

SOME EXAMPLES OF ONE DIMENSIONAL GORENSTEIN DOMAINS

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Introduction.

In this paper, I will prove the following theorems;

THEOREM 1. *For given integers n and m such that $m \geq 2^n$, there exist 1-dimensional local domains which are complete intersections and have embedding dimension $n + 1$ and multiplicity m .*

THEOREM 2. *For given integers n and m such that $4 \leq n \leq m - 1$, there exist 1-dimensional local domains which are Gorenstein with multiplicity m and embedding dimension n and which are not complete intersections.*

To give these examples I heavily use the theory of the value-semigroups of 1-dimensional local domains by Kunz and Herzog ([1], [3]).

§1. Review of the theory of value-semigroups of 1-dimensional local domains ([1], [3]).

In the following, a 'semigroup' always means an additive subsemigroup of N , the additive semigroup of non-negative integers.

(1) A 'numerical semigroup' is a semigroup H which satisfies two conditions;

1. $0 \in H$
2. There exists an integer c such that any integer $n \geq c$ is in H .

(2) The *conductor* of a numerical semigroup H , denoted by $c(H)$, is the smallest integer c such that all integers n satisfying $n \geq c$ belong to H .

(3) We denote by $\langle n_1, \dots, n_k \rangle$ the semigroup generated by n_1, \dots, n_k ; $\langle n_1, \dots, n_k \rangle = \{ \sum_{i=1}^k a_i n_i \mid a_i \in N \}$.

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(4) We say that $\{n_1, \dots, n_k\}$ is the *minimal generator system* of a semigroup H if $H = \langle n_1, \dots, n_k \rangle$ and any proper subset of $\{n_1, \dots, n_k\}$ does not generate H . If we suppose that $n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_k$, this is equivalent to say that $n_i \notin \langle n_1, \dots, n_{i-1} \rangle$ for $2 \leq i \leq k$.

When we write $H = \langle n_1, \dots, n_k \rangle$, we agree that $\{n_1, \dots, n_k\}$ is the minimal generator system. Minimal generator system of an arbitrary subsemigroup of N uniquely exists.

(5) A numerical semigroup H is *symmetric* if for any integer n , $n \in H \Leftrightarrow c - 1 - n \notin H$ ($c = c(H)$).

(6) $K[H] = K[T^n; h \in H] \subset K[T]$ (K is a field and T is an indeterminate). $K[H]_{\text{loc}}$ the localization of $K[H]$ ‘at the origin’. If H is a numerical semigroup, the integral closure of $K[H]$ in the quotient field of $K[H]$ is $K[T]$.

If $H = \langle n_1, \dots, n_k \rangle$, then $K[H] = K[T^{n_1}, \dots, T^{n_k}]$.

(7) We say that a numerical semigroup H is a *complete intersection* if the ring $K[H]$ is a complete intersection. When $H = \langle n_1, \dots, n_k \rangle$, and if we consider the homomorphism $\Phi_H: K[X_1, \dots, X_k] \rightarrow K[H]$, $\Phi_H(X_i) = T^{n_i}$, H is a complete intersection if and only if $\text{Ker}(\Phi_H)$ is generated by $k - 1$ elements.

(8) The *multiplicity* of H , denoted by $m(H)$ is the least positive integer in H . If $H = \langle n_1, \dots, n_k \rangle$ with $n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_k$, then $m(H) = n_1$.

(9) The *embedding dimension* of H , denoted by $\text{emb}(H)$, is the number of the minimal generators of H . If $H = \langle n_1, \dots, n_k \rangle$, then $\text{emb}(H) = k$ (recall that $\{n_1, \dots, n_k\}$ is the minimal generator system).

(10) Let $H = \langle n_1, \dots, n_k \rangle$ and $h \in H$. If h has different expressions as linear combinations of n_i ’s, then we say that h is a *relation* of H . For example, if $H = \langle 3, 4, 5 \rangle$, $8 = 2 \cdot 4 = 3 + 5$ and $9 = 3 \cdot 3 = 4 + 5$ are relations of H .

