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Consider a semigroup ring  $B_H = k[t^h/h \in H]$  where  $t$  is a transcendental over an algebraically closed field  $k$  of characteristic 0. Let  $T^1(B)$  denote  $T^1(B/k, B)$  where  $T^1(B/k, -)$  is the upper cotangent functor of Lichtenbaum and Schlesinger. Then  $T^1(B)$  is a graded  $k$ -vector space of finite dimension and  $B$  is said to be negatively graded if  $T^1(B)_+ = 0$ . It is known that a versal deformation  $T/S$  of  $B/k$  exists in the sense of Schlessinger, where  $(S, m_s)$  is a complete noetherian local  $k$ -algebra. We say that the formal moduli space is unobstructed if  $S$  is a regular local ring. In this paper we restrict our attention to the negatively graded semigroup rings. In this case we compute the dimension of  $T^1(B)$  and are thus able to determine which formal moduli spaces are unobstructed.

Let  $U$  denote the (open) subset of  $\text{Spec}(S)$  consisting of all points with smooth fibres. In a previous paper [5] we computed the dimension of  $U$ . We always have inequalities:

$$\dim U \leq (\text{Krull}) \dim S \leq [m_s/m_s^2: k].$$

Consequently  $S$  is a regular local ring if and only if  $\dim U = [m_s/m_s^2: k] = [T^1(B): k]$ . In the general case the difference  $[T^1(B): k] - \dim U$  gives some indication of the extent of the obstruction.

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## 2. Preliminaries and notation.

(2.1) Let  $H$  be a subsemigroup of the additive subgroup  $N$  of nonnegative integers.  $H$  is called a *numerical semigroup* if the greatest common divisor of the elements of  $H$  is 1, so that only finitely many positive integers are missing from  $H$ . Such elements are called the *gaps* of  $H$  and the number of gaps is called the *genus* of  $H$ , denoted by  $g(H)$ . The least positive integer  $c$  such that  $c + N \subset H$  is called the *conductor* of  $H$ , denoted by  $c(H)$ . The least positive integer  $m$  in  $H$  is called the *multiplicity* of  $H$  and is denoted by  $m(H)$ . Throughout this paper  $H$  will denote a numerical semigroup,  $k$  an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0.

Let  $B_H$  denote the  $k$ -subalgebra of the polynomial ring  $k[t]$  generated by the monomials  $t^h$ ,  $h \in H$ .  $B_H$  is called the *semigroup ring* of  $H$ .

When no possible confusion can arise we simply write  $B$  for  $B_H$ ,  $g$  for  $g(H)$ ,  $c$  for  $c(H)$  and  $m$  for  $m(H)$ .

(2.2) We now construct a generating set called the *standard basis* for  $H$ , denoted  $S_H$ . Let  $m = m(H)$ . For  $0 \leq j \leq m-1$  choose  $a_j$  to be the least positive integer in  $H$  such that  $a_j \equiv j \pmod{m}$ .

For  $1 \leq j \leq k \leq m-1$ , set

$$f_{j,k} = X_j X_k - X_0^{e(j,k)} X_{r(j,k)}$$

where  $0 \leq r(j,k) \leq m-1$  and  $a_j + a_k = e(j,k)m + a_{r(j,k)}$ . Set  $I = I_H$  equal to the ideal of  $P = k[X_0, \dots, X_{m-1}]$  generated by  $\{f_{j,k}\}_{1 \leq j \leq k \leq m-1}$  where  $P$  is a polynomial algebra over  $k$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.3.** *If we define a  $k$ -algebra map  $\varphi: k[X_0, \dots, X_{m-1}] \rightarrow B$  by  $\varphi(X_j) = t^{a_j}$  for  $0 \leq j \leq m-1$  then  $0 \rightarrow I \rightarrow P \rightarrow B \rightarrow 0$  is exact. Furthermore, if we assign the weight  $a_j$  to  $X_j$  in  $P$ , then  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism (of degree 0) of graded  $k$ -algebras and  $I$  is homogeneous.*

We will not attempt to give a precise definition of  $T^*$  here. For definition and details of  $T^0$ ,  $T^1$  one can consult [1]; for the full cohomological properties one should consult Rim's article "Formal Deformation Theory" [4] (note that our  $T^i$  plays the role of Rim's  $D^i$ ). We state here some properties of  $T^*$  that will facilitate our computations. For proofs of these assertions see [4] and [5].

