

# Ulrich ideals and numerical semigroup rings

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# 1. Introduction

This talk is based on the recent researches below.

- N. Endo and S. Goto, *Ulrich ideals in numerical semigroup rings of small multiplicity*, arXiv:2111.00498
- N. Endo, S. Goto, S.-i. Iai, and N. Matsuoka, *Ulrich ideals in the ring  $k[[t^5, t^{11}]]$* , arXiv:2111.01085

## Problem 1.1

**Determine all the Ulrich ideals in a given CM local ring.**

## What is an Ulrich ideal?

- In 1971, J. Lipman investigated **stable maximal ideal** in a CM local ring.
- In 2014, S. Goto, K. Ozeki, R. Takahashi, K.-i. Watanabe, K.-i. Yoshida modified the notion of stable maximal ideal, which they call an **Ulrich ideal**.

Let

- $(A, \mathfrak{m})$  be a CM local ring with  $d = \dim A$ .
- $\sqrt{I} = \mathfrak{m}$ ,  $I$  contains a parameter ideal  $Q$  of  $A$  as a reduction  
(i.e.  $I^{n+1} = QI^n$  for some  $n \geq 0$ )

### Definition 1.2 (Goto-Ozeki-Takahashi-Watanabe-Yoshida, 2014)

We say that  $I$  is an Ulrich ideal of  $A$ , if

- (1)  $I \supsetneq Q$ ,  $I^2 = QI$ , and
- (2)  $I/I^2$  is  $A/I$ -free.

Note that

- (1)  $\iff \text{gr}_I(A) = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} I^n/I^{n+1}$  is a CM ring with  $a(\text{gr}_I(A)) = 1 - d$ .
- If  $I = \mathfrak{m}$ , then (1)  $\iff A$  has minimal multiplicity  $e(A) > 1$ .
- (2) and  $I \supsetneq Q \implies \text{pd}_A I = \infty$  (Ferrand, Vasconcelos, 1967)

Assume that  $I^2 = QI$ . Then the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow Q/QI \rightarrow I/I^2 \rightarrow I/Q \rightarrow 0$$

of  $A/I$ -modules shows

$$I/I^2 \text{ is } A/I\text{-free} \iff I/Q \text{ is } A/I\text{-free.}$$

Therefore, if  $I$  is an Ulrich ideal of  $A$ , then

- $I/Q \cong (A/I)^{\oplus(\mu_A(I)-d)}$ ,
- $Q :_A I = I$  (i.e.,  $I$  is a good ideal of  $A$ ),
- $r_A(I/Q) = (\mu_A(I) - d) \cdot r(A/I) = r(A)$

so that

$$d + 1 \leq \mu_A(I) \leq d + r(A).$$

Hence, when  $A$  is a Gorenstein ring,

every Ulrich ideal  $I$  is generated by  $d + 1$  elements (if it exists).

For every Ulrich ideal  $I$  of  $A$ , we have

### Theorem 1.3 (Goto-Takahashi-T, 2015)

$\text{Ext}_A^i(A/I, A)$  is  $A/I$ -free for  $\forall i \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Hence

$$\mu_A(I) = d + 1 \iff \text{G-dim}_A A/I < \infty.$$

This shows if  $A$  is  $G$ -regular, then  $\mu_A(I) \geq d + 2$ .

Consequently, if  $I$  is an Ulrich ideal of  $A$  with  $\mu_A(I) = d + 1$ , then

- $A/I$  is Gorenstein  $\iff A$  is Gorenstein,
- $I$  is a totally reflexive  $A$ -module,
- $\text{pd}_A I = \infty$ , and

the minimal free resolution of  $I$  has a very restricted form.

In what follows, assume  $d = 1$  and  $I$  is an Ulrich ideal of  $A$  with  $\mu_A(I) = 2$ .

Write  $I = (a, b)$ , where  $a, b \in A$  and  $Q = (a)$  is a reduction of  $I$ .

By taking  $c \in I$  with  $b^2 = ac$ , the minimal free resolution of  $I$  has the form

$$\dots \rightarrow A^{\oplus 2} \begin{pmatrix} -b & -c \\ a & b \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow A^{\oplus 2} \begin{pmatrix} -b & -c \\ a & b \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow A^{\oplus 2} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow I \rightarrow 0$$

We then have  $I = J$ , once

$$\text{Syz}_A^i(I) \cong \text{Syz}_A^i(J) \text{ for some } i \geq 0$$

provided  $I, J$  are Ulrich ideals of  $A$ . (GOTWY, 2014)

### Corollary 1.4 (GOTWY, 2014)

*Suppose that  $A$  is a Gorenstein ring. If  $I, J$  are Ulrich ideals of  $A$  with  $mJ \subseteq I \subsetneq J$ , then  $A$  is a hypersurface.*

Let  $\mathcal{X}_A$  be the set of Ulrich ideals in  $A$ .