(11) For a relation h in $H = \langle n_1, \dots, n_k \rangle$, we associate to h a vector $v_h \in \mathbf{Z}^k$ in the following way. If $h = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i n_i = \sum_{i=1}^k b_i n_i$, then $v_h = (a_1 - b_1, a_2 - b_2, \dots, a_k - b_k)$. In the example in (10), $v_8 = (-1, 2, -1)$, and $v_9 = (3, -1, -1)$. Of course v_h is not determined uniquely by h . But as it is not important in our following arguments, we agree to fix one such v_h .

(12) For $H = \langle n_1, \dots, n_k \rangle$, we define;

$$M(H) = \min \left\{ h_1 + h_2 + \dots + h_{k-1} \left| \begin{array}{l} h_1, \dots, h_{k-1} \text{ are relations in } H \text{ and} \\ v_{h_1}, \dots, v_{h_{k-1}} \text{ are linearly} \\ \text{independent in } \mathbf{Z}^k. \end{array} \right. \right\}$$

For example, if $H = \langle 3, 4, 5 \rangle$, $M(H) = 8 + 9 = 17$.

Let R be an analytically irreducible 1-dimensional Noetherian local domain. Then the integral closure V of R in the quotient field of R is a discrete valuation ring. We assume that R and V has the same residue class field. (Which is true if $R = K[H]_{\text{loc}}$.) If we denote by v the valuation attached to V , then $H_R = v(R)$ is a numerical semigroup and we have the following propositions.

- PROPOSITION 1. (1) *Multiplicity of $R = m(H_R)$.*
 (2) *Embedding dimension of $K[H]_{\text{loc}} = \text{emb}(H)$,*
 (3) *R is Gorenstein if and only if H_R is symmetric.*
 (4) *If H_R is a complete intersection, then R is a complete intersection.*
 (4') *If $R = K[H]_{\text{loc}}$, then the converse of (4) holds.*

PROPOSITION 2. ([1, Satz 5.10]) *If $H = \langle n_1, \dots, n_k \rangle$, then we have that $M(H) - \sum_{i=1}^k n_i + 1 \geq c(H)$, and the equality holds if and only if H is a complete intersection.*

§ 2. Examples of 1-dimensional local domains which are complete intersections and have given embedding dimension and multiplicity.

LEMMA 1. *Let $H_1 = \langle n_1, \dots, n_k \rangle$, a and b be positive integers such that;*

- (i) *$a \in H_1$ and $a \neq n_i (i = 1, \dots, k)$.*
- (ii) *a and b are relatively prime.*

Then, if we put $H = \langle a, bn_1, \dots, bn_k \rangle$ (which we will denote by $H = \langle a, bH_1 \rangle$), we have;

- (1) *H is a complete intersection if and only if H_1 is a complete intersection.*
- (2) *H is symmetric if and only if H_1 is symmetric.*

Proof. We consider the canonical homomorphisms $\Phi_1: K[Y_1, \dots, Y_k] \rightarrow K[H_1]$ and $\Phi: K[Y_1, \dots, Y_k, X] \rightarrow K[H]$ defined by $\Phi_1(Y_i) = T^{n_i}$, $\Phi(X) = T^a$, $\Phi(Y_i) = T^{bn_i} (i = 1, 2, \dots, k)$. We put $\text{Ker}(\Phi_1) = A_1$ and $A = (A_1, X^b - Y_1^{e_1} Y_2^{e_2} \dots Y_k^{e_k})$ where e_1, \dots, e_k are defined by $a = \sum_{i=1}^k e_i n_i$ (we fix one