**PROPOSITION 2.4.** *Let  $P$  be a polynomial algebra over  $R$  and let  $0 \rightarrow I \rightarrow P \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0$  be exact. Then for any  $A$ -module  $M$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} T^0(A|R, M) &\cong \text{Der}_R(A, M), \\ T^1(A|R, M) &\cong \text{Coker}(\text{Der}_R(P, M) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_A(I/I^2, M)) \\ &\cong \text{the set of isomorphism classes of } R\text{-algebra} \\ &\quad \text{extensions of } A \text{ by } M. \end{aligned}$$

(2.5) In our case, if  $B = B_H$  then  $T^1(B) = T^1(B|k, B)$  becomes a graded  $k$ -vector space via the exact sequence of (2.3). We then have

$$\begin{aligned} T^1(B) &= \bigoplus_{-\infty < p < \infty} T^1(B)_p \\ &\cong \bigoplus_{-\infty < p < \infty} \text{Coker}(\text{Der}_k(P, B)_p \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_B(I/I^2, B)_p), \end{aligned}$$

so that

$T^1(B)_p \cong$  the set of isomorphism classes of (degree 0)  
graded  $k$ -algebra extensions of  $B$  by  $B(p)$

where  $B(p)$  is the graded  $k$ -module obtained from  $B$  by shifting the degree by  $p$ ; i.e.,  $B(p)_n = B_{p+n}$ .

Those monomial curves  $B_H$  for which  $T^1(H)_+ = T^1(B_H)_+ = 0$  are the so called *negatively graded semigroup rings* of Pinkham [3]. In [5] we completely classified these and described a method for computing  $T^1(H)_p$ . We now recall these results and set up some notation which will be used in § 3.

(2.6) Let  $S_H = \{a_0 = m, a_1, \dots, a_{m-1}\}$  denote the standard basis for  $H$  (as in 2.2). For each integer  $p$  let  $G_p = \{a \in S_H \mid a + p \notin H\}$  and let  $R_p = \{f_{j,k} \in I_H \mid a_j + a_k + p \notin H\}$ . By abuse of notation associate with each  $f_{j,k}$  of  $R_p$  a vector  $f_{j,k}^0 = (f_{j,k}^0, \dots, f_{j,k}^{m-1})$  of  $k^m$  where the  $l$ th component is given by

$$\begin{aligned} f_{j,k}^l &= -e(j, k) && \text{if } l = 0 \text{ and } r(j, k) \neq 0, \\ &= -(e(j, k) + 1) && \text{if } l = 0 = r(j, k), \\ &= -1 && \text{if } l = r(j, k) \neq 0, \\ &= 2 && \text{if } l = j = k, \\ &= 1 && \text{if } l = j \text{ or } l = k \text{ and } j \neq k, \\ &= 0 && \text{otherwise.} \end{aligned}$$

Again by abuse, let  $R_p$  denote the vector subspace of  $k^m$  spanned by those  $f_{j,k}$  in  $R_p$ . We note that if  $a_i \notin G_p$  then  $f_{j,k}^l = 0$  for all  $f_{j,k} \in R_p$ . Thus if  $G_p \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\dim R_p \leq \#G_p - 1$ .

