# HILBERT POLYNOMIALS OF MULTIGRADED FILTRATIONS OF IDEALS-II

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Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a Cohen-Macaulay local ring of dimension  $d \geq 1$  and I be an  $\mathfrak{m}$ -primary ideal of R.

(1) In 1979, S. Goto and Y. Shimoda [3] proved that  $\mathcal{R}(I) = \bigoplus_{n \ge 0} I^n$  is Cohen-Macaulay if and only if the associated graded ring of I,  $G(I) = \bigoplus_{n \ge 0} \frac{I^n}{I^{n+1}}$  is

Cohen-Macaulay and the reduction number r(I) is at most d-1.

- (2) In 1988, C. Huneke and J. D. Sally [6] proved that if (R, m) is two-dimensional regular local ring and I is a complete m-primary ideal, then R(I) is Cohen-Macaulay.
- (3) In 1991, J. K. Verma [14] generalized this result for several ideals and proved that, for m-primary complete ideals I<sub>1</sub>,..., I<sub>s</sub> in a two-dimensional regular local ring (R, m), R(I<sub>1</sub>,..., I<sub>s</sub>) is Cohen-Macaulay.
- (4) M. Herrmann, E. Hyry, J. Ribbe and Z. Tang [4] proved that if  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  is a Noetherian local ring of dimension two, if  $I_1, \ldots, I_s$  are  $\mathfrak{m}$ -primary ideals of R and for  $i \neq j$ , the joint reduction number of the filtration  $\{\underline{I}^n\}_{\underline{n}\in\mathbb{Z}^s}$ of type  $e_i + e_j$  ( $e_i = (0, \ldots, 1, \ldots, 0$ ) in  $\mathbb{Z}^s$  where 1 occurs at *i*th position) is zero, and if  $\mathcal{R}(I_1, \ldots, I_{s-2})$  is Cohen-Macaulay, then  $\mathcal{R}(I_1, \ldots, I_s)$  is Cohen-Macaulay if and only if  $\mathcal{R}(I_1, \ldots, I_{s-2}, I_{s-1})$  and  $\mathcal{R}(I_1, \ldots, I_{s-2}, I_s)$ are Cohen-Macaulay.

It is well known that, for all  $n \gg 0$ , the Hilbert function of an m-primary ideal I,  $H_I(n) = \lambda \left(\frac{R}{I^n}\right)$  is the Hilbert polynomial

$$P_{I}(n) = e_{0}(I) \binom{n+d-1}{d} - e_{1}(I) \binom{n+d-2}{d-1} + \dots + (-1)^{d} e_{d}(I).$$

In 1987, C. Huneke [5] and independently A. Ooishi [13], proved that

$$e_0(I) - e_1(I) = \lambda\left(\frac{R}{I}\right)$$
 if and only if  $r(I) \le 1$ 

In this case  $H_{\underline{I}}(n) = P_{\underline{I}}(n)$  for all  $n \geq 1$ , for  $j = 2, \ldots, d$ ,  $e_j(I) = 0$  and  $\mathcal{R}(I)$  is Cohen-Macaulay.

We unify all these results and study Cohen-Macaulayness of the Rees algebra of multigraded admissible filtrations .

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#### 1. The Difference Formula

We prove a result analogous to the Grothendieck-Serre formula for  $P_{\mathcal{F}}(\underline{n}) - H_{\mathcal{F}}(\underline{n})$  in terms of local cohomology modules of  $\mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{F})$ . This generalizes results of Johnston-Verma [9], Blancafort [1], Jayanthan-Verma [7].

**Proposition 1.1.** Let S' be a  $\mathbb{Z}^s$ -graded ring and  $S = \bigoplus_{\underline{n} \in \mathbb{N}^s} S'_{\underline{n}}$ . Then  $H^i_{S_{i+1}}(S') \cong H^i_{S_{i+1}}(S)$  for all i > 1 and the sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow H^0_{S_{++}}(S) \longrightarrow H^0_{S_{++}}(S') \longrightarrow \frac{S'}{S} \longrightarrow H^1_{S_{++}}(S) \longrightarrow H^1_{S_{++}}(S') \longrightarrow 0$$

is exact.