such expression). We claim $\text{Ker}(\Phi) = A$. $\text{Ker}(\Phi) \supset A$ is obvious. Conversely, if $f(X, Y_1, \dots, Y_k) \in \text{Ker}(\Phi)$, we can find $f_0(Y), \dots, f_{b-1}(Y) \in K[Y_1, \dots, Y_k]$ such that $f \equiv f_0 + Xf_1 + \dots + X^{b-1}f_{b-1} \pmod{A}$. Hence $\Phi(f_i) \in K[T^b]$. As $\Phi(X^i) = T^{ai}$ and $(a, b) = 1$, it follows from $\Phi(f) = 0$, that $\Phi(f_i) = 0$, i.e. $f_i \in \text{Ker}(\Phi_1) = A_1$ ($i = 1, \dots, b-1$).

Now, we have $K[H] = K[H_1][X]/(g)$, where $g(X, Y) = X^b - Y_1^{e_1} \dots Y_k^{e_k}$. Thus we have; $K[H]$ is a complete intersection (resp. Gorenstein) $\Leftrightarrow K[H_1][X]$ is a complete intersection (resp. Gorenstein) $\Leftrightarrow K[H_1]$ is a complete intersection (resp. Gorenstein). By Proposition 1 we are done.

By Lemma 1, we have semigroups which are complete intersections and have arbitrarily high embedding dimensions. When embedding dimension is ≤ 3 , the converse holds.

PROPOSITION 3. *If H is a semigroup which is a complete intersection and if $\text{emb}(H) = 3$, then $H = \langle a, bH_1 \rangle$ where H_1 is a semigroup of $\text{emb}(H_1) = 2$ (which is necessarily a complete intersection) and a and b are integers satisfying the conditions of Lemma 1.*

(This proposition is proved by Herzog [2]. But as his proof is considerably long, I give a shorter proof.)

To prove the proposition, we need a lemma.

LEMMA 2. *Let $H = \langle n_1, \dots, n_k \rangle$ be a semigroup which is a complete intersection, $\Phi_H: K[X_1, \dots, X_k] \rightarrow K[H]$ be the canonical homomorphism and (f_1, \dots, f_{k-1}) the generators of $\text{Ker}(\Phi_H)$. If we denote by J_p the ideal generated by p variables X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_p} , then there exists at most $p-1$ f_i 's which belong to J_p .*

COROLLARY. *For every variable X_j ($1 \leq j \leq k$), one of the f_i 's includes a monomial of the type X_j^s .*

Proof of Lemma 2. We consider the ideal $A = (J_p, f_1, \dots, f_{k-1})$. If $f_1, \dots, f_p \in J_p$ (for simplicity, we renumber f_i 's), then $A = (J_p, f_{p+1}, \dots, f_{k-1})$ and A is generated by $k-1$ elements and $ht(A)$ must be $\leq k-1$. But on the other hand, $\dim(K[H]) = 1$ and $\Phi_H(J_p) \neq 0$. So, we must have $ht(A) = k$. Contradiction!

The corollary is a special case of the lemma when $p = k-1$.

Proof of Proposition 3. Let $H = \langle n_1, n_2, n_3 \rangle$, $\Phi_H: K[X_1, X_2, X_3] \rightarrow K[H]$, $\text{Ker}(\Phi_H) = (f_1, f_2)$. By the definition of Φ_H , each f_i is of the form

(monomial)-(monomial). Then, by the corollary of Lemma 2, after renumbering X_i 's and f_i 's, we may assume, $f_1 = X_2^a - X_3^m, f_2 = X_1^b - X_2^e X_3^f$. As (f_1, f_2) is a prime ideal of height 2, f_1 and f_2 must be irreducible and we have $(m, n) = 1, n \cdot n_2 = m \cdot n_3, bn_1 = en_2 + fn_3$. We put $H_1 = \langle m, n \rangle, n_1 = a, n_2 = dm, n_3 = dn$. Then $ab = d(em + fn)$. From $(n_1, n_2, n_3) = 1$, we have $(a, d) = 1$ and $b = db'$. We claim that $d = b$ and $a = em + fn$. Let us assume $d \neq b, b' \neq 1$. If $a \in H_1$, take an integer s such that $sa \in H_1$ and s is not a multiple of b' . Then, writing $sa = e'm + f'n, g = X_1^{sd} - X_2^e X_3^f \in \text{Ker}(\Phi_H)$. But it is easy to assure that $g \in (f_1, f_2)$. This contradicts the fact that $(f_1, f_2) = \text{Ker}(\Phi_H)$. If $a \in H_1, a = e'm + f'n$, then $X_1^d - X_2^e X_3^f \in \text{Ker}(\Phi_H)$. From $\text{Ker}(\Phi_H) = (f_1, f_2)$, we get $d = b$.

