

**Frobenius Problem**  
**in Numerical Semigroups**

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# Numerical semigroups: definition

A numerical semigroup  $S(\mathbf{d}^m) = \langle d_1, \dots, d_m \rangle$  is said to be generated by a minimal set of natural numbers  $\mathbf{d}^m = \{d_1, \dots, d_m\}$ ,  $\gcd \mathbf{d}^m = 1$

$$S(\mathbf{d}^m) = \left\{ s \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \mid s = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i d_i, x_i \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \right\},$$

if neither of its elements is linearly representable by the rest of them.

## Notations

$d_1, \dots, d_m$  - generators,  $\pi_m = \prod_{i=1}^m d_i$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \sum_{i=1}^m d_i$

$\mu(\mathbf{d}^m) = \min\{d_1, \dots, d_m\}$  - a multiplicity,

$m$  - an embedding dimension, *edim*,

$\mathbb{N} \setminus S(\mathbf{d}^m)$  - a set of gaps of semigroup,

$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{d}^m) = \max\{\mathbb{N} \setminus S(\mathbf{d}^m)\}$  - the Frobenius number,

$\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{d}^m) = \#\{\mathbb{N} \setminus S(\mathbf{d}^m)\}$  - a genus of semigroup,

$\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{d}^m) = 1 + \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{d}^m)$  - a conductor of semigroup,

$$\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{d}^m) \leq 2\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{d}^m), \quad \mathcal{Q}_m = F(\mathbf{d}^m) + \sigma_1$$

$\rho(\mathbf{d}^m) = 1 - \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{d}^m) / \mathbf{c}(\mathbf{d}^m)$  - a density of non-gaps

$Ap[S(\mathbf{d}^m); a]$  - the Apéry set of  $S(\mathbf{d}^m)$  w.r.t.

$H(\mathbf{d}^m; z) = \sum_{s \in S(\mathbf{d}^m)} z^s$ ,  $z < 1$ , - the Hilbert series

$\Phi(\mathbf{d}^m; z) = \sum_{s \notin S(\mathbf{d}^m)} z^s$  - a generating function of gaps

$$H(\mathbf{d}^m; z) + \Phi(\mathbf{d}^m; z) = \frac{1}{1-z}, \quad z < 1$$

# Frobenius problem – basic facts

According to oral (unpublished) reminiscences of I. Schur,  
" ... G. Frobenius in his lectures repeatedly raised the question of determining (or bounding)  $F(\mathbf{d}^m)$ "

*A. Brauer (1942):* The Theorems in §3-5 result partly from discussions of Schur and the author. It was formerly intended to publish these results in a joint paper. I conform with Schur's wishes that the publishing be not longer postponed and that I publish the paper alone.

*The paper was submitted for publication in 1940, less than two months before Schur's death, and was published two years later.*

Curtis (1990): *There is no polynomial  $\Psi \in \mathbb{C}[X_1, \dots, X_m, Y]$ ,  $\Psi \not\equiv 0$ , such that*

$$\Psi(d_1, \dots, d_m, F(\mathbf{d}^m)) = 0,$$

*for each choice of  $\mathbf{d}^m$ ,  $m \geq 3$*

Kannan (1992): *There exists a polynomial time algorithm for any fixed  $m$  but the time depends at least exponentially on  $m$*

Ramírez-Alfonsín (1996): *The Frobenius problem is NP-hard under Turing-reductions*

## Applications

Combinatorics, Number theory, Commutative algebra,  
Algebraic Geometry, Probability, Computer science

## Special numerical semigroups $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{d}^m)$

Roberts (1956): Arithmetic sequence

$$\mathbf{d}^m = \{a, a + d, \dots, a + (m - 1)d\}$$

$$F(\mathbf{d}^m) = a \left( \left\lfloor \frac{a - 2}{m - 1} \right\rfloor + 1 \right) + (d - 1)(a - 1) - 1$$

Selmer (1997), Rödseth (1999): Almost arithmetic sequence

$$\mathbf{d}^m = \{a, ha + d, ha + 2d \dots, ha + (m - 1)d\}$$

$$F(\mathbf{d}^m) = ha \left\lfloor \frac{a - 2}{m - 1} \right\rfloor + a(h - 1) + d(a - 1)$$

$$\mathbf{d}^m = \{a, a + 1, a + 2, a + 2^2 \dots, a + 2^{m-2}\}$$

$$F(\mathbf{d}^m) = \frac{a(a + 1)}{2^{m-2}} + \sum_{k=0}^{m-3} 2^k \left\lfloor \frac{a + 2^k}{2^{m-2}} \right\rfloor + a(m - 4) - 1$$

Ong, Ponomarenko (2008): Geometric sequence

$$\mathbf{d}^m = \{a^{m-1}, a^{m-2}b, a^{m-3}b^2, \dots, b^{m-1}\}, \quad b > a, \quad \gcd(a, b) = 1$$

$$F(\mathbf{d}^m) = b^{m-2}(ab - a - b) + \frac{(b - 1)a^2(a^{m-2} - b^{m-2})}{a - b}$$

**The Apéry set of  $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{d}^m)$  w.r.t.  $a \in \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{d}^m)$ ,  $a \neq 0$**

$$Ap[\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{d}^m); a] = \{s \in \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{d}^m) \mid s - a \notin \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{d}^m)\}$$

