

IDEALS WITH (d_1, \dots, d_m) -LINEAR QUOTIENTS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we introduce the class of ideals with (d_1, \dots, d_m) -linear quotients generalizing the class of ideals with linear quotients. Under suitable conditions, we control the numerical invariants of a minimal free resolution of ideals with (d_1, \dots, d_m) -linear quotients. In particular, we show that their first module of syzygies is a componentwise linear module.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let \mathbf{k} be a field, and $R = \mathbf{k}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ be the polynomial ring in n variables. In this paper, we introduce and study a class of ideals in R which can be considered as a generalization of the class of ideals with linear quotients (see, [8, 10]).

Let I be a graded ideal, $\{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$ be a homogeneous system of generators of I and (d_1, \dots, d_m) be an m -tuple of positive integers supposing $d_1 = 1$. We say that I has (d_1, \dots, d_m) -linear quotients with respect to the elements f_1, \dots, f_m if the ideal $(f_1, \dots, f_{j-1}) : f_j$ has d_j -linear resolution for all $j = 2, \dots, m$. Notice that, this property depends on the order of the generators. If $d_2 = \dots = d_m = d$, we simply say that I has d -linear quotients with respect to the elements f_1, \dots, f_m and if $d = 1$, we get the usual class of ideals with linear quotients.

Monomial ideals with linear quotients were introduced in [8] and have strong combinatorial implication (see for example, [11]). A very

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important property of ideals with linear quotients is that they are componentwise linear (see, [10, Corollary 2.4]).

Recall that componentwise linear modules over a polynomial ring has been introduced by Herzog and Hibi, enlarging the class of the graded modules with a d -linear resolution (see [6]). Interesting results concerning their graded Betti numbers has been proved by Aramova, Conca, Herzog and Hibi (see [1, 2, 3, 6, 7]). Later, Römer (see [12]) studied more homological properties of componentwise linear modules in the general setting of finitely generated modules over Koszul algebras (instead of polynomial rings).

In this paper, we assume that $I = (f_1, \dots, f_m)$ has (d_1, \dots, d_m) -linear quotients with respect to f_1, \dots, f_m and $\deg(f_1) + d_1 \leq \dots \leq \deg(f_m) + d_m$. In Theorem 4.2, we study the case of ideals with 2-linear quotients and we prove a property of these ideals which is close to the componentwise linear property. In Theorem 4.7, we study the minimal free resolution of R/I by iterated mapping cone and precisely we compute the regularity of R/I . Finally, in Theorem 4.9, we show that $Syz_1(I)$ is a componentwise linear module.

We organize the paper as it follows: In Section 2, we review some basic definitions, notations and results that we need in subsequent sections. In Section 3, we give a sufficient condition for minimality of a resolution obtained by the mapping cone (see Theorem 3.1). Next, we give some easy and technical lemmas that we need for studying $Syz_1(I)$. Section 4 is devoted to the main results about ideals with (d_1, \dots, d_m) -linear quotients.

Furthermore, the paper includes several examples to illustrate and delimitate the results. Definitely, via these examples, we examine some ideals with (d_1, \dots, d_m) -linear quotients to see if they have nice properties of ideals with linear quotients or not (see [10, 11]).

2. PRELIMINARIES

The *Castelnuovo-Mumford regularity* (or briefly regularity) of a graded finitely generated R -module M , is defined as

$$reg(M) = \max\{j - i; \beta_{i,j}(M) \neq 0\}$$

and the projective dimension of M is defined as

$$pd(M) = \max\{i; \beta_{i,j}(M) \neq 0 \text{ for some } j\},$$

where $\beta_{i,j}(M)$ is the (i, j) th graded Betti number of M .

Let

$$\dots \xrightarrow{\delta_2} F_1 \xrightarrow{\delta_1} F_0 \xrightarrow{\delta_0} M$$

be the graded minimal free resolution of M . Then, the p -th syzygy module of M , denoted by $Syz_p(M)$, is defined as $Syz_p(M) = \ker(\delta_{p-1}) = \text{Im}(\delta_p)$. Recall that for each j , the differential δ_j is given by a matrix \mathcal{M}_j (which depends on the chosen basis of F_j s). So $Syz_p(M)$ is generated by the columns of \mathcal{M}_p .

Let M be a graded R -module. The *initial degree* of M is defined as

$$\text{indeg}(M) = \min\{d \in \mathbf{Z}; M_d \neq 0\}.$$

For $d \in \mathbf{Z}$, we write $M_{\langle d \rangle}$ for the submodule of M which is generated by all homogeneous elements of M with degree d . Moreover, we write $M_{\leq d}$ for the module generated by all homogeneous elements in M whose degrees are less than or equal to d .

