

Numerical Semigroups and Algebraic Geometry Codes

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For $P_1, \dots, P_n \in \mathcal{X}_F \setminus P$ let

$$\begin{aligned} ev : A &\longrightarrow \mathbb{F}_q^n \\ ev(f) &= (f(P_1), \dots, f(P_n)) \end{aligned}$$

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The one-point codes for which $W = \{0, 1, \dots, m\}$ are called **classical** one-point codes. In this case we write C_m for C_W .

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Corollary

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Then, m is the smallest integer for which

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Example with the Klein quartic

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0	0	1	2
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In this case $c = 12$, $d = 10$, $c' = 8$. $\lambda^{-1}(c + c' - 2) = 12$ and $\lambda^{-1}(2d) = 14$. So $m = 12$ is largest with $\nu_m > \nu_{m+1}$ and with $d_{ORD}(C_i) = \nu_{i+1}$ for all $i \geq m$.

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Munuera and Torres proved that the formula $m = \min\{\lambda^{-1}(c + c' - 2 - g), \lambda^{-1}(2d - g)\}$ not only applies for acute semigroups but also for near-acute semigroups.

Definition

[Munuera, Torres] A numerical semigroup with conductor c , dominant d and subdominant d' is said to be a **near-acute semigroup** if either $c - d \leq d - d'$ or $2d - c + 1 \notin \Lambda$.

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Proof: Let us see first that (1) implies (2). If $2d - c + 1 \notin \Lambda$ then it is obvious. Otherwise the condition $c - d \leq d - d'$ is equivalent to $d' \leq 2d - c$ which, together with $2d - c + 1 \in \Lambda$ implies $c' \leq 2d - c + 1$ by definition of c' . This in turn implies that $c + c' - 2 < c + c' - 1 \leq 2d$.

To see that (1) is a consequence of (2) notice that by definition, $d' \leq c' - 2$. Then, if $c + c' - 2 \leq 2d$, we have $d - d' \geq d - c' + 2 \geq c - d$.

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Conjecture (Oneto, Tamone)

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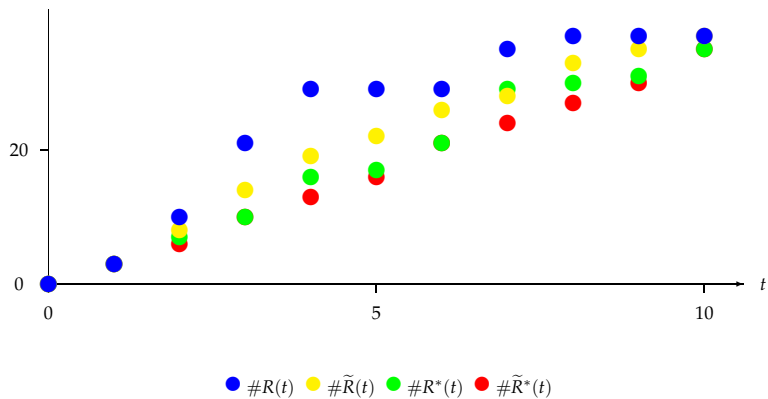
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