**Theorem 1.2.** [11, Theorem 4.3] Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a Noetherian local ring of dimension  $d \geq 1$  and  $I_1, \ldots, I_s$  be  $\mathfrak{m}$ -primary ideals of R. Let  $\mathcal{F} = {\mathcal{F}(\underline{n})}_{\underline{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^s}$  be an  $\underline{I}$ -admissible filtration of ideals in R. Then

(1) 
$$\lambda_R \left( H^i_{\mathcal{R}(\underline{I})_{++}}(\mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{F}))_{\underline{n}} \right) < \infty \text{ for all } i \ge 0 \text{ and } \underline{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^s.$$
  
(2)  $P_{\mathcal{F}}(\underline{n}) - H_{\mathcal{F}}(\underline{n}) = \sum_{i\ge 0} (-1)^i \lambda \left( H^i_{\mathcal{R}(\underline{I})_{++}}(\mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{F}))_{\underline{n}} \right) \text{ for all } \underline{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^s.$ 

#### 2. Analogues of the Huneke-Ooishi Theorem

Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a Cohen-Macaulay local ring of dimension  $d \geq 1$ , and let  $I_1, \ldots, I_s$ be  $\mathfrak{m}$ -primary ideals of R. Let  $\mathcal{F} = {\mathcal{F}(\underline{n})}_{\underline{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^s}$  be an  $\underline{I}$ -admissible filtration of ideals in R. Then

- (1) the filtration  $\mathcal{F}^{\Delta} = \{\mathcal{F}(ne)\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is  $I_1 \cdots I_s$ -admissible,
- (2) the filtration  $\mathcal{F}^{(i)} = \{\mathcal{F}(ne_i)\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is  $I_i$ -admissible for all  $i = 1, \ldots, s$ .

For the Hilbert polynomial of  $\mathcal{F}^{(i)}$ , we write

$$P_{\mathcal{F}^{(i)}}(x) = e_0(\mathcal{F}^{(i)}) \binom{x+d-1}{d} - e_1(\mathcal{F}^{(i)}) \binom{x+d-2}{d-1} + \dots + (-1)^d e_d(\mathcal{F}^{(i)}).$$

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**Theorem 2.1.** [11, Theorem 5.5] Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a Cohen-Macaulay local ring of dimension  $d \geq 1$ , and let  $I_1, \ldots, I_s$  be  $\mathfrak{m}$ -primary ideals of R. Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{\mathcal{F}(\underline{n})\}_{\underline{n}\in\mathbb{Z}^s}$ be an  $\underline{I}$ -admissible filtration of ideals in R. Then for all  $i = 1, \ldots, s$ , (1)  $e_{(d-1)e_i}(\mathcal{F}) \geq e_1(\mathcal{F}^{(i)})$ , (2)  $e(I_i) - e_{(d-1)e_i}(\mathcal{F}) \leq \lambda(R/\mathcal{F}(e_i))$ , (3)  $e(I_i) - e_{(d-1)e_i}(\mathcal{F}) = \lambda(R/\mathcal{F}(e_i))$  if and only if  $r(\mathcal{F}^{(i)}) \leq 1$  and  $e_{(d-1)e_i}(\mathcal{F}) = e_1(\mathcal{F}^{(i)})$ .

# 3. Local cohomology of $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F})$

Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a Cohen-Macaulay local ring of dimension two, let I, J be  $\mathfrak{m}$ primary ideals, and let  $\mathcal{F} = {\mathcal{F}(\underline{n})}_{\underline{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^2}$  be an (I, J)-admissible filtration of ideals
in R. Suppose  $e_{e_i}(\mathcal{F}) = e_1(\mathcal{F}^{(i)})$  for i = 1, 2. Then we proved [11, Theorem 6.6] the
following are equivalent:

(1) For every joint reduction (a, b) of  $\mathcal{F}$  of type e,  $[H^2_{(at_1, bt_2)}(\mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{F}))]_{(0,0)} = 0$ ,

- (2)  $e_2(\mathcal{F}^{\Delta}) = e_2(\mathcal{F}^{(1)}) + e_2(\mathcal{F}^{(2)}),$
- (3) the joint reduction number of  $\mathcal{F}$  of type e is zero.

othendieck-Serre formula

The *a*-invariants of  $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F})$  as  $\mathcal{R}(\underline{I})$ -modules defined by

$$a^{1}(\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F})) = \sup\{k \in \mathbb{Z} \mid [H_{\mathcal{M}}^{\dim \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F})}(\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F}))]_{(k,q)} \neq 0 \text{ for some } q \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

 $a^{2}(\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F})) = \sup\{k \in \mathbb{Z} \mid [H_{\mathcal{M}}^{\dim \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F})}(\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F}))]_{(p,k)} \neq 0 \text{ for some } p \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ 

are -1 where  $\mathcal{M}$  is the maximal homogeneous ideal of  $\mathcal{R}(\underline{I})$  [12].