If N is a graded submodule of M , then

$$(M/N)_{\langle a \rangle} \cong (M_{\langle a \rangle} + N)/N.$$

For a module M minimally generated in degrees $i_1 < \dots < i_\ell$, we define $M_{\{1\}} = M$ and for every $j = 2, \dots, \ell$,

$$M_{\{j\}} := M_{\{j-1\}} / (M_{\{j-1\}})_{\langle \text{indeg}(M_{\{j-1\}}) \rangle} = M_{\{j-1\}} / (M_{\{j-1\}})_{\langle i_{j-1} \rangle}.$$

Lemma 2.1. *If M is a module minimally generated in degrees $i_1 < \dots < i_\ell$, then for each $2 \leq r \leq \ell$,*

$$(M_{\{r\}})_{\langle i_r \rangle} \cong (M_{\langle i_1 \rangle} + \dots + M_{\langle i_r \rangle}) / M_{\langle i_1 \rangle} + \dots + M_{\langle i_{r-1} \rangle}.$$

Proof. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} (M_{\{r\}})_{\langle i_r \rangle} &= (M_{\{r-1\}} / (M_{\{r-1\}})_{\langle i_{r-1} \rangle})_{\langle i_r \rangle} \\ &= ((M_{\{r-1\}})_{\langle i_r \rangle} + (M_{\{r-1\}})_{\langle i_{r-1} \rangle}) / (M_{\{r-1\}})_{\langle i_{r-1} \rangle} \end{aligned}$$

and if we continue in this way, we get the desired result. \square

Let $d \in \mathbf{Z}$. We say that M has a d -linear resolution if $\beta_{i,j}(M) = 0$ for $j \neq d + i$, and we say M is componentwise linear if for all integers d the module $M_{\langle d \rangle}$ has a d -linear resolution.

For more information concerning the componentwise linear modules, see [2, 3, 6, 12]. We select here some good properties of their graded minimal free resolutions.

Lemma 2.2. *If M is a graded R -module and it has an i -linear resolution, then $\mathfrak{m}M$ has an $i + 1$ -linear resolution, where $\mathfrak{m} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is the homogeneous maximal ideal of R .*

Lemma 2.3. (see [12, Lemma 3.2.2]) *Let M be a graded R -module. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i): M is componentwise linear;

(ii): $M/M_{\langle \text{indeg}(M) \rangle}$ is componentwise linear and $M_{\langle \text{indeg}(M) \rangle}$ has an $\text{indeg}(M)$ -linear resolution.

The following corollary is an immediate consequence of the above lemma.

Corollary 2.4. *Let M be a graded module minimally generated in degrees $i_1 < \dots < i_\ell$. Then M is a componentwise linear module if and only if for each $1 \leq j \leq \ell$, $(M_{\{j\}})_{\langle i_j \rangle}$ has an i_j -linear resolution.*

Following Römer, we define a special subcomplex of the minimal graded free resolution of a module.

Definition 2.5. Let M be a graded R -module and $(\mathbf{G}., d.)$ be the minimal graded free resolution of M . We define the subcomplex $(\widetilde{\mathbf{G}}., \widetilde{d}.)$ of $(\mathbf{G}., d.)$ to be

$$\widetilde{G}_i = R(-(i + \text{indeg}(M)))^{\beta_{i, i + \text{indeg}(M)}} \subseteq G_i \text{ and } \widetilde{d} = d|_{\widetilde{\mathbf{G}}}.$$

Lemma 2.6. (see [12, Lemma 3.2.4]) *Let M be a graded R -module such that $M_{\langle \text{indeg}(M) \rangle}$ has a linear resolution, and let $(\mathbf{G}., d.)$ be the minimal graded free resolution of M . Then:*

- (i): $\widetilde{\mathbf{G}}.$ is the minimal graded free resolution of $M_{\langle \text{indeg}(M) \rangle}$.
- (ii): $\mathbf{G}./\widetilde{\mathbf{G}}.$ is the minimal graded free resolution of $M/M_{\langle \text{indeg}(M) \rangle}$.

Proposition 2.7. (see [13, Proposition 2.2]) *Let M be a componentwise linear R -module minimally generated in degrees $i_1 < \dots < i_\ell$. Then for each $1 \leq i \leq \text{pd}(M)$, we have*

$$\beta_{i,j}(M) = 0 \text{ for } j \neq i + i_1, \dots, i_\ell + i.$$

Next, we review some basic properties of ideals with linear quotients.

Let I be a graded ideal and $\{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$ be a homogeneous system of generators of I and $I_j = (f_1, \dots, f_j)$ for $j = 1, \dots, m$. We say that I has linear quotients with respect to the elements f_1, \dots, f_m , if the ideal $I_{j-1} : f_j$ is generated by linear forms for all $j = 2, \dots, m$. Notice that this property depends on the order of the generators. Any order of the generators for which we have linear quotients will be called an admissible order. If I has linear quotients with respect to an admissible order of a homogeneous system of generators, we simply say I has linear quotients. Ideals with linear quotients have the following properties:

Proposition 2.8. (see [10, Corollary 2.4]) *If the graded ideal I has linear quotients with respect to the elements f_1, \dots, f_m , then I is componentwise linear provided that $\{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$ is a minimal system of generators.*

For a monomial ideal I , we denote by $G(I)$ the unique minimal system of monomial generators of I . In this case, when we say I has linear quotients, we mean I has linear quotients with respect to an admissible order of $G(I)$

Proposition 2.9. (see [11, Lemma 2.1]) *If a monomial ideal I has linear quotients, then there exists a degree increasing admissible order of $G(I)$.*

3. MAPPING CONE TECHNIQUE

One of the fundamental tools for computing free resolutions is mapping cone technique. Many well-known free resolutions arise as iterated mapping cones. For example, the Taylor resolution of monomial ideals.