PROPOSITION 2.7. *In the notation above,*

$$\dim T_p = \dim T^1(H)_p = \max \{0, \#G_p - \dim R_p - 1\}.$$

(2.8) We say that  $H$  is an *ordinary* semigroup of multiplicity  $m$ , denoted by  $H_m$ , if  $H = \{0, m, m+1, m+2, \dots\}$ . We say that  $H$  is *hyperordinary* if  $H = mN + H_m$ , where  $H_m$  is ordinary and  $0 < m < m'$ .

THEOREM 2.9.  *$H$  is negatively graded if and only if  $H$  is of one of the following types:*

- (i)  *$H$  is ordinary;*
- (ii)  *$H$  is hyperordinary;*
- (iii) *Excluding the above two cases,  $H$  is negatively graded of multiplicity  $m$  if and only if there exists precisely one gap  $m+i$*

between  $m$  and  $2m$ ; if  $i = 1$  then  $2m + 1 \notin H$  (or  $H$  would be hyperordinary).

If  $2 \leq i \leq m - 1$  then

$$H_{m,i} = \{0, m, m + 1, \dots, \widehat{m + i}, m + i + 1, m + i + 2, \dots\}.$$

If  $i = 1$  we have

$$H_{m,1} = \{0, m, m + 2, \dots, 2m, \widehat{2m + 1}, 2m + 2, 2m + 3, \dots\}.$$

3. A Dimension formula for  $T^1(H)$ . We now compute the dimension of the tangent space  $T^1(H)$  for the negatively graded semigroup rings. We first deal with the ordinary and hyperordinary cases and finally with those of the third type.

For these semigroups  $T^1(H) = T^1(H_-)$ . Recall the notation of (2.6) and let  $a = a(H)$  denote the least positive integer in  $H - m(H)N$ , let  $c = c(H)$ . Then  $p \leq 2a - c$  entails  $R_{-p} = \emptyset$  since for  $f_{j,k} \in I$  we have  $a_j + a_k - p \geq 2a - p \geq c$  so that  $a_j + a_k - p \in H$ . Thus by Proposition 2.7  $\dim T^1(H)_{-p} = \max\{0, \#G_{-p} - 1\}$ .

Throughout these computations  $[r]$  = the greatest integer  $\leq r$ ;  $\{r\}$  = the least integer  $\geq r$ ;  $\delta_{r,s}$  denotes the Kronecker delta, i.e.,  $\delta_{r,s} = 1$  if  $r = s$  and 0 otherwise. Once a semigroup  $H$  is fixed we let  $T_{-l} = T^1(H)_{-l}$ . By  $\dim(\ )$  we mean dimension as a  $k$ -vector space.

Now assume  $H$  is ordinary or hyperordinary so that  $H = mN + \{pm + i, pm + i + 1, pm + i + 2, \dots\}$  where  $p \geq 1$  and  $1 \leq i \leq m - 1$ . Then  $a(H) = pm + i$ .

PROPOSITION 3.1. *Let  $H = mN + \{pm + 1, pm + 2, \dots\}$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \dim T_{-l} &= l - 1 && \text{if } 1 \leq l \leq m - 1, \\ &= m - 2 && \text{if } l = m \text{ or } m + 1 \leq l \leq pm + 2 \\ &&& \text{and } m \nmid l, \\ &= m - 1 && \text{if } m + 1 \leq l \leq pm + 2 \text{ and } m \mid l, \\ &= (p + 1)m - l + \delta_{l, (p+1)m} && \text{if } pm + 3 \leq l \leq (p + 1)m, \\ &= \delta_{m,2} && \text{if } (p + 2)m \leq l \leq (2p + 1)m \\ &&& \text{and } m \mid l, \\ &= 0 && \text{otherwise.} \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \dim T^1(H) &= (p - 1)(m - 1)^2 + m(m - 1) - 1 \text{ if } m \geq 3, \\ &= 2p \text{ if } m = 2. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Note that  $2a(H) - c(H) = pm + 2$  so that for  $1 \leq l \leq$

$pm + 2$  we have  $\dim T_{-l} = \#G_{-l} - 1$ .