### 4. Cohen-Macaulay Property of the Rees Algebra

In this section we relate the Cohen-Macaulayness of the bigraded Rees algebra  $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F})$  with Hilbert coefficients, reduction numbers and joint reduction numbers. Let I, J be  $\mathfrak{m}$ -primary ideals in a Cohen-Macaulay local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  of dimension two with infinite residue field, and let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ -graded (I, J)-admissible filtration of ideals in R. M. Herrmann, E. Hyry, J. Ribbe and Z. Tang [4] proved that, if R is a Cohen-Macaulay local ring and the joint reduction number of  $\{I^r J^s\}_{r,s\in\mathbb{Z}}$  of type e is zero, then  $\mathcal{R}(I, J)$  is Cohen-Macaulay if and only if  $\mathcal{R}(I)$  and  $\mathcal{R}(J)$  are Cohen-Macaulay. We showed that this is also valid for bigraded filtrations.

**Theorem 4.1.** [11, Theorem 7.1] Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a Cohen-Macaulay local ring of dimension two, I, J be  $\mathfrak{m}$ -primary ideals and  $\mathcal{F} = \{\mathcal{F}(\underline{n})\}_{\underline{n}\in\mathbb{Z}^2}$  be an (I, J)-admissible filtration of ideals in R. If the joint reduction number of  $\mathcal{F}$  with respect to some joint reduction of type e is zero, then  $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F})$  is Cohen-Macaulay if and only if  $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F}^{(i)}) = \bigoplus_{n>0} \mathcal{F}(ne_i)t^n$  is Cohen-Macaulay for all i = 1, 2.

**Theorem 4.2.** [11, Theorem 7.3] Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a Cohen-Macaulay local ring of dimension two, let  $I_1, I_2$  be  $\mathfrak{m}$ -primary ideals of R, and let  $\mathcal{F} = {\mathcal{F}(\underline{n})}_{\underline{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^2}$  be an  $(I_1, I_2)$ -admissible filtration of ideals in R. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (1)  $e(I_1) e_{e_1}(\mathcal{F}) = \lambda(R/\mathcal{F}^{(1)})$  and  $e(I_2) e_{e_2}(\mathcal{F}) = \lambda(R/\mathcal{F}^{(2)}),$
- (2)  $r(\mathcal{F}^{(1)}), r(\mathcal{F}^{(2)}) \leq 1$  and the joint reduction number of  $\mathcal{F}$  of type e is zero,
- (3)  $P_{\mathcal{F}}(r,s) = H_{\mathcal{F}}(r,s)$  for all  $r, s \ge 0$ ,
- (4)  $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F})$  is Cohen-Macaulay.

Proof. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) : Fix  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ . Since  $e(I_i) - e_{e_i}(\mathcal{F}) = \lambda(R/\mathcal{F}^{(i)})$ , we have  $e_{e_i}(\mathcal{F}) = e_1(\mathcal{F}^{(i)})$  and  $r(\mathcal{F}^{(i)}) \leq 1$ . Then by [1, Theorem 4.3.6],  $G(\mathcal{F}^{(i)})$  is Cohen-Macaulay and  $e_2(\mathcal{F}^{(i)}) = 0$ . Using [10, Proposition 3.23], we get  $e_2(\mathcal{F}^{\Delta}) = 0$ . Thus joint reduction number of  $\mathcal{F}$  of type e is zero.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$ : One can show that the joint reduction number of  $\mathcal{F}$  of type e is zero if and only if  $\lambda(R/\mathcal{F}(r,s)) = rse(I|J) + \lambda(R/\mathcal{F}(r,0)) + \lambda(R/\mathcal{F}(0,s))$  for all  $r, s \ge 1$ . If r = 0 or s = 0 the above equation is still true.