Schockley, Brauer (1962)

$$\#Ap[\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{d}^m); a] = a, \quad F(\mathbf{d}^m) = \max Ap[\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{d}^m); a] - a$$

**Example:**  $Ap[\langle 7, 12, 13 \rangle, 7] = \{0, 12, 13, 24, 25, 36, 37\}$ ,  $F = 30$

# Symmetric semigroups

A semigroup  $S(\mathbf{d}^m)$  is called *symmetric* if for any integer  $s$  the following condition holds: if  $s \in S(\mathbf{d}^m)$  then  $F(\mathbf{d}^m) - s \notin S(\mathbf{d}^m)$ . Otherwise  $S(\mathbf{d}^m)$  is called nonsymmetric.

$$\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{d}^m) = 2\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{d}^m), \quad \rho(\mathbf{d}^m) = \frac{1}{2}$$

If  $\mu(\mathbf{d}^m) = m$  then semigroup  $S(\mathbf{d}^m)$  is never symmetric

## Examples

$$S_1 = \langle 4, 7 \rangle = \{0, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, \mapsto\},$$

$$G_1 = \{1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 17\}, \quad \mathbf{F}_1 = 17, \quad \mathbf{c}_1 = 18, \quad \mathbf{g}_1 = 9,$$

$$S_2 = \langle 4, 5, 6, 7 \rangle = \{0, 4, \mapsto\}, \quad G_2 = \{1, 2, 3\},$$

$$\mathbf{F}_2 = 3, \quad \mathbf{c}_2 = 4, \quad \mathbf{g}_2 = 3, \quad \rho = 1/4$$

Watanabe (1973): Let  $H_1 = \langle d_1, \dots, d_m \rangle$  be a semigroup, and  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  such that:

- $a \in H_1 \setminus \{d_1, \dots, d_m\}$ ,
- $\gcd(a, b) = 1$

Denote by  $H = \langle a, bH_1 \rangle$  a semigroup  $H = \langle a, bd_1, \dots, bd_k \rangle$ , then  $H$  is symmetric if and only if  $H_1$  is symmetric.

## Example

$$H = \langle 20, 21, 24, 27, 39 \rangle, \quad H_1 = \langle 7, 8, 9, 13 \rangle, \quad 20, \quad b = 3$$

Johnson (1960):

$$F(H) = bF(H_1) + (b - 1)a$$

# Telescopic semigroups

$S(\mathbf{d}^m)$  is said to be telescopic iff for all  $2 \leq k \leq m$ ,

$$\frac{d_k}{g_k} \in S_{k-1}, \quad S_k = S\left(\left\{\frac{d_1}{g_k}, \frac{d_2}{g_k}, \dots, \frac{d_k}{g_k}\right\}\right), \quad g_k = \gcd(d_1, \dots, d_k) > 1$$

**Example**  $H = \langle 11\langle 5\langle 2, 3 \rangle, 7 \rangle, 17 \rangle = \langle 17, 77, 110, 165 \rangle$

Delorme (1976): Let  $H_1 = \langle d_1, \dots, d_m \rangle$  and  $H_2 = \langle c_1, \dots, c_k \rangle$  be semigroups, and  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  such that:

- $a \in H_1 \setminus \{d_1, \dots, d_m\}$ ,
- $b \in H_2 \setminus \{c_1, \dots, c_k\}$ ,
- $\gcd(a, b) = 1$

Denote by  $H = \langle bH_1, aH_2 \rangle = \langle bd_1, \dots, bd_m, ac_1, \dots, ac_k \rangle$ , then  $H$  is symmetric if and only if  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  are symmetric.

**Example**

$$H = \langle 52, 54, 65, 63 \rangle, \quad H_1 = \langle 4, 5 \rangle, \quad H_2 = \langle 6, 7 \rangle, \quad a = 9, \quad b = 13$$

## Semigroups $S(\mathbf{d}^2)$

The semigroup  $S(\mathbf{d}^2)$  is always symmetric

Sylvester (1884), Rödseth (1994):

$$F(\mathbf{d}^2) = d_1 d_2 - d_1 - d_2, \quad g(\mathbf{d}^2) = \frac{(d_1 - 1)(d_2 - 1)}{2},$$

$$H(\mathbf{d}^2; z) = \frac{1 - z^{d_1 d_2}}{(1 - z^{d_1})(1 - z^{d_2})}, \quad g_n(\mathbf{d}^2) = \sum_{s \text{ gaps}} s^n,$$

$$g_n(\mathbf{d}^2) = K_n \sum_{k=0}^{n+1} \sum_{l=0}^{n+1-k} \binom{n+2}{k} \binom{n+2-k}{l} B_k B_l d_1^{n+1-k} d_2^{n+1-l} - B_{n+1}/(n+1), \quad K_n = ((n+1)(n+2))^{-1}$$

# Pseudo-symmetric semigroups

A numerical semigroup  $S(\mathbf{d}^m)$  is said to be pseudo-symmetric if

$$\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{d}^m) = 2\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{d}^m) - 1$$

## Arf semigroups

A numerical semigroup  $S(\mathbf{d}^m)$  is called Arf semigroup if

$$s_i + s_j - s_k \in S(\mathbf{d}^m) \quad \text{for every } i, j, k \in \mathbb{N} \quad \text{and } i \geq j \geq k$$