The idea of the iterated mapping cone construction is the following: Let $\{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$ be a homogeneous system of generators for I , and $I_j = (f_1, \dots, f_j)$. Then, for $j = 2, \dots, m$, there are exact sequences

$$0 \rightarrow R/(I_{j-1} : f_j) \rightarrow R/I_{j-1} \rightarrow R/I_j \rightarrow 0$$

assuming that a free R -resolution $(\mathbf{F}., \delta.)$ of R/I_{j-1} and a free R -resolution $(\mathbf{G}., d.)$ of $R/(I_{j-1} : f_j)$ are known, we can obtain a resolution $(\mathbf{M}(\psi), \gamma.)$ of R/I_j as a *mapping cone* of a complex homomorphism $\psi : \mathbf{G} \rightarrow \mathbf{F}.$, which is a lifting of the map $R/(I_{j-1} : f_j) \rightarrow R/I_{j-1}$. The mapping cone $\mathbf{M}(\psi)$ is the complex such that

$$(M(\psi))_i = F_i \oplus G_{i-1},$$

with the differential maps

$$\gamma_i(x, y) = (\psi_{i-1}(y) + \delta_i(x), -d_{i-1}(y)),$$

where $x \in F_i$ and $y \in G_{i-1}$. This complex is exact (see [4, Page 650 and Proposition A3.19.]), so, it is a free resolution for R/I_j .

It is clear that in this way, we get a free resolution of R/I . Of course, in general, such a resolution may be non-minimal. For example if $I = (f_1, f_2, f_3)$ where $f_1 = x_1^2, f_2 = x_2^3, f_3 = x_1x_2$, the result of the iterated mapping cone is not a minimal free resolution. But, there are some important classes of ideals for which the minimal free resolution obtained by iterated mapping cone. For example, the Eliahou-Kervaire resolution of stable monomial ideals (as noted by Evans and Charalambous[5]). More in general, if I has linear quotients with respect to a minimal homogeneous system of generators, then its minimal free resolution can be obtained by iterated mapping cone. This is an immediate consequence of [10, Corollary 2.7].

Here, we give a sufficient condition to check the minimality of a resolution obtained by the mapping cone technique.

Theorem 3.1. *Let I be a graded ideal of R and f be a homogeneous form of degree d which does not belong to I . Then, we have the following graded short exact sequence:*

$$0 \rightarrow R/(I : f)(-d) \rightarrow R/I \rightarrow R/I + (f) \rightarrow 0.$$

Assuming that the minimal free resolution of the modules $R/(I : f)$ and R/I are already known. Then, the minimal free resolution of $R/I + (f)$ is obtained by the mapping cone provided that for each $1 \leq i \leq \text{pd}(R/(I : f))$,

$$\{j; \beta_{i,j}(R/(I : f)) \neq 0\} \cap \{j - d; \beta_{i,j}(R/I) \neq 0\} = \emptyset, \quad (3.1)$$

and in this case

(a):

$$\beta_{i,j}(R/I + (f)) = \beta_{i,j}(R/I) + \beta_{i-1,j-d}(R/(I : f)),$$

(b):

$$\text{reg}(R/(I + (f))) = \max\{\text{reg}(R/I), \text{reg}(R/(I : f)) + d - 1\}$$

(c):

$$\text{pd}(R/(I + (f))) = \max\{\text{pd}(R/I), \text{pd}(R/(I : f)) + 1\}.$$

Proof. Let (\mathbf{F}, δ) be the minimal free resolution of R/I , (\mathbf{G}, d) be the minimal free resolution of $R/(I : f)$ shifted by d and $\psi : \mathbf{G} \rightarrow \mathbf{F}$ be the complex graded homomorphism which is a lifting of the map $R/(I : f)(-d) \rightarrow R/I$. It is enough to show that the mapping cone complex is the minimal free resolution of $R/(I + (f))$.

Let for each r , \mathcal{M}_r (resp., \mathcal{N}_r) be the matrix of δ_r (resp., d_r) with respect to the canonical basis of F_r and F_{r-1} (resp., G_r and G_{r-1}). Also, assume that for each r , O_r be the matrix of $\psi_r : G_r \rightarrow F_r$. Then, by the mapping cone construction, the matrix of γ_r , with respect to the canonical basis of $F_r \oplus G_{r-1}$ and $F_{r-1} \oplus G_{r-2}$, is denoted by \mathcal{M}'_r has the following shape;

$$\mathcal{M}'_r = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \mathcal{M}_r & O_{r-1} \\ \hline 0 & -\mathcal{N}_{r-1} \end{array} \right).$$

So, the result of the mapping cone is the minimal free resolution if and only if $\text{Im}(\psi) \subset \mathfrak{m}\mathbf{F}$.