Fix  $i \in \{1,2\}$ . Then  $r(\mathcal{F}^{(i)}) \leq 1$  implies  $P_{\mathcal{F}^{(i)}}(n) = \lambda(R/\mathcal{F}(ne_i))$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . Therefore  $\lambda(R/\mathcal{F}(r,s)) = rse(I_1|I_2) + P_{\mathcal{F}^{(1)}}(r) + P_{\mathcal{F}^{(2)}}(s)$  for all  $r, s \geq 0$ .

 $(3) \Rightarrow (1) \Rightarrow (4)$ : Since  $P_{\mathcal{F}}(r,s) = \lambda(R/\mathcal{F}(r,s))$  for all  $r,s \ge 0$ , the conditions of (1) are satisfied. Hence  $r(\mathcal{F}^{(1)}), r(\mathcal{F}^{(2)}) \le 1$ , and the joint reduction number of  $\mathcal{F}$  of type e is zero. Thus  $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F}^{(1)})$  and  $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F}^{(2)})$  are Cohen-Macaulay, by [15, Theorem 2.3]. Hence  $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F})$  is Cohen-Macaulay.

 $(4) \Rightarrow (1)$ : Since  $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F})$  is Cohen-Macaulay and  $a^{j}(\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F})) = -1$  for all j = 1, 2, we have  $[H^{i}_{\mathcal{R}(\underline{I})++}(\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F}))]_{(r,s)} = 0$  for all  $r, s \geq 0$  and i = 0, 1, 2. Therefore  $[H^{i}_{\mathcal{R}++}(\mathcal{R}'(\mathcal{F}))]_{(r,s)} \simeq [H^{i}_{\mathcal{R}++}(\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F}))]_{(r,s)} = 0$  for all  $r, s \geq 0$  and i = 0, 1, 2. Therefore, by the Difference formula (1.2), we have  $P_{\mathcal{F}}(r, s) = \lambda(\mathcal{R}/\mathcal{F}(r, s))$  for

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all  $r, s \ge 0$ . Taking r = s = 0, (r, s) = (1, 0) and (r, s) = (0, 1) in the previous equality, we get the desired result.

The following examples are in [7].

**Example 4.3.** Let  $A = \mathbb{C}[[x, y]]$ . Consider the plane curve  $f = y^2 - x^n$  and  $\mathfrak{m} = (x, y)A$ . Let J be the Jacobian ideal of f = 0 and  $\mathcal{F} = \{\mathfrak{m}^r J^s\}_{r,s\in\mathbb{Z}}$ . Then  $r(J) = r(\mathfrak{m}) = 0, \ y\mathfrak{m} + xJ = \mathfrak{m}J$  and  $P_{\mathcal{F}}(r, s) = \binom{r+1}{2} + rs + (n-1)\binom{s+1}{2}$ .

**Example 4.4.** Neither of the conditions in (1) of Theorem 4.2 can be dropped to get the conclusions (2) and (3). Let  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  be a regular local ring of dimension 2. Let  $\mathcal{F} = {\mathfrak{m}^r I^s}_{r,s\in\mathbb{Z}}$  where  $\mathfrak{m} = (x,y)$  and  $I = (x^3, x^2y^4, xy^5, y^7)$ . Then  $I\mathfrak{m} = x^3\mathfrak{m} + yI$ . Using Macaulay 2 [2],  $\lambda \left(\frac{R}{I}\right) = 16$ . The ideal  $J = (x^3, y^7)$  is a minimal reduction of I and  $JI^2 = I^3$  but  $JI \neq I^2$ . The Hilbert polynomial of  $\mathcal{F}$  is  $P_{\mathcal{F}}(r,s) = {r+1 \choose 2} + 3rs + 21{s+1 \choose 2} - 6s + 1$  which shows  $e(I) - e_{(0,1)}(\mathcal{F}) = 15 < \lambda \left(\frac{R}{I}\right)$ .

**Example 4.5.** Theorem 4.2 is not true for dimension greater than 2. Let  $A = k[[x, y, z]], I = \mathfrak{m}^2 + (z), J = (x, y^3, z)$  and  $\mathcal{F} = \{I^r J^s\}_{r,s\in\mathbb{Z}}$ . Then r(J) = 0,  $(x^2, y^2, z)$  is a reduction of I with r(I) = 1 and  $IJ = (x, z)I + y^2J = xI + (y^2, z)J$ . By computations on Macaulay 2 [2], we get depth $(\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F})) < \dim(\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F})) = 5$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F})$  is not Cohen-Macaulay.

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