Munuera, Torres, Villanueva (2009)

*Arf semigroups are sparse. Let  $S(\mathbf{d}^m)$  is Arf semigroup and  $s_i, s_{i+1} < \mathbf{c}(\mathbf{d}^m)$  are two non-gaps. Then  $s_{i+1} - s_i \geq 2$*

*The numerical semigroup is Arf iff for every two positive integers  $i, j$  with  $i > j$  it holds  $2s_i - s_j \in S(\mathbf{d}^m)$*

## Hyperelliptic semigroups

A semigroup  $S(\mathbf{d}^2)$  is called hyperelliptic if it is generated by 2 and an odd integer  $2k + 1$ . It is of the form

$$S(\mathbf{d}^m) = \{0, 2, 4, \dots, 2k - 2, 2k, \dashrightarrow\}$$

Campillo, Farran, Munuera, (2000)

*The only Arf symmetric semigroups are hyperelliptic semigroups*

Bras-Amores (2016)

*The only Arf pseudo-symmetric semigroups are  $\{0, 3, \dashrightarrow\}$  and  $\{0, 3, 5, \dashrightarrow\}$*



# Semigroups $S(d^3)$ and matrix of minimal relations

Let a nonsymmetric semigroup  $S_3 = \langle d_1, d_2, d_3 \rangle$  be given by matrix of minimal relations,  $\mathbb{A}_3, a_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ ,

$$\mathbb{A}_3 \begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ d_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbb{A}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & -a_{12} & -a_{13} \\ -a_{21} & a_{22} & -a_{23} \\ -a_{31} & -a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$a_{11} = \min \{v_{11} \mid v_{11} \geq 2, v_{11}d_1 = v_{12}d_2 + v_{13}d_3, v_{12}, v_{13} \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}\}$$

$$a_{22} = \min \{v_{22} \mid v_{22} \geq 2, v_{22}d_2 = v_{21}d_1 + v_{23}d_3, v_{21}, v_{23} \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}\}$$

$$a_{33} = \min \{v_{33} \mid v_{33} \geq 2, v_{33}d_3 = v_{31}d_1 + v_{32}d_2, v_{31}, v_{32} \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}\}$$

All matrix elements  $a_{ij}$  are non-negative integers such that

$$a_{11} = a_{21} + a_{31}, \quad a_{22} = a_{12} + a_{32}, \quad a_{33} = a_{13} + a_{23},$$

$$d_1 = a_{22}a_{33} - a_{23}a_{32}, \quad d_2 = a_{33}a_{11} - a_{31}a_{13},$$

$$d_3 = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}.$$

Hilbert series  $H(z, S_3)$ , Frobenius number  $F(S_3)$ , genus  $g(S_3)$

$$H(z, S_3) = \frac{1 - z^{e_1} - z^{e_2} - z^{e_3} + z^{t_1} + z^{t_2}}{(1 - z^{d_1})(1 - z^{d_2})(1 - z^{d_3})},$$

$$e_i = a_{ii}d_i, \quad t_1 = \delta_0 + \delta_1, \quad t_2 = \delta_0 + \delta_2,$$

$$\delta_0 = a_{11}a_{22}a_{33}, \quad \delta_1 = a_{12}a_{23}a_{31}, \quad \delta_2 = a_{13}a_{32}a_{21},$$

$$e_1 + e_2 + e_3 = t_1 + t_2, \quad F_1 = t_1 - \sigma_1, \quad F_2 = t_2 - \sigma_1,$$

$$F(S_3) = \max \{F_1, F_2\}, \quad 2g(S_3) = 1 + \delta_0 + \delta_1 + \delta_2 - \sigma_1$$

LF (2004): *Let a nonsymmetric numerical semigroup  $S_3$  be given. Then the matrix  $\mathbf{A}_3$  of minimal relations has a unique Rep.*

Rosales, García-Sánchez; LF (2004):

$$\mathbf{a} = \{a_{11}, a_{22}, a_{33}\}, \quad \langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{d}^3 \rangle = a_{11}d_1 + a_{22}d_2 + a_{33}d_3,$$

$$\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{d}^m) = \frac{1}{2} [1 + \langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{d}^3 \rangle - \sigma_1 - \delta_0],$$

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{d}^3) = \frac{1}{2} [\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{d}^3 \rangle + J(\mathbf{d}^3)] - \sigma_1,$$

$$J^2(\mathbf{d}^3) = \langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{d}^3 \rangle^2 - 4 \sum_{i>j}^3 a_{ii}a_{jj}d_i d_j + 4\pi_3$$

## Lower and Upper Bounds

Rödseth (1990), Davison (1994):

$$\mathcal{Q}_3 > \sqrt{3}\sqrt{\pi_3},$$

LF (2004):

$$\mathcal{Q}_3 > \sqrt{3}\sqrt{\pi_3 + 1}$$

Beck, Einstein, Zack (BEZ) conjecture (2003):

*Based on the thousands randomly chosen admissible triples  $(d_1, d_2, d_3)$  satisfying the condition  $\sqrt{\pi_3} < 2 \cdot 10^4$*

$$\mathcal{Q}_3 < C\pi_3^\nu, \quad \nu < 2/3$$

LF (2004):  $\mathcal{Q}_3$  cannot be bounded by any  $\mathcal{R}_{BEZ}$  given by

$$\mathcal{Q}_{BEZ} = C\pi_3^\nu \quad \text{for any } \nu < 2/3 \quad \text{and } C > 0$$

