



Property  $\text{tr}(\omega_R) \supset (s^{a_{in}}, t^{a_{in}})R$  can be understood as a property of more general affine semigroup rings as follows:

Let  $S$  be an affine semigroup. We assume that  $S \cap (-S) = \{0\}$  and  $S \subset \mathbb{N}^d$ .

- $R := \mathbb{k}[S]$  : CM semi-standard graded affine semigroup ring.
- $G_S \subset \mathbb{N}^d$  : minimal generating system of  $S$ .
- $E_S := \{\mathbf{e} \in G_S : \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{e}} \text{ is corresponding to 1-dim face of } \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}S\}$ .

**Fact (M.)**

If  $R$  is non-Gorenstein and  $\text{tr}(\omega_R) \supset (\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{e}} : \mathbf{e} \in E_S)$ , then  $h_{S(R)} \geq 2$ .

$R$  is nearly Gorenstein  $\Rightarrow \text{tr}(\omega_R) \supset (\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{e}} : \mathbf{e} \in E_S) \Rightarrow R$  is Gorenstein on  $\text{Spec}(R) \setminus \{\mathfrak{m}\}$

# Ehrhart rings

- $\mathbb{k}$  : field.
- $P \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  : lattice polytope

## Def

*Ehrhart ring* of  $P$  is defined as  $A(P) := \mathbb{k}[\mathbf{t}^\alpha t_{d+1}^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}, \alpha \in nP \cap \mathbb{Z}^d]$ ,

where  $\mathbf{t}^\alpha := t_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots t_d^{\alpha_d}$  for  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d) \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ .

- $A(P)$  is CM **semi-standard graded**  $\mathbb{k}$ -algebra with  $\deg(\mathbf{t}^\alpha t_{d+1}^n) = n$ .

- For polytope  $P, Q \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $P + Q := \{p + q \in \mathbb{R}^d : p \in P, q \in Q\}$ .
- $P \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  be a lattice polytope.
- Its *floor*  $\lfloor P \rfloor$  and remainder  $\{P\}$  defined by [Hall–Kölbl–Matsushita–M.].
- Set  $\lfloor P \rfloor := \lfloor a_P P \rfloor$ , where  $a_P := \min\{k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} : \text{int}(kP) \cap \mathbb{Z}^d \neq \emptyset\}$ .

**Fact** (Hall–Kölbl–Matsushita–M.)  $R = A(P)$ .

$R$  is nearly Gorenstein  $\Rightarrow P = \lfloor P \rfloor + \{P\} \Rightarrow R$  is Gorenstein on  $\text{Spec}(R) \setminus \{\mathfrak{m}\}$ .

Nearly Gorenstein  $\Rightarrow$   $\text{tr}(\omega_R) \supset (\mathbf{x}^e : \mathbf{e} \in E_{G_S})R$   
 $P = [P] + \{P\} \Rightarrow$  Gorenstein on  $\text{Spec}(R) \setminus \{\mathfrak{m}\}$

## Question

- Do the two conditions in the middle above have any relation?
- Can above condition be captured as a property of general rings?

Let  $R = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}} R_i$  be a Cohen–Macaulay **semi-standard graded** ring.

### Def

$R$  satisfies  $(\mathfrak{h}) \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{\mathrm{tr}_R(\omega_R)_1 R} \supset \mathfrak{m}$ .

### Rem

$R$  is nearly Gorenstein  $\Rightarrow R$  satisfies  $(\mathfrak{h}) \Rightarrow R$  is Gorenstein on  $\mathrm{Spec} R \setminus \{\mathfrak{m}\}$ .

**Thm** (M.) Let  $\mathbb{k}[S]$  be a CM semi-standard graded affine semigroup ring, then

$\mathrm{tr}(\omega_{\mathbb{k}[S]}) \supset (\mathbf{x}^e : \mathbf{e} \in E_S) \mathbb{k}[S] \Rightarrow \mathbb{k}[S]$  satisfies  $(\mathfrak{h})$ .  $\Leftarrow$  is also true if  $|\mathbb{k}| = \infty$ .

$\Updownarrow \leftarrow P$  is a lattice polytope. Set  $C_P = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}(P \times \{1\})$  and  $S = C_P \cap \mathbb{Z}^{d+1}$

$P = [P] + \{P\}$

## Veronese subrings of rings satisfying condition (h)

### Def

Let  $R$  be a positively graded ring and let  $n > 0$  be an integer.

$R_{(n)} := \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} R_{in}$  is called the  $n$ -th **Veronese subring** of  $R$ .

### Fact A (Herzog–Hibi–Stamate (2019))

Let  $R$  be a standard graded ring with  $\dim R > 0$ .

If  $R$  is **Gorenstein**, then  $R_{(n)}$  is nearly Gorenstein  $\forall n > 0$ .

### Fact B (Hall–Kölbl–Matsushita–M.)

Let  $P$  be a lattice polytope.

If  $P = [P] + \{P\}$ , then  $A(nP) \cong A(P)_{(n)}$  is nearly Gorenstein for  $n \gg 0$ .

### Q.

Can we generalize above results by using (h)?

$R = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} R_i$  : a CM semi-standard graded ring with  $\dim R > 0$ .