Suppose  $l > (p+1)m$  and set  $q = l - [l/m]m + \delta_{l, [l/m]m}m$ . If  $q = 1$  then  $R_{-l} \cong \{f_{1,1}, \dots, f_{1,m-1}\}$ ; if  $q = 2 \leq m-1$  then  $R_{-l} \cong \{f_{1,2}, \dots, f_{1,m-1}, f_{2,2}\}$ ; if  $3 \leq q \leq m$  then  $R_{-l} \cong \{f_{1,1}, \dots, \hat{f}_{1,q-1}, \dots, f_{1,m-1}, f_{2,q-1}\}$ . Finally if  $q = 2 = m$  we see that  $R_{-l} = \emptyset$  for  $2(p+2) \leq l \leq 2(2p+1)$  while  $R_{-l} = \{f_{1,1}\}$  for  $l > 2(2p+1)$ . Our assertions follow.

Then assume  $pm + 3 \leq l \leq (p+1)m$  and set  $q = l - pm$  so that  $G_{-l} = S_H - \{a_q\}$  if  $q < m$  while  $G_{-(p+1)m} = S_H$ . Then  $R_{-l} = \{f_{j,k} | a_j + a_k < pm + a_q\} = \{f_{j,k} | j + k \leq q - 1\}$ .

Set  $R'_{-l} = \{f_{1,1}, \dots, f_{1,q-2}\}$ . Then  $R'_{-l}$  generates  $R_{-l}$  for if  $j+k \leq q-1$  and  $j \geq 2$  we have (as vectors)  $f_{j,k} = f_{1,j-1} + \dots + f_{1,j} - (f_{1,k-1} + \dots + f_{1,1})$ . Since  $\text{rank } R'_{-l} = q-2$  we have  $\dim T_{-l} = (p+1)m - l + \delta_{l, (p+1)m}$ .

Summing up the various components we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \dim T^1(H) &= (p-1)(m-1)^2 + m(m-1) - 1 \text{ if } m \geq 3, \\ &= 2p \text{ if } m = 2. \end{aligned}$$

Now suppose  $H = mN + \{pm + i, pm + i + 1, \dots\}$  where  $2 \leq i \leq m-1$ . Then  $c(H) = a(H) = pm + i = a_i$ . We treat the cases  $2i \leq m$  and  $2i > m$  separately but as the proofs are analagous we only give the former.

**PROPOSITION 3.2.** *Suppose that  $H = mN + \{pm + i, pm + i + 1, \dots\}$  where  $2 \leq i \leq m/2$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \dim T^1(H)_{-l} &= l && \text{if } 1 \leq l \leq i-1, \\ &= l-1 && \text{if } i \leq l \leq m-i, \\ &= l-2 && \text{if } m-i+1 \leq l \leq m, \\ &= m-2 && \text{if } m+1 \leq l \leq pm+i \text{ and } m \nmid l, \\ &= m-1 && \text{if } m+1 \leq l \leq pm+i \text{ and } m | l, \\ &= m-2(l-pm-i) - \delta_{l, pm+i+1} && \text{if } pm+i+1 \leq l \leq pm+2i-1, \\ &= m-2(l-pm-i) + 1 + \delta_{l, (p+1)m} && \text{if } pm+2i \leq l \leq pm+2i+1, \\ &\quad + \delta_{l, (p+1)m+1} \\ &= m - \min(2i+1, m-1) - 1 && \text{if } l = pm+2i+2, \\ &\quad + \delta_{l, (p+1)m} + \delta_{i,2} \\ &= (p+1)m - l + \delta_{l, (p+1)m} && \text{if } pm+2i+3 \leq l \leq (p+1)m, \\ &= 0 && \text{otherwise.} \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\dim T^1(H) = (p-1)(m-1)^2 + m(m-1) + i(i-2) + \delta_{i,2}.$$

*Proof.* Now  $2a(H) - c(H) = a(H) = pm + i$  so for  $1 \leq l \leq pm + i$  we have  $\dim T_{-l} = \#G_{-l} - 1$ .