Short proof:

Consider a semigroup  $S_3 = \langle 2l + 1, 2l + 3, 4l + 3 \rangle$  with matrix  $\mathbb{A}_3$  of minimal relations,

$$\mathbb{A}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} l + 3 & -l & -1 \\ -l & l + 1 & -1 \\ -3 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gcd(2l + 1, 2l + 3, 4l + 3) = 1,$$

$$F(S_3) = 2l^2 + 3l - 1, \quad \mathcal{Q}_3 = 2l^2 + 11l + 6$$

Denote by  $\delta_{C;\nu}(l)$  the ratio

$$\delta_{C;\nu}(l) = \frac{\mathcal{Q}_{BEZ}}{\mathcal{Q}_3}$$

and note that the leading asymptotic term of  $\delta_{C;\nu}(l)$  when  $l \gg 1$  reads,

$$\delta_{C;\nu}(l) \simeq C 2^{4\nu-1} l^{3\nu-2}$$

and leads to refuting the BEZ conjecture:

$$\delta_{C;\nu}(l) < 1 \quad \text{if} \quad l > l_{cr} \quad \text{where} \quad \lg_2 l_{cr} = \frac{4\nu - 1}{2 - 3\nu} + \frac{\lg_2 C}{2 - 3\nu}$$

**Example:**  $\nu = 5/8, \quad C = 1, \quad l_{cr} = 4096, \quad l = 5000$

$$d_1 = 10001 = 73 \cdot 137, \quad d_2 = 10003 = 7 \cdot 1429, \quad d_3 = 20003 = 83 \cdot 241,$$

$$\mathcal{Q}_3 = 50014999, \quad \mathcal{Q}_{BEZ} = 48745746.76$$

**Example:**  $\nu = 5/8, \quad C = 1.35, \quad l_{cr} = 45189, \quad l = 50000$

$$d_1 = 100001 = 11 \cdot 9091, \quad d_2 = 100003, \quad d_3 = 200003,$$

$$\mathcal{Q}_3 = 5000149999, \quad \mathcal{Q}_{BEZ} = 3656883908.53$$

# Semigroup series

LF (2004), LF, Rubinstein (2007)

$$g_n(\mathbf{d}^3) = \sum_{s \text{ gaps}} s^n, \quad n \geq 0,$$

$$g_0(\mathbf{d}^3) = \frac{1}{2} [1 - \sigma_1 - \delta_0 + \langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{d}^3 \rangle],$$

$$g_1(\mathbf{d}^3) = \frac{1}{12} \left[ -1 + \pi_3 + \sum_{i=1}^3 A_i d_i^2 + \sum_{i>j}^3 B_{ij} d_i d_j - \delta_0 \sum_{i=1}^3 C_i d_i \right],$$

$$A_i = (a_{ii} - 1)(2a_{ii} - 1), \quad C_i = 2a_{ii} - 3,$$

$$B_{ij} = 3(a_{ii} - 1)(a_{jj} - 1) - a_{ii}a_{jj}$$

*The other formulas for  $n \geq 2$  are too long to be presented here.*

LF, Komatsu (2017)

$$g_n(\mathbf{d}^2) = \sum_{s \in \mathbb{N} \setminus S_2} s^{-n}, \quad n \geq 1, \quad S_2 = \langle d_1, d_2 \rangle,$$

$$g_{-n}(S_2) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{d_2^n}\right) \zeta(n) - \frac{1}{d_2^n} \sum_{k=1}^{d_2-1} \zeta\left(n, k \frac{d_1}{d_2}\right),$$

where  $\zeta(n, q)$  and  $\zeta(n)$  stand for the Hurwitz and Riemann zeta functions,

$$\zeta(n, q) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k+q)^n}, \quad \zeta(n, 1) = \zeta(n) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^n}.$$

# Special Numerical Semigroups $S(\mathbf{d}^3)$

Kraft (1985): Pythagorean semigroup:  $d_1^2 + d_2^2 = d_3^2$

$$\langle k_1^2 - k_2^2, 2k_1k_2, k_1^2 + k_2^2 \rangle$$

$$F(\mathbf{d}^3) = k_1(k_1^2 - k_2^2 + 2(k_1k_2 - k_1 - k_2))$$

Marin, Ramirez Alfonsin, Revuelta (2007): Fibonacci semigroup

$$\langle \{F_i, F_{i+1}, F_{i+k}\}, \quad i, k \geq 3, \quad r = \lfloor (F_i - 1)/F_k \rfloor \rangle$$

$$F(\mathbf{d}^3) = \begin{cases} (F_i - 1)F_{i+2} - F_i(rF_{k-2} + 1) & \text{if } \mathcal{C}_1, \\ (rF_k - 1)F_{i+2} - F_i((r - 1)F_{k-2} + 1) & \text{if } \mathcal{C}_2, \end{cases}$$

$\mathcal{C}_1$  : if  $r = 0$  or  $r \geq 1$  and  $F_{k-2}F_i < (F_i - rF_k)F_{i+2}$