Remark 1. Proposition 3 is not true if $emb(H) \geq 4$. For example, If we put $H = \langle 14, 21, 15, 20 \rangle, H$ is a complete intersection with $c(H) = 68, \text{Ker}(\Phi_H) = (X_1^3 - X_2^3, X_1 X_2 - X_3 X_4, X_3^4 - X_4^3)$ and clearly H can not be written in the form $H = \langle a, bH_1 \rangle$.

Remark 2. By Proposition 3, we can determine the types of H 's which are complete intersections and $emb(H) \leq 3$. For example, if $emb(H) = 3$ and $m(H) = 5$ and if H is a complete intersection, (this is equivalent to say that H is symmetric, in this case) then $H = \langle 5, 2p, 3p \rangle, p \geq 3, (p, 5) = 1$.

LEMMA 3. *Let a be an odd integer. Then the semigroup $H = \langle 2^n, 2^n + a, 2^n + 2a, \dots, 2^n + 2^t a, \dots, 2^n + 2^{n-1} a \rangle$ is a complete intersection for $n \geq 1$.*

Proof. Easy by induction and applying Lemma 1.

THEOREM 1. *Let m and n be given positive integers such that $m \geq 2^n$. Then there exists a 1-dimensional local domain R which is a complete intersection with embedding dimension $n + 1$ and multiplicity m .*

Proof. We find a semigroup H which is a complete intersection and $m(H) = m, emb(H) = n + 1$.

(i) If m is odd, we put $m = 2^n + a$. Then, by Lemma 3, $H_1 = \langle 2^{n-1}, 2^{n-1} + a, \dots, 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-2} a \rangle$ is a complete intersection and $m \in H_1$. If we take an integer b , such that $(b, m) = 1$ and $2^{n-1} b \geq m$, then $H = \langle m, bH_1 \rangle$ is the desired semigroup.

(ii) If m is even, using induction on n , we may assume that there exists a semigroup H_1 which is a complete intersection and $m(H_1) = m/2$, $emb(H_1) = n$. Then, if we take an odd integer $a \in H_1$ such that $a > m$ and a is not a generator of H_1 , $H = \langle a, 2H_1 \rangle$ is the desired semigroup by Lemma 1.

Remark. If (R, M) is a regular local ring and if (x_1, \dots, x_n) is a regular sequence of R contained in M^2 , then the multiplicity of $R/(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is at least 2^n . So the condition $m \geq 2^n$ is necessary.

§ 3. Examples of 1-dimensional Gorenstein local domains which are not complete intersections.

LEMMA 4. *Let m and n be positive integers such that $m - 1 \geq n \geq 4$. If there exist integers a, b, e such that*

- (i) $a, b \geq 0$ and $e > 0$,
- (ii) if $b > 0$, then e is even,
- (iii) $ea + (e/2)b + 2 = m$ (if e is odd, then $b = 0$),
- (iv) $n = a + b + 1$.