Let $e_1, \dots, e_{\beta_i(R/(I:f))}$ be the basis of \mathbf{G} in the homological degree i , and $\eta_1, \dots, \eta_{\beta_i(R/I)}$ be the basis of \mathbf{F} in the homological degree i . Then, by the hypothesis $\psi_i : G_i \rightarrow F_i$ is given by $\psi_i(e_j) = \sum_{t=1}^{\beta_i(R/I)} a_{it} \eta_t$, where for each $1 \leq t \leq \beta_i(R/I)$ if $a_{it} \neq 0$ then $\deg(e_j) > \deg(\eta_t)$. So, $\deg(a_{it}) > 0$ for each i and t when $a_{it} \neq 0$. So, the conclusion follows.

The parts (a), (b), (c) are directly followed by the minimality of the obtained resolution. \square

Remark 3.2. If $I = (f_1, \dots, f_m)$ and $I + (f)$ is *minimally* generated by $\{f_1, \dots, f_m, f\}$, then $\text{Im}(\psi_1) \subseteq \mathfrak{m}F_1$ and we just need to check Equation 3.1 for $2 \leq j \leq \text{pd}(R/(I : f))$.

Next, we give an example in which the minimal free resolution is computed by iterated mapping cone by successive using Theorem 3.1. We first recall the definition of lex-segment ideals.

A monomial ideal $I \subset R$ is called a *lex-segment ideal* if for all monomials $u \in I$ and all monomials $v \in R$ with $\deg(u) = \deg(v)$ and $v >_{\text{lex}} u$, one has $v \in I$.

Example 3.3. Let

$$I = (x_1^2, x_1x_2, \dots, x_1x_n, x_2^m, x_2^{m-1}x_3, \dots, x_2^{m-1}x_i, x_2^{m-1}x_{i+1}^3, x_2^{m-1}x_{i+1}^2x_{i+2}, \dots, x_2^{m-1}x_{i+1}^2x_{n-1}, x_2x_n) \subseteq R$$

where $m > 1$. Then the minimal free resolution of R/I is given by the iterated mapping cone. It is easy to see that in each step, Equation 3.1 holds. Let us just check the final step. Notice that

$$J = (x_1^2, x_1x_2, \dots, x_1x_n, x_2^m, x_2^{m-1}x_3, \dots, x_2^{m-1}x_i, x_2^{m-1}x_{i+1}^3, x_2^{m-1}x_{i+1}^2x_{i+2}, \dots, x_2^{m-1}x_{i+1}^2x_{n-1})$$

is a Lex-segment ideal. So, J has linear quotients with respect to

$$x_1^2, x_1x_2, \dots, x_1x_n, x_2^m, x_2^{m-1}x_3, \dots, x_2^{m-1}x_i, x_2^{m-1}x_{i+1}^3, x_2^{m-1}x_{i+1}^2x_{i+2}, \dots, x_2^{m-1}x_{i+1}^2x_{n-1}.$$

Therefore, J is a componentwise linear ideal and by Proposition 2.7,

$$\{j - 2; \beta_{i,j}(R/J) \neq 0\} \subseteq \{i + m - 3, i + m - 1, i - 1\}.$$

$$J : x_2x_n = (x_1, x_2^{m-1}, x_2^{m-2}x_3, \dots, x_2^{m-2}x_i, x_2^{m-2}x_{i+1}^3, x_2^{m-2}x_{i+1}^2x_{i+2}, \dots, x_2^{m-2}x_{i+1}^2x_{n-1})$$

is again a lex-segment ideal and it has linear quotients with respect to

$$x_1, x_2^{m-1}, x_2^{m-2}x_3, \dots, x_2^{m-2}x_i, x_2^{m-2}x_{i+1}^3, x_2^{m-2}x_{i+1}^2x_{i+2}, \dots, x_2^{m-2}x_{i+1}^2x_{n-1}.$$

Thus, $J : x_2x_n$ is componentwise linear and by Proposition 2.7, we have

$$\{j; \beta_{i,j}(R/(J : x_2x_n)) \neq 0\} \subseteq \{i + m - 2, i + m\}.$$

So, the result follows by Theorem 3.1 and Remark 3.2.

In the following easy and technical lemma, I is a graded ideal generated by homogeneous forms f_1, \dots, f_m . For each $1 \leq j \leq m$, let $I_j = (f_1, \dots, f_j)$ and suppose that the ideal $L_j = (f_1, \dots, f_{j-1}) : f_j$ has initial degree d_j .

