

Bounds for syzgies of monomial curves

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Notation:

- $\text{edim}(\Gamma) = e + 1$ (*embedding dimension*);
- $\text{mult}(\Gamma) = g_0$ (*multiplicity*).

We always have $e + 1 \leq g_0$.

- $e = 0 \Rightarrow \Gamma = \mathbb{N}, \rho(\Gamma) = 0$;
- $e = 1 \Rightarrow \Gamma = \langle g_0, g_1 \rangle, \ker \varphi = \langle [(g_1, 0), (0, g_0)] \rangle, \rho(\Gamma) = 1$;
- $e = 2 \Rightarrow \rho(\Gamma) \in \{2, 3\}$ [Herzog, 1970]
- If $e \geq 3$, $\rho(\Gamma)$ can be arbitrarily large; [Bresinsky, 1975]
- $\rho(\Gamma) \geq e$, and if $\rho(\Gamma) = e$ then Γ is called a *complete intersection*.
- $\rho(\Gamma) \leq \binom{g_0}{2} - 2g_0 - 2e + 2 \leq \binom{g_0}{2}$ [Rosales, 1996]

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- $C(w) < \infty$. [Vu, 2014]
- Conjecture: $C(w) = \binom{w+1}{2}$. [Herzog, Stamate, 2014]
- No explicit upper bound.

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If $L \subseteq S$ is a lex ideal, consider $\hat{L} = \frac{L + (x_e)}{x_e} \subseteq \hat{S} = K[x_1, \dots, x_{e-1}]$. Then $\mu(L)$ is related to $\ell(\hat{S}/\hat{L})$. By studying this length we obtain:

Theorem

$$\mu(L) \leq w \cdot 9^{\sqrt{2w}}, \text{ and thus } C(w) \leq w \cdot 9^{\sqrt{2w}}.$$

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An explicit formula for $\ell(e, m)$

Let n, d be positive integers.

There exist unique integers $n_d > n_{d_1} > \dots > n_j \geq j \geq 1$ such that

$$n = \binom{n_d}{d} + \dots + \binom{n_j}{j}.$$

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$$n^{<d>} = \binom{n_d + 1}{d + 1} + \dots + \binom{n_j + 1}{j + 1}.$$

Theorem [Elias, Robbiano, Valla, 1991]

Let $e, m \in \mathbb{N}$ be such that $4 \leq e + 1 \leq m$, let r be the unique integer such that $\binom{e+r-1}{r-1} \leq m < \binom{e+r}{r}$, and let $s = m - \binom{e+r-1}{r-1}$. Then $\ell(e, m) = \binom{e+r-1}{r} + s^{<r>} - s$.

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