Then there exists a symmetric semigroup H with $m(H) = m$ and $emb(H) = n$ and H is not a complete intersection. Actually,

$$H = \langle m, m + 1, \dots, m + a, 2m - b, 2m - b + 1, \dots, 2m - 1 \rangle .$$

Proof. We have $c(H) = e(m + a) + 2$. It is easy to see that H is symmetric. To prove that H is not a complete intersection, we restrict ourselves to the case $a > 0$. (The case $a = 0$ can be proved similarly. But as the case $a = 0$ is not used later, we omit the proof.) We give two different proofs, the first one using Proposition 2 and the second one using Lemma 2,

First proof. We compute $M(H)$. In the notation of § 1, (12), we have;

$$\begin{aligned} h_1 &= 2m + 2 = m + (m + 2) = 2(m + 1) \\ h_2 &= 2m + 3 = m + (m + 3) = (m + 1) + (m + 2) \\ &\dots\dots\dots \\ h_{a-1} &= 2m + a = m + (m + a) = (m + 1) + (m + a - 1) \\ h_a &= 3m - b + 1 = m + (2m - b + 1) = (m + 1) + (2m - b) \\ h_{a+1} &= 3m - b + 2 = m + (2m - b + 2) = (m + 1) + (2m - b + 1) \\ &\dots\dots\dots \end{aligned}$$

$$h_{a+b-1} = 3m = (m + 1) + (2m - 1)$$

$$h_{a+b} = c(H) + m - b = (e/2 + 1)(2m - b) .$$

$M(H) - \sum_{i=1}^n n_i + 1 - c(H) = mb + m(a - 2) = (n - 3)m > 0$. By Proposition 2, H is not a complete intersection.

Second proof. We consider the canonical homomorphism $\Phi_H : K[X_0, X_1, \dots, X_a, X_{a+1}, \dots, X_{a+b}] \rightarrow K[H]$, defined by $\Phi_H(X_i) = T^{m+i} (0 \leq i \leq a)$, $\Phi_H(X_j) = T^{2m-a-b-1+j} (a + 1 \leq j \leq a + b)$. We assume that $\text{Ker}(\Phi_H)$ is generated by $a + b$ elements and lead to a contradiction. By the definition of Φ_H , it is clear that $f_1 = X_0X_2 - X_1^2, f_2 = X_0X_3 - X_1X_2, \dots, f_{a-1} = X_0X_a - X_1X_{a-1}, f_a = X_0X_{a+2} - X_1X_{a+1}, \dots, f_{a+b-1} = X_1X_{a+b} - X_0^3$ are $a + b - 1$ members of minimal generators of $\text{Ker}(\Phi_H)$. As $\text{Ker}(\Phi_H)$ is generated by f_1, \dots, f_{a+b-1} and one more polynomial g , and as g can include at most 2 monomials of the form X_i^2 , we have $a + b + 1 \leq 4$. It remains to show that $a + b + 1 = 4$ does not occur. If $a = 1, b = 2$, then $f_1 = X_0X_3 - X_1X_2$ and $f_2 = X_1X_3 - X_0^3$. So it is impossible to find f_3 satisfying the condition of the corollary of Lemma 2. If $a = 2, b = 1$, then $f_1 = X_0X_2 - X_1^2$ and $f_2 = X_1X_3 - X_0^3$. But in this case, $f_1, f_2 \in (X_0, X_1)$ and this contradicts Lemma 2 ($p = 2$). If $a = 3, b = 0, f_1 = X_0X_2 - X_1^2$ and $f_2 = X_0X_3 - X_1X_2$ and it is impossible to find f_3 satisfying the condition of the corollary of Lemma 2. This concludes the proof of Lemma 4.

LEMMA 5. *If $m - 1 \geq n \geq m/2$, there exist a, b and e satisfying the conditions of Lemma 4. Furthermore, we can take $a > 0$.*

Proof. Put $e = 2, b = 2n - m, a = m - n - 1$ if $n \neq m - 1$. When $n = m - 1$, we put $e = 1, b = 0, a = n - 1 = m - 2$.