Lemma 3.4. *If the minimal free resolution of R/I is computed by iterated mapping cone and $j_\ell = \max\{i ; \deg(f_i) + d_i \leq \ell\}$, then for each $p \geq 1$,*

$$(Syz_p(I))_{<\ell+p-1>} \cong (Syz_p(I_{j_\ell}))_{<\ell+p-1>}.$$

Proof. Let (\mathbf{F}, δ) be the minimal free resolution of R/I_{j_ℓ} , (\mathbf{G}, d) be the minimal free resolution of $R/(I_{j_\ell} : f_{j_\ell+1})$ shifted by $\deg(f_{j_\ell+1})$ and $\psi : \mathbf{G} \rightarrow \mathbf{F}$ be the graded complex homomorphism which is a lifting of the map $R/(I_{j_\ell} : f_{j_\ell+1})(-\deg(f_{j_\ell+1})) \rightarrow R/I_{j_\ell}$. Also, assume that \mathcal{M}_{p+1} , \mathcal{N}_p and O_p , similar to the proof of Theorem 3.1, are the matrices of δ_{p+1} , d_p and ψ_p , respectively. Then, the matrix of γ_{p+1} has the following shape:

$$\mathcal{M}'_{p+1} = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \mathcal{M}_{p+1} & O_p \\ \hline 0 & -\mathcal{N}_p \end{array} \right).$$

Note that $Syz_p(I_{j_\ell+1})$ is generated by the columns of \mathcal{M}'_{p+1} and $Syz_p(I_{j_\ell})$ is generated by the columns of \mathcal{M}_{p+1} . Also, note that each columns of

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} O_p \\ -\mathcal{N}_p \end{array} \right)$$

as elements of $Syz_p(I_{j_\ell+1})$ has degree at least $\deg(f_{j_\ell+1}) + d_{j_\ell+1} + p - 1 \geq \ell + p$. So, it is clear that

$$(Syz_p(I_{j_\ell+1}))_{\leq \ell+p-1} \cong (Syz_p(I_{j_\ell}))_{\leq \ell+p-1}.$$

Therefore, $(Syz_p(I_{j_\ell+1}))_{<\ell+p-1>} \cong (Syz_p(I_{j_\ell}))_{<\ell+p-1>}$. Continuing in this way, we conclude that

$$(Syz_p(I_{j_\ell}))_{<\ell+p-1>} \cong (Syz_p(I))_{<\ell+p-1>}.$$

□

For a graded ideal I , assume that $Syz_1(I)$ is minimally generated in the degrees $i_1 < \dots < i_\ell$ and for each $1 \leq r \leq \ell$, let $N_{r,I} = (Syz_1(I))_{\{r\}}$.

Lemma 3.5. *If the minimal free resolution of R/I is computed by iterated mapping cone, then for each $1 \leq r \leq \ell$, we have:*

$$(N_{r,I})_{<i_r>} \cong (N_{r,I_{i_r}})_{<i_r>}.$$

Proof. Note that by Lemma 2.1, for each $r \geq 2$, we have

$$(N_{r,I})_{\langle i_r \rangle} \cong ((N_{1,I})_{\langle i_1 \rangle} + \cdots + (N_{1,I})_{\langle i_r \rangle}) / ((N_{1,I})_{\langle i_1 \rangle} + \cdots + (N_{1,I})_{\langle i_{r-1} \rangle}),$$

and $(N_{r,I_{j_{i_r}}})_{\langle i_r \rangle}$ is isomorphic to

$$((N_{1,I_{j_{i_r}}})_{\langle i_1 \rangle} + \cdots + (N_{1,I_{j_{i_r}}})_{\langle i_r \rangle}) / ((N_{1,I_{j_{i_r}}})_{\langle i_1 \rangle} + \cdots + (N_{1,I_{j_{i_r}}})_{\langle i_{r-1} \rangle}).$$

Now, by Lemma 3.4 it is clear that for each $s \leq r$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (N_{1,I})_{\langle i_s \rangle} &= (Syz_1(I))_{\langle i_s \rangle} \\ &\cong (Syz_1(I_{j_{i_s}}))_{\langle i_s \rangle} \cong (Syz_1(I_{j_{i_r}}))_{\langle i_s \rangle} \\ &= (N_{1,I_{j_{i_r}}})_{\langle i_s \rangle}. \end{aligned}$$

So, the result follows. \square

4. IDEALS WITH (d_1, \dots, d_m) -LINEAR QUOTIENTS

Definition 4.1. Let I be a graded ideal, $\{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$ be a homogeneous system of generators of I and (d_1, \dots, d_m) be an m -tuple of positive integers with $d_1 = 1$. We say that I has (d_1, \dots, d_m) -linear quotients with respect to the elements f_1, \dots, f_m if the ideal $(f_1, \dots, f_{j-1}) : f_j$ has d_j -linear resolution for all $j = 2, \dots, m$. If $d_2 = \cdots = d_m = d$, then we simply say that I has d -linear quotients with respect to the elements f_1, \dots, f_m .

Notice that this property depends on the order of the generators. Any order of the generators for which we have (d_1, \dots, d_m) -linear quotients will be called an admissible order of generators.

An admissible order of generators, say f_1, \dots, f_m , is called degree increasing if $\deg(f_1) + d_1 \leq \cdots \leq \deg(f_m) + d_m$.

In this section, we study the class of ideals with (d_1, \dots, d_m) -linear quotients and the particular case of ideals with 2-linear quotients. In the following, we assume that $\{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$ is a homogeneous system of generators for the graded ideal I and $I_j = (f_1, \dots, f_j)$ for all $j = 1, \dots, m$.