$\mathcal{C}_2$  : otherwise

LF (2007): Lucas symmetric semigroup

$$\langle L_k, L_m, L_n \rangle, \quad k, m, n \geq 2$$

Lepilov, O'Rourke, Swanson (2015)

$$\langle (n-1)^k, n^k, (n+1)^2 \rangle, \quad n \neq 3, 4, 5 \quad \text{congruence modulo } T_2 = 4$$

$$\langle (n-1)^3, n^3, (n+1)^3 \rangle, \quad n \neq 3 \quad \text{congruence modulo } T_3 = 18$$

LF (2016)

$$\langle (n-1)^4, n^4, (n+1)^4 \rangle, \quad n \neq 3, 5, 7 \quad \text{congruence modulo } T_4 = 40$$

LF (2016)

Matrix  $\mathbb{A}_3$  for semigroups  $\langle (n-1)^2, n^2, (n+1)^2 \rangle$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 16m+1 & -8(2m-1) & -1 \\ -(15m+1) & 16m-7 & -(m-1) \\ -m & -1 & m \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{n} = 4\mathbf{m}$$

$$G = 4m(34m^2 - 21m + 2),$$

$$F = 20, \quad m = 1,$$

$$F = 272m^3 - 168m^2 + m - 2, \quad m \geq 2.$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7m+2 & -4(m-1) & -(3m+1) \\ -(3m+1) & 4m & -m \\ -(4m+1) & -4 & 4m+1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{n} = 4\mathbf{m} + 1$$

$$G = 2m(32m^2 + 9m + 1),$$

$$F = 112m^3 + 48m^2 + 8m - 1, \quad m \leq 3,$$

$$F = 128m^3 - 20m - 5, \quad m \geq 4.$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 9m+5 & -(8m-1) & -(m+1) \\ -(7m+4) & 8m+1 & -m \\ -(2m+1) & -2 & 2m+1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{n} = 4\mathbf{m} + 2$$

$$G = m(80m^2 + 71m + 16),$$

$$F = 312, \quad m = 1,$$

$$F = 160m^3 + 128m^2 + 10m - 9, \quad m \geq 2.$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5m+4 & -4m & -(m+1) \\ -(m+1) & 4(m+1) & -(3m+2) \\ -(4m+3) & -4 & 4m+3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{n} = 4\mathbf{m} + 3$$

$$G = 2(32Nm^3 + 57m^2 + 33m + 6),$$

$$F = 128m^3 + 2242 + 124m + 19, \quad m \geq 1.$$

# Semigroup Rings

Let  $R = \mathbf{k}[X_1, \dots, X_m]$  be a polynomial ring over a field  $\mathbf{k}$  of characteristic 0 and

$$\psi_0 : R \longmapsto \mathbf{k} [z^{d_1}, \dots, z^{d_m}]$$

be the projection induced by  $X_i = z^{d_i}$ .

A semigroup ring  $\mathbf{k}[\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{d}^m)] = \mathbf{k} [z^{d_1}, \dots, z^{d_m}]$  is a graded 1-dim local subring of  $R$  and has a presentation

$$\mathbf{k}[\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{d}^m)] = R/\mathbf{M}_1, \quad \mathbf{M}_1 = \ker(\psi_0)$$

and is associated to affine monomial curve with parametrization

$$X_1 = z^{d_1}, \quad X_2 = z^{d_2}, \quad \dots, \quad X_m = z^{d_m}$$

A graded  $R$ -module  $\mathbf{M}_1$  is minimally generated by a finite number  $\beta_1$  of binomial generators  $P_k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq \beta_1$ ,

$$P_k(X_1, \dots, X_m) = X_1^{h_1^k} \cdot \dots \cdot X_m^{h_m^k} - X_1^{q_1^k} \cdot \dots \cdot X_m^{q_m^k},$$

$h_j^k, q_j^k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ , such that  $\psi_0(P_k) = 0$ . Associated arithmetic relations

$$\sum_{i=1}^m h_i^k d_i = \sum_{j=1}^m q_j^k d_j, \quad C_{1,k} = \sum_{i=1}^m h_i^k d_i,$$

are called syzygies of the 1st kind with degrees  $C_{1,k}$  and  $\mathbf{M}_1$  is called the 1st syzygy module of  $\mathbf{k}[\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{d}^m)]$ , or ideal.

For  $n \geq 2$  it may happen that any set of  $P_k \in \mathbf{M}_1$  has their own relations. It give rise to existence of another free module  $R_1$ , such that

$$R_1 \xrightarrow{\psi_1} R \xrightarrow{\psi_0} \mathbf{k}[\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{d}^m)], \quad \text{Im}(\psi_1) = \mathbf{M}_1 = \ker(\psi_0)$$

Going to the higher syzygies we arrive at the Hilbert Syzygy Theorem

**Hilbert's Syzygy Theorem:** *Let  $k[S(\mathbf{d}^m)]$  be a finitely generated module over the polynomial ring  $R = k[X_1, \dots, X_m]$ . Then there is a minimal free resolution*

$$0 \longmapsto R_n \xrightarrow{\psi_n} \dots \xrightarrow{\psi_2} R_1 \xrightarrow{\psi_1} R \xrightarrow{\psi_0} k[S(\mathbf{d}^m)] \longmapsto 0,$$

$$\text{Im}(\psi_k) = \mathbf{M}_k = \ker(\psi_{k-1}), \quad 1 \leq k \leq n$$

where  $R_1, \dots, R_n$  are finitely generated free  $R$ -modules and  $n < m$ .