LEMMA 6. *If $m \geq 5$, there exists a symmetric semigroup H , which is not a complete intersection and with $m(H) = m, \text{emb}(H) = 4$.*

Proof. Case I $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. Writing $m = 4m' + 1$, we put

$$H = \langle m, m + 1, m + 2, m'(m + 2) + 1 \rangle .$$

Then H is symmetric with;

$$c(H) = 2m'm \ , \quad M(H) = h_1 + h_2 + h_3 \ ,$$

where

$$h_1 = 2m + 2 = 2(m + 1) = m + (m + 2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} h_2 &= (m'(m+2) + 1) + m = m'(m+2) + (m+1) \\ h_3 &= c(H) + m = (2m' + 1)m = (m'(m+2) + 1) + m'(m+2). \end{aligned}$$

$M(H) - m - (m+1) - (m+2) - (m'(m+2) + 1) + 1 - c(H) = m > 0$,
 H is not a complete intersection.

Case II $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$. In the Lemma 4, put $a = 1$, $b = 2$, $e = (m-2)/2$.

Case III $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$. We put

$$H = \langle m, m+1, 2m+3, 2m+4 \rangle.$$

Then H is symmetric with ;

$$c(H) = \frac{m(m+1)}{2}, \quad M(H) = h_1 + h_2 + h_3,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} h_1 &= 3m+3 = 3(m+1) = m + (2m+3) \\ h_2 &= 3m+4 = (m+1) + (2m+3) = m + (2m+4) \\ h_3 &= c(H) + m = (2m+3) + \frac{m-3}{4}(2m+4) = \frac{m+3}{2}m. \end{aligned}$$

$M(H) - m - (m+1) - (2m+3) - (2m+4) + 1 - c(H) = m > 0$. Hence
 H is not a complete intersection.

Case IV $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$. We put

$$H = \left\langle m, m+1, n_3 = \frac{(m-4)(m+1)}{2} + 1, n_4 = \frac{(m-2)(m+1)}{2} + 2 \right\rangle.$$

Then H is symmetric with ;

$$c(H) = m(m-3), \quad M(H) = h_1 + h_2 + h_3,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} h_1 &= m + n_3 = (m+1)\frac{m-2}{2} \\ h_2 &= m + n_4 = 2(m+1) + n_3 \\ h_3 &= c(H) + m = m(m-2) = n_3 + n_4. \end{aligned}$$

$M(H) - m - (m+1) - n_3 - n_4 + 1 - c(H) = m > 0$. Hence H is not a complete intersection.

THEOREM 2. *For given positive integers m and n , such that $m - 1 \geq n \geq 4$, there exists 1-dimensional local domain R which is Gorenstein with $\text{emb}(R) = n, m(R) = m$ and which is not a complete intersection.*

Proof. It suffices to find a symmetric semigroup H with $\text{emb}(H) = n$ and $m(H) = m$ and which is not a complete intersection.

(i) It is done for $n = 4$ by Lemma 6.

(ii) If $n \geq m/2$, this is true by Lemma 5.

(iii) If $m/2 \geq n \geq 4$, let $H_1 = \langle n, n + 1, \dots, 2n - 2 \rangle$. By Lemma 4, H_1 is symmetric with $c(H_1) = 2n$ and $\text{emb}(H_1) = n - 1$ which is not a complete intersection and $m \in H_1$. If we choose an integer b so that $(b, m) = 1$ and $bn > m$, then $H = \langle m, bH_1 \rangle$ is the desired example by Lemma 1.

Remark. The condition $m - 1 \geq n \geq 4$ is necessary. If $n \geq m$, we can choose $x \in R$ such that $m = m(R) = \text{length}(R/xR)$. But as $\text{length}(R/xR) \geq \text{emb}(R) = n$, the only possibility is the case when $m = \text{length}(R/xR) = \text{emb}(R)$. But in this case the principal ideal xR can not be irreducible and R is not Gorenstein.

If $n = 3$, then it is known by Serre that if R is Gorenstein, then R is a complete intersection.

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