Theorem 4.2. *If I has 2-linear quotients with respect to the elements f_1, \dots, f_m and $\deg(f_1) \leq \cdots \leq \deg(f_m)$, then for each $i \geq \deg(f_1)$, we have*

$$\text{reg}(I_{\langle i \rangle}) = \begin{cases} i + 1 & \text{if } i \in \{\deg(f_i); 1 \leq i \leq m\} \text{ and } m > 1; \\ i & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Proof. We prove the assertion by induction on m . For $m = 1$, it is obvious that the result is true. Assume that the result is true for $m \geq 1$, I is a graded ideal which has 2-linear quotients with respect

to f_1, \dots, f_{m+1} and $\deg(f_1) \leq \dots \leq \deg(f_{m+1})$. Let $J = (f_1, \dots, f_m)$ and $j = \deg(f_{m+1})$. Then, $I = J + (f_{m+1})$. For each $i < j$, since $I_{\langle i \rangle} = J_{\langle i \rangle}$, by induction hypothesis the result is true.

Note that $I_{\langle j \rangle} = J_{\langle j \rangle} + (f_{m+1})$. By hypothesis, $J : f_{m+1}$ is an ideal with 2-linear resolution. So, it is generated by elements of degree 2. We will show that

$$J_{\langle j \rangle} : f_{m+1} = J : f_{m+1}.$$

To see it, we prove that each homogeneous generator of degree 2 of $J : f_{m+1}$ belongs to $J_{\langle j \rangle} : f_{m+1}$. Let g be such a generator. So, $gf_{m+1} \in J_{\langle \ell \rangle}$ where $\ell = \deg(g) + \deg(f_{m+1}) > j$. Since J is generated by elements of degrees at most j , $J_{\langle \ell \rangle} = \mathfrak{m}^{\ell-j} J_{\langle j \rangle}$. So, $gf_{m+1} \in J_{\langle j \rangle}$ and the conclusion follows.

Now, consider the following short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow R/(J : f_{m+1})(-j) \rightarrow R/J_{\langle j \rangle} \rightarrow R/I_{\langle j \rangle} \rightarrow 0.$$

By hypothesis, $\text{reg}(R/(J : f_{m+1})(-j)) = j + 1$ and

$$\text{reg}(R/J_{\langle j \rangle}) = \text{reg}(J_{\langle j \rangle}) - 1 = \begin{cases} j, & \deg(f_m) = j \text{ and } m > 1; \\ j - 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

By applying the *reg formula* (see [9, Corollary 18.7]) to the above short exact sequence, we have

$$\text{reg}(I_{\langle j \rangle}) = \text{reg}(R/I_{\langle j \rangle}) + 1 = j + 1.$$

So, the assertion follows for $i = j$.

If $i = j + 1$, consider the following short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow I_{\langle j+1 \rangle} \rightarrow I_{\langle j \rangle} \rightarrow I_{\langle j \rangle}/I_{\langle j+1 \rangle} \rightarrow 0.$$

Since $I_{\langle j+1 \rangle} = \mathfrak{m}I_{\langle j \rangle}$,

$$I_{\langle j \rangle}/I_{\langle j+1 \rangle} = \bigoplus \mathbf{k}(-j).$$

So, $\text{reg}(I_{\langle j \rangle}/I_{\langle j+1 \rangle}) = j$. Again, by applying the *reg formula* we have $\text{reg}(I_{\langle j+1 \rangle}) = j + 1$.

Assume that $i > j + 1$. Since I is generated by elements of degrees at most j , $I_{\langle i \rangle} = \mathfrak{m}^{i-j+1} I_{\langle j+1 \rangle}$ and by Lemma 2.2, we have $\text{reg}(I_{\langle i \rangle}) = i$. \square

Next, we present some examples of ideals which satisfies Theorem 4.2.

Example 4.3. Let

$$I = (x_1^2 x_2, x_2 x_3^2, x_1 x_3 x_4, x_2^2 x_4^2) \subset \mathbf{k}[x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4].$$

Then I has 2-linear quotients with respect to $x_1^2 x_2, x_2 x_3^2, x_1 x_3 x_4, x_2^2 x_4^2$ and satisfies Theorem 4.2.

Example 4.4. Let

$$I = (x_1x_2x_5, x_2x_3x_6, x_1x_3x_7, x_1x_4x_6, x_2x_4x_7, x_3x_4x_5) \subset \mathbf{k}[x_1, \dots, x_7].$$

Then I has 2-linear quotients with respect to

$$x_1x_2x_5, x_2x_3x_6, x_1x_3x_7, x_1x_4x_6, x_2x_4x_7, x_3x_4x_5$$

and satisfies Theorem 4.2.

In the next two examples, we have ideals with 2-linear quotients but the given admissible order of the generators is not degree increasing.

Example 4.5. Let

$$I = (x_1x_2x_5x_6, x_1x_2x_3, x_3x_4, x_2x_5x_7) \subset \mathbf{k}[x_1, \dots, x_7].$$

Then I has 2-linear quotients with respect to

$$x_1x_2x_5x_6, x_1x_2x_3, x_3x_4, x_2x_5x_7.$$

But this ordering of generators is not degree increasing. If we reorder the generators as $x_3x_4, x_1x_2x_3, x_2x_5x_7, x_1x_2x_5x_6$ then we have a degree increasing admissible order for $(1, 1, 2, 1)$ -linear quotients property.