On the other hand

- If  $A$  has finite CM representation type, then  $\mathcal{X}_A$  is finite. (GOTWY, 2014)
- Suppose that  $\exists$  a fractional canonical ideal  $K$ . Set  $\mathfrak{c} = A : A[K]$ .  
If  $A$  is a non-Gorenstein almost Gorenstein ring, then

$$\mathcal{X}_A \subseteq \{\mathfrak{m}\} \quad (\text{GTT, 2015})$$

If  $A$  is a 2-almost Gorenstein ring with minimal multiplicity, then

$$\{\mathfrak{m}\} \subseteq \mathcal{X}_A \subseteq \{\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{c}\} \quad (\text{Goto-Isobe-T, 2020})$$

We expect that there is a strong connection between

the behavior of Ulrich ideals and the structure of base rings.



## Problem 1.1

**Determine all the Ulrich ideals in a given CM local ring.**

## Question 1.5

**How many two-generated Ulrich ideals are contained in a given numerical semigroup ring?**

Let

- $0 < a_1, a_2, \dots, a_\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $\gcd(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_\ell) = 1$
- $H = \langle a_1, a_2, \dots, a_\ell \rangle = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} c_i a_i \mid 0 \leq c_i \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq \ell \right\}$
- $A = k[[H]] = k[[t^{a_1}, t^{a_2}, \dots, t^{a_\ell}]] \subseteq V = k[[t]] = \bar{A}$ , where  $k$  is a field
- $c(H) = \min\{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid m \in H \text{ for all } m \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } m \geq n\}$

Note that  $t^{c(H)}V \subseteq A$ .

## 2. Method of computation

### Previous Method

Let

- $(A, \mathfrak{m})$  be a **Gorenstein** local ring with  $\dim A = 1$ ,
- $\mathcal{X}_A$  be the set of **Ulrich ideals** in  $A$ ,
- $\mathcal{Y}_A$  be the set of birational module-finite extensions  $B$  of  $A$   
 (i.e.,  $A \subseteq B \subseteq Q(A)$  and  $B$  is a finitely generated  $A$ -module)  
 s.t.  $B$  is a **Gorenstein ring** and  $\mu_A(B) = 2$ .

Then, there exists a bijective correspondence

$$\mathcal{X}_A \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}_A, I \mapsto A^I$$

where

$$A^I = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} [I^n : I^n] = I : I.$$

Let

- $V = k[[t]]$  be the formal power series ring over a field  $k$
- $A$  be a  $k$ -subalgebra of  $V$ .

We say that

$$A \text{ is a core of } V \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} t^c V \subseteq A \text{ for some } c \gg 0.$$

### Example 2.1

- $k[[H]]$  is a core of  $V$ ,
- $A = k[t^2 + t^3] + t^4 V$  is core, but  $A \neq k[[H]]$  for any numerical semigroup  $H$ .

Let  $A$  be a core of  $V$  and suppose  $t^c V \subseteq A$  with  $c \gg 0$ . Then

$$k[[t^c, t^{c+1}, \dots, t^{2c-1}]] \subseteq A \subseteq V$$

so that  $V$  is a birational module-finite extension of  $A$ .

Hence, for every core  $A$  of  $V$ ,

- $V = \bar{A}$
- $A$  is a CM complete local domain with  $\dim A = 1$
- $V/\mathfrak{n} \cong A/\mathfrak{m}$

where  $\mathfrak{m}$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{n} = tV$ ) stands for the maximal ideal of  $A$  (resp.  $V$ ).

Let  $\nu(-)$  denote the  $\mathfrak{n}$ -adic valuation of  $V$ , and set

$$H = \nu(A) = \{\nu(f) \mid 0 \neq f \in A\}.$$

Note that

$$H = \nu(A) \text{ is symmetric} \iff A \text{ is Gorenstein} \quad (\text{Kunz, 1970})$$

Let  $I$  be an Ulrich ideal of  $A$  with  $\mu_A(I) = 2$ . Choose  $f, g \in I$  s.t.  $I = (f, g)$  and  $I^2 = fI$ . Then

$$A^I = I : I = \frac{I}{f} = A + A \cdot \frac{g}{f}$$

is a core of  $V$ , and  $\nu(A^I)$  is symmetric if  $A$  is Gorenstein.

## Lemma 2.2 (Key Lemma)

Let  $I$  be an Ulrich ideal in  $A$  with  $\mu_A(I) = 2$ . Then one can choose  $f, g \in I$  satisfying the following conditions, where  $a = o(f)$  and  $b = o(g)$ .