If  $k[S(\mathbf{d}^m)]$  is a graded 1-dim local subring of  $R$  then  $n = m - 1$

An integer  $\beta_k = \dim \mathbf{M}_k$  is called the  $k$ -th Betti number

$$1 - \beta_1 + \beta_2 - \dots + (-1)^{m-1} \beta_{m-1} = 0, \quad \beta_1 \geq m - 1$$

## The Hilbert series

$$H(\mathbf{d}^m; z) = \frac{Q(\mathbf{d}^m; z)}{\prod^m (1 - z^{d_i})},$$

$$Q(\mathbf{d}^m; z) = 1 - Q_1(\mathbf{d}^m; z) + \dots + (-1)^{m-1} Q_{m-1}(\mathbf{d}^m; z),$$

$$Q_i(\mathbf{d}^m; z) = \sum_{j=1}^{\beta_i(\mathbf{d}^m)} z^{C_{j,i}}, \quad \deg Q_i(\mathbf{d}^m; z) < \deg Q_{i+1}(\mathbf{d}^m; z)$$

All necessary cancellations of terms  $z^{C_{j,i}}$  in  $Q(\mathbf{d}^m; z)$  are performed

$H(\mathbf{d}^m; z)$  has a pole  $z = 1$  of order 1

$Q(\mathbf{d}^m; z)$  has a zero  $z = 1$  of order  $m - 1$

$$\deg Q(\mathbf{d}^m; z) = F(\mathbf{d}^m) + \sigma_1 = \mathcal{Q}_m$$



# Gorenstein rings and complete intersection

Kunz (1970): *A semigroup ring  $k[S(\mathbf{d}^m)]$  is a Gorenstein ring if and only if a semigroup  $S(\mathbf{d}^m)$  is symmetric.*

## Duality relation

$$Q(\mathbf{d}^m; z^{-1}) z^{\mathcal{Q}_m} = (-1)^{m-1} Q(\mathbf{d}^m; z),$$

$$\beta_k(\mathbf{d}^m) = \beta_{m-k-1}(\mathbf{d}^m), \quad C_{j,k} + C_{j,m-k-1} = \mathcal{Q}_m$$

$S(\mathbf{d}^m)$  is called *complete intersection (CI)* if  $\beta_1 = m-1$

$$Q(\mathbf{d}^m; z) = (1 - z^{e_1})(1 - z^{e_2}) \dots (1 - z^{e_{m-1}}),$$

Every CI semigroup is also symmetric

Bresinsky (1975): *If  $m \geq 4$  then  $\beta_1(\mathbf{d}^m)$  is unbounded*

## Symmetric semigroups $S(\mathbf{d}^4)$ and $S(\mathbf{d}^5)$

Bresinsky (1975):  $\beta_1(\mathbf{d}^4) = 3$  if symmetric semigroup  $S(\mathbf{d}^4)$  is complete intersection, and  $\beta_1(\mathbf{d}^4) = 5$  if it is not

Bresinsky (1979): *Let the generators  $\{d_j\}$  of a symmetric semigroup  $S(\mathbf{d}^5)$  satisfy the relation:*

$$d_i + d_j = d_k + d_l, \quad \{i, j, k, l\} \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

Then  $\beta_1(\mathbf{d}^5) \leq 13$

# Identities for degrees of syzygies in $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{d}^m)$

LF (2009), Thm 1, Herzog-Kühl (1984), 1st part of Thm 1

Let  $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{d}^m)$  be given with its Hilbert series  $H(\mathbf{d}^m; z)$ . Then

$$1) \quad \sum_{j=1}^{\beta_1(\mathbf{d}^m)} C_{j,1}^r - \sum_{j=1}^{\beta_2(\mathbf{d}^m)} C_{j,2}^r + \cdots + (-1)^m \sum_{j=1}^{\beta_{m-1}(\mathbf{d}^m)} C_{j,m-1}^r = 0,$$

if  $1 \leq r \leq m - 2$ ,

$$2) \quad \sum_{j=1}^{\beta_1(\mathbf{d}^m)} C_{j,1}^{m-1} - \sum_{j=1}^{\beta_2(\mathbf{d}^m)} C_{j,2}^{m-1} + \cdots + (-1)^m \sum_{j=1}^{\beta_{m-1}(\mathbf{d}^m)} C_{j,m-1}^{m-1} = (-1)^m (m-1)! \pi_m$$

LF (2009), Thm 2

$\Xi_q(\mathbf{d}^m) \subset \{d_1, \dots, d_m\}$ ,  $\Xi_q(\mathbf{d}^m) = \{d_i \mid q \mid d_i\}$ ,  $\omega_q = \#\Xi_q(\mathbf{d}^m)$ ,