Example 4.6. Let

$$I = (x_1x_2x_3x_7, x_1x_2x_5x_6, x_4x_5x_6) \subset \mathbf{k}[x_1, \dots, x_7].$$

Then I has 2-linear quotients with respect to

$$x_1x_2x_3x_7, x_1x_2x_5x_6, x_4x_5x_6.$$

This ordering of generators is not degree increasing and there is no degree increasing admissible order of generators for having some $(1, d_1, d_2)$ -linear quotients property.

The above example shows that if a monomial ideal I has (d_1, \dots, d_m) -linear quotients, then in general we can not conclude that $G(I)$ has a degree increasing admissible order. This is an important difference with the case of monomial ideals with linear quotients.

Theorem 4.7. *If I has (d_1, \dots, d_m) -linear quotients with respect to f_1, \dots, f_m and $\deg(f_1) + d_1 \leq \dots \leq \deg(f_m) + d_m$, then the minimal free resolution of R/I is given by the iterated mapping cone.*

Moreover,

- $\forall i \geq 2$ and $\forall j \notin \{\deg(f_\ell) + d_\ell + i - 2; 1 \leq \ell \leq m\}$, $\beta_{i,j}(R/I) = 0$.
- $\text{reg}(R/I) = \deg(f_m) + d_m - 2$.

Proof. Let $t \geq 1$ and assume that the minimal free resolution of R/I_t is already known by the iterated mapping cone (for the case $t = 1$ we just consider the obvious minimal free resolution of R/I_1). We can easily see that I_t is minimally generated by f_1, \dots, f_t and for each $i \geq 2$ and $j \notin \{\deg(f_\ell) + d_\ell + i - 2; 1 \leq \ell \leq t\}$, $\beta_{i,j}(R/I_t) = 0$. Since, by the assumption, $\deg(f_1) + d_1 \leq \dots \leq \deg(f_m) + d_m$, for each $i \geq 1$,

$$\max\{j; \beta_{i,j}(R/I_t) \neq 0\} \leq \deg(f_t) + d_t + i - 2.$$

On the other hand, since $L_{t+1} = (f_1, \dots, f_t) : f_{t+1}$ has d_{t+1} -linear resolution, for each $1 \leq i \leq \text{pd}(R/L_{t+1})$, we have

$$\min\{j; \beta_{i,j}(R/L_{t+1}) \neq 0\} = d_{t+1} + i - 1.$$

It is clear that $d_{t+1} + i - 1 > \deg(f_t) + d_t + i - 2 - \deg(f_{t+1})$. So, Equation (3.1) holds and by Theorem 3.1, the mapping cone arising from the short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow R/L_{t+1}(-\deg(f_{t+1})) \rightarrow R/I_t \rightarrow R/I_{t+1} \rightarrow 0,$$

is the minimal free resolution of R/I_{t+1} and the conclusion follows. \square

Example 4.8. Let $I = (x_1x_2, x_2x_3, x_4x_5, x_1x_3x_4) \subset \mathbf{k}[x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4]$. Then I has $(1, 1, 2, 1)$ -linear quotients and I satisfies in Theorem 4.7.

In the following, we show that if I has (d_1, \dots, d_m) -linear quotients with respect to f_1, \dots, f_m and $\deg(f_1) + d_1 \leq \dots \leq \deg(f_m) + d_m$, then $\text{Syz}_1(I)$ is a componentwise linear module.

Theorem 4.9. *If I has (d_1, \dots, d_m) -linear quotients with respect to f_1, \dots, f_m and $\deg(f_1) + d_1 \leq \dots \leq \deg(f_m) + d_m$, then $\text{Syz}_1(I)$ is a componentwise linear module.*

Proof. Suppose that $\text{Syz}_1(I)$ is minimally generated in degrees $i_1 < \dots < i_\ell$. For each $1 \leq t \leq \ell$, let

$$j_{i_t} = \max\{i; \deg(f_i) + d_i \leq i_t\}, \quad I_{j_{i_t}} = (f_1, \dots, f_{j_{i_t}})$$

and

$$N_{r,I} = (\text{Syz}_1(I))_{\{r\}}, \quad N_{r,I_{j_{i_t}}} = (\text{Syz}_1(I_{j_{i_t}}))_{\{r\}}.$$

By induction on r , we show that for each $1 \leq r \leq \ell$ the module $N_{r,I}$ (resp. $N_{r,I_{j_{i_t}}}$ for each $t \geq r$) has the following properties:

- (1) $\beta_{i,j}(N_{r,I}) = 0 \quad \forall j \neq i_r + i, \dots, i_\ell + i$ (resp. $\beta_{i,j}(N_{r,I_{j_{i_t}}}) = 0 \quad \forall j \neq i_r + i, \dots, i_t + i$).
- (2) $(N_{r,I})_{\langle i_r \rangle}$ has i_r -linear resolution (resp. $(N_{r,I_{j_{i_t}}})_{\langle i_r \rangle}$ has i_r -linear resolution).