- (1)  $I = (f, g)$  and  $I^2 = fI$ .
- (2)  $a, b \in H$  and  $0 < a < b < a + c(H)$ .
- (3)  $b - a \notin H$ ,  $2b - a \in H$ , and  $a = 2 \cdot \ell_A(A/I)$ .
- (4) If  $a \geq c(H)$ , then  $e(A) = 2$  and  $I = A : V$ .

### Method of computation

- Step 1  $\cdots$  Let  $I \in \mathcal{X}_A$  with  $\mu_A(I) = 2$ . Choose  $f, g \in I$  which satisfy the conditions in Lemma 2.2.
- Step 2  $\cdots$  Consider  $A' = A + A \cdot \frac{g}{f}$  and **determine**  $v(A')$ .
- Step 3  $\cdots$  **Determine** the possible pair  $(o(f), o(g))$ .
- Step 4  $\cdots$  **Determine** the form of **generators of  $I$** .
- Step 5  $\cdots$  Conversely, the ideal of the form as in Step 4 is an Ulrich ideal.

## 3. Main theorem

## Theorem 3.1 (Main theorem)

Let  $\ell \geq 7$  be an integer such that  $\gcd(3, \ell) = 1$  and set  $A = k[[t^3, t^\ell]]$ .

(1) Suppose that  $\ell = 3n + 1$  where  $n \geq 3$  is odd. Let  $q = \frac{n-1}{2}$ . Then

$$\mathcal{X}_A = \left\{ \left( t^\ell + \sum_{j=1}^q \alpha_j t^{\ell+3j-1}, t^{\ell+3q+2} \right) \mid \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q \in k \right\} \\ \cup \left\{ \left( t^{6i} + \sum_{s=0}^{i-1} \alpha_s t^{\ell+3s}, t^{\ell+3i} \right) \mid 1 \leq i \leq q, \alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{i-1} \in k, \alpha_0 \neq 0 \right\}.$$

(2) Suppose that  $\ell = 3n + 1$  where  $n \geq 2$  is even. Let  $q = \frac{n}{2}$ . Then

$$\mathcal{X}_A = \left\{ \left( t^{6i} + \sum_{s=0}^{i-1} \alpha_s t^{\ell+3s}, t^{\ell+3i} \right) \mid 1 \leq i \leq q, \alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{i-1} \in k, \alpha_0 \neq 0 \right\}.$$

## Theorem 3.1 (continued)

(3) Suppose that  $\ell = 3n + 2$  where  $n \geq 1$  is odd. Let  $q = \frac{n-1}{2}$ . Then

$$\mathcal{X}_A = \left\{ \left( t^{6i} + \sum_{s=0}^{i-1} \alpha_s t^{\ell+3s}, t^{\ell+3i} \right) \mid 1 \leq i \leq q, \alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{i-1} \in k, \alpha_0 \neq 0 \right\}.$$

(4) Suppose that  $\ell = 3n + 2$  where  $n \geq 2$  is even. Let  $q = \frac{n}{2}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{X}_A = & \left\{ \left( t^\ell + \sum_{j=1}^q \alpha_j t^{\ell+3j-2}, t^{\ell+3q+1} \right) \mid \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q \in k \right\} \\ & \cup \left\{ \left( t^{6i} + \sum_{s=0}^{i-1} \alpha_s t^{\ell+3s}, t^{\ell+3i} \right) \mid 1 \leq i \leq q, \alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{i-1} \in k, \alpha_0 \neq 0 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, the coefficients  $\alpha_i$ 's in the system of generators of  $I \in \mathcal{X}_A$  are uniquely determined for  $I$ .

We denote by  $\mathcal{X}_A^g$  the set of Ulrich ideals in  $A$  generated by **monomials in  $t$** .  
Then  $\mathcal{X}_A^g$  is a **finite set** (GOTWY, 2014).

### Corollary 3.2

Let  $\ell \geq 7$  be an integer s.t.  $\gcd(3, \ell) = 1$  and set  $A = k[[t^3, t^\ell]]$ . Then

- (1)  $\mathcal{X}_A \neq \emptyset$ .
- (2)  $\mathcal{X}_A$  is finite  $\iff k$  is a finite field.
- (3)  $\mathcal{X}_A^g = \emptyset \iff \ell = 3n + 1$  or  $\ell = 3n + 2$  for some even integer  $n \geq 2$

### Example 3.3

Let  $A = k[[t^3, t^7]]$ . Then

$$\mathcal{X}_A = \{(t^6 + \alpha t^7, t^{10}) \mid 0 \neq \alpha \in k\}.$$

Hence,  $\#\mathcal{X}_A = \#k - 1$  and  **$A$  does not contain monomial Ulrich ideals.**



**Thank you for your attention.**