

A stable version of Harbourne's Conjecture

R regular ring (eg, $R = k[x, y, z]$, k a field)

I radical ideal (can also assume prime - still interesting)

$$h = \text{big height of } I = \max \{ \text{ht } Q : Q \in \text{run}(R/I) \}$$

the n -th symbolic power of I is given by

$$I^{(n)} = \bigcap_{Q \in \text{run}(R/I)} (I^n R_Q \cap R)$$

Theorem (Zariski-Nagata) $R = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_d]$

$$I^{(n)} = \bigcap_{\substack{m \supseteq I \\ m \text{ max}}} m^n = \left\{ f \in R : \frac{\partial^{a_1 + \dots + a_d}}{\partial x_1^{a_1} \dots \partial x_d^{a_d}} (f) \in I \right\}$$

Note: there are versions of this over any field, or over \mathbb{Z} , or a DVR

Facts

- 1) $I^n \subseteq I^{(n)}$
- 2) $I^{(n+1)} \subseteq I^{(n)}$
- 3) $I^{(a)} I^{(b)} \subseteq I^{(ab)}$
- 4) If I = (regular sequence), then $I^n = I^{(n)}$ $\forall n \geq 1$
In general, $I^{(n)} \neq I^n$.

Example $\underline{I} = \ker(k[x,y,z] \longrightarrow k[t^{\frac{x}{3}}, t^{\frac{y}{4}}, t^{\frac{z}{5}}])$ prime

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \deg x=3 & = & (x^3-yz, \underbrace{y^2-xz}_{\deg g}, \underbrace{z^2-x^2y}_{\deg h}) \\ \deg y=4 & & \\ \deg z=5 & & \end{array}$$

$$\underline{I}^2 \subsetneq \underline{I}^{(2)} = \underline{I}^2 R_p \cap R = \{ r \in R : \lambda r \in \underline{I}^2, \lambda \notin \underline{I} \}$$

$$\underbrace{f^2 - gh}_{\in \underline{I}^2} = \underbrace{xq}_{\notin \underline{I}} \Rightarrow q \in \underline{I}^{(2)}, q \notin \underline{I}^2$$

$$\deg 18 = \deg 3 + \deg 15 \quad \text{In } \underline{I}^2, \text{ elements have } \deg \geq 16$$

$$\text{But actually, } \underline{I}^{(3)} \subseteq \underline{I}^2.$$

Containment Problem When is $\underline{I}^{(a)} \subseteq \underline{I}^b$?

Theorem (Ein-duzoysfeld-Smith, Hochster-Hunke, Ha-Schwede)
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$$\underline{I}^{(hn)} \subseteq \underline{I}^n \quad \text{for all } n \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{I}^{((\dim R)n)} \subseteq \underline{I}^n \quad \text{for all } n \geq 1$$

$$\underline{Example} \quad \underline{I} \sim (t^3, t^4, t^5) \quad h=2 \quad \underline{I}^{(2n)} \subseteq \underline{I}^n \quad \text{for all } n \geq 1 \Rightarrow \underline{I}^{(4)} \subseteq \underline{I}^2$$

Question (Hunke, 2000) Is prime \mathfrak{P} fit 2 in RLR. Is $\mathfrak{P}^{(3)} \subseteq \mathfrak{P}^2$?

Conjecture (Harbourne, 2008) $\mathfrak{I}^{(hn-h+1)} \subseteq \mathfrak{I}^n$ for all $n \geq 1$

Note In char $p > 0$, $\mathfrak{I}^{(hq-h+1)} \subseteq \mathfrak{I}^{[q]} \subseteq \mathfrak{I}^q$ $q=p^e$

Example (Dumnicki, Szemberg, Tutaj-Gasinska, 2013)

\exists radical (not prime) ideal in $\mathbb{C}[x, y, z]$, $h=2$ st

$\mathfrak{I}^{(2n-1)} \not\subseteq \mathfrak{I}^n$ for $n=2$. ($\mathfrak{I}^{(3)} \not\subseteq \mathfrak{I}^2$)

Harbourne's Conjecture does hold for:

- General points in \mathbb{P}^2 (Bocci-Harbourne) and \mathbb{P}^3 (Dumnicki)
- In char p , if R/\mathfrak{I} is F-pure (G-Hunke)
only need R F-finite Gorenstein, $\text{pdim}(\mathfrak{I}) < \infty$ (G-Ra-Schweik)

Stable Harbourne $\mathfrak{I}^{(hn-h+1)} \subseteq \mathfrak{I}^n$ for $n \gg 0$.

Question $\mathfrak{I}^{(hn-h+1)} \subseteq \mathfrak{I}^n$ for some $n \stackrel{?}{\Rightarrow}$ all $n \gg 0$?

Remark If yes, then we are done in char p .

Remark the answer is yes provided I verifies:

$$\mathcal{I}^{(n+h)} \subseteq \mathcal{I} \mathcal{I}^{(n)} \quad \text{for all } n \geq 1$$

False in general, but

Thm If R/\mathcal{I} is F-pure, $\mathcal{I}^{(nh)} \subseteq \mathcal{I} \mathcal{I}^{(n)}$ for all $n \geq 1$

Theorem If $\mathcal{I}^{(hk-h)} \subseteq \mathcal{I}^k$ for some n then
+ Schwede ↴ $\mathcal{I}^{(hn-h)} \subseteq \mathcal{I}^n$ for all $n \gg 0$
in mixed char

No counterexamples to $\mathcal{I}^{(hn-C)} \subseteq \mathcal{I}^n$ for $n \gg 0$, C fixed.

Resurgence (Bocci - Harbourne) $f(\mathcal{I}) = \sup \left\{ \frac{a}{b} : \mathcal{I}^{(a)} \not\subseteq \mathcal{I}^b \right\}$

$$1 \leq f(\mathcal{I}) \leq h$$

Remark If $f(\mathcal{I}) < h$, then Stable Harbourne holds.

$$\frac{hn-C}{n} > f(\mathcal{I}) \Rightarrow \mathcal{I}^{(hn-C)} \subseteq \mathcal{I}^n \quad C \text{ fixed}$$

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$$n > \frac{C}{h-f(\mathcal{I})}$$

Question Can $f(I) = h$?

Theorem (G-Huneke-Rücklund)

(R, m) RLR containing a field

Assume $I^{(n)} = I^n : m^\infty = \bigcup_{k \geq 1} I^n : m^k$

(eg R/I Cohen-Macaulay, $\dim(R/I) = 1$)

If $I^{(hn-h+1)} \subseteq m I^n$ for some n , then $f(I) < h$.

(and stable Harbourne holds)

Applications

- 1) I homogeneous ideal, generated in degree $a < h$, char 0
- 2) Space monomial curves $I \sim (t^a, t^b, t^c)$, char $\neq 3$

$$I^{(3)} \subseteq m I^2 \quad (\text{using Knodel-Schenzel-Zonsenitz})$$

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implicit generators for $I^{(3)}$

$$f(I) < 2$$

and

stable Harbourne

- 3) Future work: R graded, char p , R/I Gorenstein