If $r = 1$, then $N_{1,I} = \text{Syz}_1(I)$ (resp., $N_{1,I_{j_{i_t}}} = \text{Syz}_1(I_{j_{i_t}})$ for each $t \geq 1$). Since by Theorem 4.7, the minimal free resolution of R/I (resp., $R/I_{j_{i_t}}$) is given by the iterated mapping cone, it is clear that $\beta_{i,j}(N_{1,I}) = 0$ for each $j \neq i_1 + i, \dots, i_\ell + i$ (resp., $\beta_{i,j}(N_{1,I_{j_{i_t}}}) = 0$ for each $j \neq i_1 + i, \dots, i_t + i$). So (1) follows for $r = 1$.

By Lemma 3.5, $(N_{1,I})_{\langle i_1 \rangle} \cong (N_{1,I_{j_{i_1}}})_{\langle i_1 \rangle} \cong (N_{1,I_{j_{i_t}}})_{\langle i_1 \rangle}$ for each $t \geq 1$. Moreover, the ideal $I_{j_{i_1}}$ is generated by $f_1, \dots, f_{j_{i_1}}$. By Theorem 4.7, the minimal free resolution of $R/I_{j_{i_1}}$ is computed by the iterated mapping cone and we have $i_1 = \deg(f_1) + d_1 = \dots = \deg(f_{j_{i_1}}) + d_{j_{i_1}}$. So, again by Theorem 4.7, $\text{Syz}_1(I_{j_{i_1}})$ is generated in degree i_1 and has i_1 -linear resolution. So (2) follows for $r = 1$.

Now, assume that (1), (2) is true for $N_{r-1,I}$ (resp., $N_{r-1,I_{j_{i_t}}}$ for each $t \geq r-1$) where $1 \leq r-1 < \ell$. We prove that $N_{r,I}$ (resp., $N_{r,I_{j_{i_t}}}$ for each $t \geq r$) satisfies (1), (2).

By definition,

$$N_{r,I} = N_{r-1,I}/(N_{r-1,I})_{\langle i_{r-1} \rangle} \quad (\text{resp. } N_{r,I_{j_{i_t}}} = N_{r-1,I_{j_{i_t}}}/(N_{r-1,I_{j_{i_t}}})_{\langle i_{r-1} \rangle}).$$

By the induction hypothesis, $(N_{r-1,I})_{\langle i_{r-1} \rangle}$ (resp., $(N_{r-1,I_{j_{i_t}}})_{\langle i_{r-1} \rangle}$) has i_{r-1} -linear resolution and $\beta_{i,j}(N_{r-1,I}) = 0 \quad \forall j \neq i_{r-1} + i, \dots, i_\ell + i$ (resp., $\beta_{i,j}(N_{r-1,I_{j_{i_t}}}) = 0 \quad \forall j \neq i_{r-1} + i, \dots, i_t + i$).

Since $(N_{r-1,I})_{\langle i_{r-1} \rangle}$ (resp., $(N_{r-1,I_{j_{i_t}}})_{\langle i_{r-1} \rangle}$) has i_{r-1} -linear resolution, by Lemma 2.6, it is clear that $\beta_{i,j}(N_{r,I}) = 0 \quad \forall j \neq i_r + i, \dots, i_\ell + i$ (resp., $\beta_{i,j}(N_{r,I_{j_{i_t}}}) = 0 \quad \forall j \neq i_r + i, \dots, i_t + i$). So (1) follows.

Now, by Lemma 3.5,

$$\begin{aligned} (N_{r,I})_{\langle i_r \rangle} &\cong (N_{r,I_{j_{i_r}}})_{\langle i_r \rangle} \\ &\cong ((N_{r-1,I_{j_{i_r}}})_{\langle i_{r-1} \rangle})_{\langle i_r \rangle} \\ &\cong (N_{r,I_{j_{i_t}}})_{\langle i_r \rangle}, \end{aligned}$$

where by the induction hypothesis, $(N_{r-1,I_{j_{i_r}}})_{\langle i_{r-1} \rangle}$ has i_{r-1} -linear resolution and $\beta_{i,j}(N_{r-1,I_{j_{i_r}}}) = 0$, for each $j \neq i + i_{r-1}, i + i_r$. So, by Lemma 2.6, $(N_{r-1,I_{j_{i_r}}})_{\langle i_{r-1} \rangle}$ is generated in degree i_r and has i_r -linear resolution. This means that

$$(N_{r,I})_{\langle i_r \rangle} \cong (N_{r,I_{j_{i_t}}})_{\langle i_r \rangle} \cong N_{r-1,I_{j_{i_r}}}/(N_{r-1,I_{j_{i_r}}})_{\langle i_{r-1} \rangle}$$

has i_r -linear resolution. So (2) follows for r .

Now, since (2) holds for each $1 \leq r \leq \ell$, by Corollary 2.4, $\text{Syz}_1(I)$ is a componentwise linear module. \square

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