For every  $q, n$  such that  $q \mid d_i$ ,  $1 < q \leq \max\{d_i\}$ , and  $\gcd(n, q) = 1$ ,

$$1) \quad \sum_{j=1}^{\beta_1(\mathbf{d}^m)} C_{j,1}^r \exp\left(i \frac{2\pi n}{q} C_{j,1}\right) - \sum_{j=1}^{\beta_2(\mathbf{d}^m)} C_{j,2}^r \exp\left(i \frac{2\pi n}{q} C_{j,2}\right) + \cdots + (-1)^m \sum_{j=1}^{\beta_{m-1}(\mathbf{d}^m)} C_{j,m-1}^r \exp\left(i \frac{2\pi n}{q} C_{j,m-1}\right) = 0, \quad \text{if } 1 \leq r \leq \omega_q - 1$$

$$2) \quad \sum_{j=1}^{\beta_1(\mathbf{d}^m)} \exp\left(i \frac{2\pi n}{q} C_{j,1}\right) - \sum_{j=1}^{\beta_2(\mathbf{d}^m)} \exp\left(i \frac{2\pi n}{q} C_{j,2}\right) + \cdots + (-1)^m \sum_{j=1}^{\beta_{m-1}(\mathbf{d}^m)} \exp\left(i \frac{2\pi n}{q} C_{j,m-1}\right) = 1$$

# Applying identities

Complete intersections (CI) LF (2009)

$$\prod_{i=1}^{m-1} e_i = \pi_m, \quad \mathcal{Q}_m \geq (m-1)^{m-1} \sqrt{\pi_m}$$

Symmetric semigroups LF (2009)

$$\mathcal{B}_m = -1 + \beta_1(\mathbf{d}^m) - \beta_2(\mathbf{d}^m) + \cdots + (-1)^\gamma \beta_{\gamma-1}(\mathbf{d}^m), \quad \gamma = \lfloor m/2 \rfloor$$

If  $\text{edim} = 2m$ , then for  $1 \leq k \leq 2m-1$

$$\mathcal{Q}_{2m}^k - \sum_{r=1}^{m-1} (-1)^r \sum_{j=1}^{\beta_r(\mathbf{d}^{2m})} \left( C_{j,r}^k - [\mathcal{Q}_{2m} - C_{j,r}]^k \right) = (2m-1)! \pi_{2m} \delta_{k,2m-1}$$

If  $\text{edim} = 2m+1$ , then for  $1 \leq k \leq 2m$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Q}_{2m+1}^k + \sum_{r=1}^{m-1} (-1)^r \sum_{j=1}^{\beta_r(\mathbf{d}^{2m+1})} \left( C_{j,r}^k + [\mathcal{Q}_{2m+1} - C_{j,r}]^k \right) + \\ (-1)^m \sum_{j=1}^{\beta_m(\mathbf{d}^{2m+1})} C_{j,m}^k + (2m)! \pi_{2m+1} \delta_{k,2m} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

## Symmetric (not CI) semigroups

Let  $X_{1,m} = \sum_{j=1}^{\beta_1(\mathbf{d}^m)} C_{j,1}$

LF (2015)  $edim = 4, \quad \beta_1 = 5$

$$X_{1,4} = 2Q_4, \quad Q_4 \geq \sqrt[3]{25\pi_4}$$

LF (2017)  $edim = 5, \quad \beta_2 = 2(\beta_1 - 1)$

$$1 - \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\mathcal{R}_5}{Q_5}\right)^2} \leq \frac{2}{\beta_1} \frac{X_{1,5}}{Q_5} \leq 1 + \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\mathcal{R}_5}{Q_5}\right)^2}$$

$$Q_5 \geq \mathcal{R}_5 = 4\lambda_5 \sqrt[4]{\pi_5}, \quad \lambda_5 = \sqrt[4]{\frac{3\beta_1 - 1}{4\beta_1}}, \quad \delta = \frac{Q_5}{\mathcal{R}_5} - 1$$

$S_5$	$A_1^6$	$A_2^6$	$A_1^7$	$A_2^7$	$A_1^8$	$A_2^8$	$A_1^9$	$A_2^9$	$A_1^{13}$	$A_2^{13}$
$\beta_1$	6	6	7	7	8	8	9	9	13	13
$Q_5$	90	92	87	93	99	89	102	96	240	236
$\mathcal{R}_5$	86.4	90.85	79.2	83.8	88.6	82.6	93.7	89.4	225.3	224.2
$\delta, \%$	4.16	1.26	9.84	10.9	11.7	7.74	8.85	7.38	6.52	5.26

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_1 = 6, & \quad A_1^6 = \langle 10, 11, 12, 13, 15 \rangle, \quad A_2^6 = \langle 10, 11, 12, 14, 16 \rangle, \\ \beta_1 = 7, & \quad A_1^7 = \langle 6, 10, 14, 15, 19 \rangle, \quad A_2^7 = \langle 6, 10, 14, 17, 21 \rangle, \\ \beta_1 = 8, & \quad A_1^8 = \langle 6, 10, 14, 19, 23 \rangle, \quad A_2^8 = \langle 8, 10, 13, 14, 19 \rangle, \\ \beta_1 = 9, & \quad A_1^9 = \langle 7, 12, 13, 18, 23 \rangle, \quad A_2^9 = \langle 9, 12, 13, 14, 19 \rangle, \\ \beta_1 = 13, & \quad A_1^{13} = \langle 19, 23, 29, 31, 37 \rangle, \quad A_2^{13} = \langle 19, 27, 28, 31, 32 \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

# Weak Asymptotics of Frobenius numbers $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{d}^m)$

Define the asymptotics,

$$\langle \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{d}^m) \rangle = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\mathbf{d}^m \in \Delta_N^m} \frac{\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{d}^m)}{\#\Delta_N^m}, \quad \Delta_N^m = \{\mathbf{d}^m \mid m \leq d_1, \dots, d_m \leq N\}$$