For  $pm + i + 1 \leq l \leq (p+1)m + i - 1$  we set  $q = l - [l/m]m + m \cdot \delta_{l, (p+1)m}$ . Then  $G_{-l} = S_H - \{a_q\}$  if  $q \neq m$  and  $G_{-(p+1)m} = S_H$ . We note that  $R_{-l} = \{f_{j,k} | a_j + a_k < a_i + l \text{ and } j+k \not\equiv q \pmod{m}\}$ . Then  $R_{-(pm+i+1)} = \{f_{i,i}\}$  entails  $\dim T_{-(pm+i+1)} = m - 3$ .

Suppose that  $pm + i + 2 \leq l \leq pm + 2i - 1$ . Then  $R_{-l} = \{f_{j,k} | j+k \leq i+q-1 \text{ and } k \geq j \geq i\}$  and is generated by  $R'_{-l} = \{f_{i,i}, \dots, f_{i,q-1}, f_{i+1,i+1}, \dots, f_{i+1,q-2}\}$ . For suppose  $f_{j,k} \in R_{-l} - R'_{-l}$  so that  $j \geq i+2, k \leq q-3$ . Then  $i+2 < j+k-i \leq q-1$  and as vectors  $f_{j,k} = \Delta_{j+k} - \Delta_j - \Delta_k$  where  $\Delta_r = \sum_{s=i+1}^{r-i-1} (f_{i,s+1} - f_{i+1,s})$ .

As for independence, we observe that  $f_{i,i}, \dots, f_{i,m-1}, f_{i+1,i+1}, \dots, f_{i+1,2i-1}$  are independent. This is more readily seen by substituting the vectors

$$v_r = f_{i,r+1} - f_{i+1,r} \text{ if } i+1 \leq r \leq 2i-2$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} v_{2i-1} &= f_{i,i} + f_{i,2i} - f_{i+1,2i-1} \text{ if } 2i < m, \\ &= -f_{i+1,2i-1} \text{ if } 2i = m \end{aligned}$$

for the last  $i-1$  vectors.

Thus  $\dim R_{-l} = 2(l - pm - i) - 2$  and  $\dim T_{-l} = m - 2(l - pm - i)$  for  $pm + i + 2 \leq l \leq pm + 2i - 1$ .

We wish to consider those integers  $l$  between  $pm + 2i$  and  $(p+1)m + i - 1$ .

Suppose  $pm + 2i \leq l \leq pm + 2i + 1$  and let  $q = l - pm$ . Then  $R'_{-l} = \{f_{i,i}, \dots, \hat{f}_{i,q-i}, \dots, f_{i,\min(q-1, m-1)}, f_{i+1,i+1}, \dots, f_{i+1,q-2}\}$  generates  $R_{-l}$  as above and has rank  $2(q-i) - 3 - \delta_{l, (p+1)m+1}$ .

Let  $l = pm + 2i + 2$  and set  $q = 2i + 2$ . If  $i = 2$  so that  $q = 6$  then  $R_{-l} = \{f_{1,2}, f_{2,2}, f_{2,3}\}$  if  $m = 4$  and  $R_{-l} = \{f_{2,2}, f_{2,3}, \hat{f}_{2,4}, \dots, f_{2,\min(5, m-1)}, f_{3,4}\}$  if  $m \geq 5$ . In either case  $\text{rank } R_{-l} = \#R_{-l} - 1$  as we note that

$$\begin{aligned} f_{1,2} &= f_{2,2} - f_{2,3} && \text{if } m = 4, \\ f_{3,4} &= f_{2,3} - f_{2,2} && \text{if } m = 5, \\ f_{3,4} &= f_{2,3} - f_{2,2} + f_{2,5} && \text{if } m \geq 6. \end{aligned}$$