**Thm A** (M.)

- (1) If  $R$  satisfies  $(\natural)$ , then so does  $R_{(n)}$  for any  $n > 0$ ;
- (2) If  $R$  is **standard graded** and satisfies  $(\natural)$ , then the following is true:
  - (X)  $R_{(n)}$  is nearly Gorenstein for any  $n > s(R/\mathrm{tr}(\omega_R)_1 R)$ ;
  - (Y) In particular, if  $R$  is nearly Gorenstein, then so is  $R_{(n)}$  for any  $n > 0$ .

**Thm B** (M.) Assume that  $R$  is a semi-standard graded **domain**.

If  $R$  satisfies  $(\natural)$ , then  $\exists$  a integer  $k_R \geq 0$  s.t.  $R_{(n)}$  is nearly Gorenstein  $\forall n > k_R$ .

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Recall that the following.

**Thm** (M.) Let  $P$  be a lattice polytope. If  $P = [P] + \{P\}$ , then  $R$  satisfies  $(\natural)$ .

Thus, the following follows from above two Theorems.

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## Rem 1

Thm A (X) and Thm B fails if we replace  $(\natural)$  with Gorenstein on  $\text{Spec}(R) \setminus \{\mathfrak{m}\}$ .

Indeed, there exists a Cohen–Macaulay standard graded affine semigroup ring  $R$  which is Gorenstein on  $\text{Spec}(R) \setminus \{\mathfrak{m}\}$  but  $R_{(k)}$  does not satisfy  $(\natural)$  for any  $k > 0$ .

## Thm A (M.)

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If  $R$  satisfies  $(\natural)$ , then  $\exists$  a integer  $k_R \geq 0$  s.t.  $R_{(n)}$  is nearly Gorenstein  $\forall n > k_R$ .

## Rem 2

Thm A (2) (Y) fails if we consider **semi-standard graded rings**.

Indeed, there exists a nearly Gor semi-standard graded affine semigroup ring  $R$  whose 2-Veronese subring  $R_{(2)}$  is not nearly Gorenstein.

## Projective monomial curves satisfying (h)

Let  $\mathbf{a} = a_1, \dots, a_n, a_{n+1} \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  with  $\gcd(a_1, \dots, a_n, a_{n+1}) = 1$ .

Notice that  $\text{pd}(\mathbb{k}[S_{\mathbf{a}}]) = n$  if  $\mathbb{k}[S_{\mathbf{a}}]$  is CM.

**Ex** Let  $n, k > 1$  and let  $0 < j < (n+1)k$ ,  $j \not\equiv 0 \pmod{k}$  be an integer.

- Put  $\mathbf{a} = 1, 2, \dots, n, n+1$ .

Then  $R = \mathbb{k}[S_{\mathbf{a}}]$  is nearly Gorenstein with  $h_{s(R)} = \text{pd}(R)$ .

- Put  $\mathbf{a} = k, 2k, \dots, nk, (n+1)k, j$ .

Then  $R = \mathbb{k}[S_{\mathbf{a}}]$  is **not** nearly Gorenstein.

However,  $R$  satisfies condition (h) with  $h_{s(R)} = \text{pd}(R) - 1$ .

**Q.** If  $R$  satisfies (h) with  $h_{s(R)} = \text{pd}(R)$ , then is it nearly Gorenstein?

$R$  : CM projective monomial curve

**Prop** (M.)

- If  $R$  satisfies (h), then  $h_{s(R)} \leq \text{pd}(R)$ .
- If  $R$  satisfies (h) with  $h_{s(R)} = \text{pd}(R)$ , then  $R$  is nearly Gorenstein.

**Cor** (M.)

- If  $\text{pd}(R) = 2$ , then  $R$  satisfies (h)  $\Leftrightarrow R$  is nearly Gorenstein.
- If  $\text{pd}(R) = 3$ , then TFAE:

(1)  $R$  is not Gorenstein and nearly Gorenstein;

(2)  $R$  satisfies (h) with  $h_{s(R)} = \text{pd}(R)$ ;

(3)  $R$  satisfies (h) with  $\text{Hilb}(R, t) = \frac{1 + 3t + 3t^2 + \dots + 3t^{s(R)}}{(1-t)^2}$ .

Let  $R$  be a CM projective monomial curve.

- Let  $r(R)$  denote the number of minimal generating system of  $\omega_R$ .
- $h_{s(R)} \leq r(R)$  is always true.

### Unsolved problem

If  $R$  satisfies (†), then  $r(R) \leq \text{pd}(R)$ ?

- (1) Problem is true when  $R$  is nearly Gorenstein and  $\text{pd}(R) \leq 3$  or  $h_{s(R)} = r(R)$ .
- (2) Even when  $\text{pd}(R) = 3$ , the problem remains unsolved.
- (3) If we change the assumption (†) into Gorenstein on the punctured spectrum, there exists a following example which satisfies  $r(R) > \text{pd}(R)$ .

### Ex

$R = \mathbb{Q}[S_{2,5,6,9}]$  is CM projective monomial curve with  $\text{tr}(\omega_R) = \mathfrak{m}^2$ .

Thus  $R$  is Gorenstein on  $\text{Spec}(R) \setminus \{\mathfrak{m}\}$ , however,  $r(R) = 5 > 3 = \text{pd}(R)$ .

Thank you!