Arnold's conjectures (1999):

*For short, PDF - probability distribution function*

1.  $\langle c(\mathbf{d}^m) / \sqrt{\pi_m} \rangle = C_m, \quad C_m = {}^{m-1}\sqrt{(m-1)!} \quad ??$
2.  $\langle \rho(\mathbf{d}^m) \rangle = 1/m$
3. Asymptotical PDF of filling the segment  $[0, c(\mathbf{d}^m)]$  for large  $\mathbf{d}^m$

$$\xi_m(s) = s^{m-1} / c(\mathbf{d}^m), \quad \int \xi_3(s) ds = 1/m$$

LF (2006): *Conjectures 2, 3 fail for  $m = 3$ :*

$$4/9 < \langle \rho(\mathbf{d}^3) \rangle < 1/2$$

Bourgain, Sinai (2007):

*There exists the uniform limiting distribution for the normalized Frobenius number*

$$X_3 = c(\mathbf{d}^3) / \sqrt{\pi_3}$$

Ustinov (2008):

$$P(X_3) = \begin{cases} P_1(X_3) & \text{if } 0 < X_3 < \sqrt{3}, \\ P_2(X_3) & \text{if } \sqrt{3} < X_3 < 2, \\ P_3(X_3) & \text{if } 2 < X_3 < \infty, \end{cases}$$

$$P_1(X_3) = 0, \quad P_2(X_3) = \frac{12}{\pi} p_2(X_3), \quad P_3(X_3) = \frac{12}{\pi^2} p_3(X_3),$$

$$p_2(X_3) = \frac{X_3}{\sqrt{3}} - \sqrt{4 - X_3^2}$$

$$p_3(X_3) = X_3 \sqrt{3} \arccos \frac{X_3 + 3\sqrt{X_3^2 - 4}}{4\sqrt{X_3^2 - 3}} + \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{X_3^2 - 4} \log \frac{X_3^2 - 4}{X_3^2 - 3}$$

$$P(X_3) = \frac{18}{\pi^2} \frac{1}{X_3^3} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{X_3^5}\right), \quad X_3 \rightarrow \infty,$$

$$C_3 = \int_0^\infty X_3 P(X_3) dX_3 = \frac{8}{\pi}, \quad \int_0^\infty P(X_3) dX_3 = 1$$

Marklof (2009), Strömbergsson (2011):

*There exists the uniform limiting distribution for the normalized Frobenius number*

$$X_m = c(\mathbf{d}^m) / {}^{m-1}\sqrt{\pi_m}$$

*$P(X_m)$  has almost all of its mass concentrated in the interval*

$${}^{m-1}\sqrt{(m-1)!} < X_m < (1+\eta) {}^{m-1}\sqrt{(m-1)!},$$

*where  $\eta + e \log \eta = 0$  and  $\eta \simeq 0.756$*

**Asymptotics of  $P(X_m)$**

$$P(X_m) = \binom{m}{2} \frac{X_m^{-m}}{\zeta(m-1)} + \mathcal{O}\left(X_m^{-[m+1+1/(m-2)]}\right), \quad X_m \rightarrow \infty$$

The functions  $P(X_m)$ ,  $0 \leq X_m \leq \infty$ , for  $m \geq 4$  are still unknown !

# Conjectures and questions

**H. Wilf (1978)**

$$\rho(\mathbf{d}^m) \geq \frac{1}{m}$$

$c(\mathbf{d}^m) \leq 2\mu(\mathbf{d}^m)$ , *Kaplan (2012)*,  $c(\mathbf{d}^m) \leq 3\mu(\mathbf{d}^m)$ , *Eliahou (2016)*

**M. Bras-Amores (2008)**

The number  $N(g)$  of numerical semigroups of genus  $g \leq 15$

$g$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
$N(g)$	1	1	2	4	7	12	23	39	67	118	204	343	592	1001	1693	2857

$$1) \quad N(g) \geq N(g-1) + N(g-2), \quad g \geq 2$$

$$2) \quad \lim_{g \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N(g-1) + N(g-2)}{N(g)} = 1, \quad \text{Zhai (2013)}$$

$$3) \quad \lim_{g \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N(g)}{N(g-1)} = \phi, \quad \phi = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}, \quad \text{Zhai (2013)}$$

**LF (2016)**

$$F(\langle (n-1)^{2q}, n^{2q}, (n+1)^{2q} \rangle) = \mathcal{O}(n^{3q})$$

$$F(\langle (n-1)^{2q+1}, n^{2q+1}, (n+1)^{2q+1} \rangle) = \mathcal{O}(n^{3q+2})$$

$$T_2 = 4, \quad T_3 = 18, \quad T_4 = 40, \quad T_{n \geq 5} = \dots ?$$

what are the congruence moduli  $T_k$  for the higher  $k$  ?

# The problem comes up in many real-world contexts

## Local Postage Stamp Problem

Having an unlimited supply of 17-cent, 18-cent, and 19-cent stamps we like to know what is the largest possible value of postage stamps on an envelope which we are unable to accomplish

## Coin Change Problem

To determine the largest monetary amount that can not be obtained using only coins of specified denominations

## Chicken McNugget Problem

Chicken McNuggets come in boxes of 6,9 and 20 nuggets. To find the largest number of nuggets that could not have been bought.

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