So we have  $\dim R_{-l} = \min(q-1, m-1) - 2 + \delta_{m,4}$ . If  $i \geq 3$  then set  $R'_{-l} = \{f_{i,i}, \hat{f}_{i,i+1}, \dots, f_{i,\min(q-1, m-1)}, f_{i+1,i+2}, \dots, f_{i+1,2i-1}, f_{i+2,i+2}\}$ . Note that  $(f_{i+1,i+1} - f_{i,i+2}) = f_{i+1,i+3} - f_{i+2,i+2} + f_{i+1,i+2} - f_{i,i+3}$  and if  $2i < m$

we have  $f_{i+1,2i} = f_{i,i+1} - f_{i,i} + (1 - \delta_{2i+1,m})f_{i,2i+1}$ . So  $R'_{-l}$  generates  $R_{-l}$  as above and has rank  $\min(q-1, m-1) - 1$ .

Now assume that  $l > pm + 2i + 2$ . If  $l \leq (p+1)m$  set  $q = l - pm$  and let  $R'_{-l} = \{f_{i,i}, \dots, \hat{f}_{i,q-i}, \dots, f_{i,q-1}\} \cup B_{-l}$  where

$$\begin{aligned} B_{-l} &= \{f_{i+1,i+1}, \dots, f_{i+1,2i-1}\} \text{ if } q > 3i \\ &= \{f_{i+1,i+1}, \dots, \hat{f}_{i+1,q-i-1}, \dots, f_{i+1,2i-1}, f_{i+2,q-i-1}\} \\ &\quad \text{if } 2i + 3 \leq q \leq 3i. \end{aligned}$$

Observe that if  $f_{i+1,j} \in R_{-l}$  and  $j \geq 2i$ , setting  $t = [j/i]$  we have  $f_{i+1,j} = (1 - \delta_{j,m-1})f_{i,j+1} - [f_{i,j-i} + f_{i,j-2i} + \dots + f_{i,j-(t-1)i}] + [f_{i,j-i+1} + f_{i,j-2i+1} + \dots + f_{i,j-(t-1)i+1}] + (1 - \delta_{j,ti})[f_{i+1,j-(t-1)i} - f_{i,j-(t-1)i+1}]$ . Similarly if  $i = 2$  then  $f_{i+2,q-i-1} = f_{4,q-3}$  is in the span of  $R'_{-l}$ . Finally note that  $(f_{i,q-i} - f_{i+1,q-i-1}) = (f_{i+1,q-i} - f_{i+2,q-i-1}) + (f_{i,i+2} - f_{i+1,i+1})$  so that  $R'_{-l}$  generates  $R_{-l}$  as above. Hence  $\dim R_{-l} = q - 2$ .

If  $(p+1)m + i - 1 \geq l > (p+1)m$  (and  $l > pm + 2i + 2$ ) set  $q = l - pm$  so that  $i+3 \leq q-i \leq m-1$ . Set

$$R'_{-l} = \{f_{i,i}, \dots, \hat{f}_{i,q-i}, \dots, f_{i,m-1}\} \cup B_{-l}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} B_{-l} &= \{f_{i+1,i+1}, \dots, f_{i+1,2i-1}\} \text{ if } q > 3i, \\ &= \{f_{i+1,i+1}, \dots, \hat{f}_{i+1,q-i-1}, \dots, f_{i+1,2i-1}, f_{i+2,q-i-1}\} \text{ if } 2i+3 \leq q \leq 3i. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $R'_{-l}$  generates  $R_{-l}$  as it has maximal rank  $m-2$ . Hence  $T_{-l} = 0$ .

Finally suppose that  $l \geq (p+1)m + i$  (and  $l > pm + 2i + 2$ ) and set  $q = l - [l/m]m$ . If  $1 \leq q \leq i-1$  so that  $l \geq (p+2)m$  then

$$R_{-l} \supseteq \{f_{1,1}, \dots, \hat{f}_{1,q-1}, \dots, f_{1,m-1}, f_{2,q-1}\}.$$

If  $i \leq q \leq 2i-1$  then

$$R_{-l} \supseteq \{f_{i,i}, \dots, f_{i,m-1}, f_{i+1,i+1}, \dots, f_{i+1,2i-1}\}.$$

If  $2i \leq q \leq m-1$  then

$$R_{-l} \supseteq \{f_{i,i}, \dots, \hat{f}_{i,q-i}, \dots, f_{i,m-1}\} \cup B_{-l}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} B_{-l} &= \{f_{i+1,i+1}, \dots, f_{i+1,2i-1}, f_{i+1,q}\} \text{ if } q \leq 2i+1 \text{ or } q > 3i, \\ &= \{f_{i+1,i+2}, \dots, f_{i+1,2i-1}, f_{i+1,q}, f_{i+2,i+2}\} \text{ if } q = 2i+2, \\ &= \{f_{i+1,i+1}, \dots, \widehat{f_{i+1,q-i-1}}, \dots, f_{i+1,2i-1}, f_{i+1,q}, f_{i+2,q-i-1}\} \\ &\quad \text{if } 2i+3 \leq q \leq 3i. \end{aligned}$$

If  $q = 0$  so that  $l \geq (p+2)m$  then



$$R_{-l} \supseteq \{f_{1,1}, \dots, \widehat{f_{1,i-1}}, \dots, \widehat{f_{1,m-1}}, f_{i,m-i+1}, f_{i+1,m-1}\}.$$

In all cases  $\dim R_{-l} = m - 1$  so that  $T_{-l} = 0$ .

**PROPOSITION 3.3.** *Suppose  $H = mN + \{pm + i, pm + i + 1, \dots\}$  where  $i \geq 2$  and  $2i > m$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \dim T^1(H)_{-l} &= l && \text{if } 1 \leq l \leq m-i, \\ &= l-1 && \text{if } m-i+1 \leq l \leq i-1, \\ &= l-2 && \text{if } i \leq l \leq m, \\ &= m-2 && \text{if } m+1 \leq l \leq pm+i \\ &&& \text{and } m \nmid l, \\ &= m-1 && \text{if } m+1 \leq l \leq pm+i \\ &&& \text{and } m \mid l, \\ &= m-2(l-pm-i) - \delta_{l, pm+i+1} + \delta_{l, (p+1)m} && \text{if } pm+i+1 \leq l \leq (p+1)m, \\ &= pm+2i-l + \delta_{l, (p+1)m+2i} && \text{if } (p+1)m+1 \leq l \leq pm+2i, \\ &= 1 && \text{if } l = pm+2i+2 \text{ and } i=2, \\ &= 0 && \text{otherwise.} \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,  $\dim T^1(H) = (p-1)(m-1)^2 + m(m-1) + i(i-2) + \delta_{i,2}$ .

**COROLLARY 3.4.** *Suppose  $H$  is ordinary or hyperordinary of multiplicity  $m$  and  $a(H) = pm + i$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \dim T^1(H) &= (p-1)(m-1)^2 + m(m-1) + i(i-2) + \delta_{i,2} \text{ if } m \geq 3, \\ &= 2p \text{ if } m = 2. \end{aligned}$$

We finally deal with those negatively graded semigroups of the third type so that there is precisely one gap  $m+i$  between  $m$  and  $2m$ . Recall that if  $i=1$  then  $2m+1 \notin H$ . In any case,  $a_j = m+j$  for  $j \neq i$  while  $a_i = a_j + a_k$  whenever  $j+k = i + \delta_{i,1}m$ . Again we deal with a series of cases governed by the relation of  $i$  and  $m$ . As the proofs are similar we only give the proof in case  $2 \leq i \leq m-1 \leq 2i$ .

**PROPOSITION 3.5.** *Let  $H = H_m - \{m+1, 2m+1\}$  where  $H_m$  is ordinary and  $m \geq 3$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \dim T^1(H)_{-l} &= l - \left\lfloor \frac{l+1}{2} \right\rfloor + \delta_{l,1} && \text{if } 1 \leq l \leq m-2, \\ &= l - \left\lfloor \frac{l+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 1 && \text{if } m-1 \leq l \leq m+1, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= l - \left[ \frac{l+1}{2} \right] - 3 + \delta_{l, m+2} \quad \text{if } m+2 \leq l \leq m+4 \\
&\hspace{15em} \text{and } l \leq 2m-2, \\
&= m - \left[ \frac{l+1}{2} \right] + \delta_{l, m+6} \quad \text{if } m+5 \leq l \leq 2m-2, \\
&= \delta_{m,5} + \delta_{m,7} \quad \text{if } l=2m-1, \\
&= 1 + \delta_{m,4} + \delta_{m,6} \quad \text{if } l=2m, \\
&= \delta_{m,3} + \delta_{m,5} \quad \text{if } l=2m+1, \\
&= \delta_{m,4} \quad \text{if } l=2m+2 \text{ or } 3m+2, \\
&= \delta_{m,3} + \delta_{m,4} \quad \text{if } l=3m, \\
&= \delta_{m,3} \quad \text{if } l=3m+1, 4m \text{ or } 5m, \\
&= 0 \quad \text{otherwise.}
\end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\dim T^1(H) = \frac{m(m-1)}{2} + 2 + 3\delta_{m,3} + 2\delta_{m,4}.$$

**PROPOSITION 3.6.** Suppose  $H = H_m - \{m+i\}$  where  $H_m$  is ordinary and  $2 \leq i \leq (m-2)/2$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\dim T^1(H)_{-l} &= l \quad \text{if } 1 \leq l \leq i, \\
&= l-1 \quad \text{if } i+1 \leq l \leq m-i-1, \\
&= l-2 - \left[ \frac{l+i-m}{2} \right] - \delta_{l, m+1} \quad \text{if } m-i \leq l \leq m+1, \\
&= 2m-l - \left[ \frac{l+i-m}{2} \right] + \delta_{l, m+i} \\
&\hspace{10em} + \delta_{l, m+i+1} \quad \text{if } m+2 \leq l \leq m+i+1, \\
&= 2m - (l+i) + \delta_{i,2} \quad \text{if } m+i+2 \leq l \leq m+i+4 \\
&\hspace{15em} \text{and } l \leq 2m-i, \\
&= 2m - (l+i) \quad \text{if } m+i+5 \leq l \leq 2m-i, \\
&= \delta_{m,6} + \delta_{m,7} \quad \text{if } l=2m-1 \text{ and } i=2, \\
&= \delta_{m,6} \quad \text{if } l=2m \text{ and } i=2, \\
&= 0 \quad \text{otherwise.}
\end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\dim T^1(H) = m^2 - (i+1)m + \frac{i(i+1)}{2} + 3\delta_{i,2}.$$

**PROPOSITION 3.7.** Suppose that  $H = H_m - \{m+i\}$  where  $H_m$  is ordinary and  $2i \geq m-1 \geq i \geq 2$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\dim T^1(H)_{-l} &= l && \text{if } 1 \leq l \leq m-i-1, \\
&= l-1 - \left\lfloor \frac{l+i-m}{2} \right\rfloor && \text{if } m-i \leq l \leq i, \\
&= l-2 - \left\lfloor \frac{l+i-m}{2} \right\rfloor - \delta_{l,m+1} && \text{if } i+1 \leq l \leq m+1, \\
&= 2m-l - \left\lfloor \frac{l+i-m}{2} \right\rfloor + \delta_{l,m+i} && \\
&\quad + \delta_{l,m+i+1} && \text{if } m+2 \leq l \leq 2m-i, \\
&= i - \left\lfloor \frac{l+i-m}{2} \right\rfloor + \delta_{l,m+i} && \text{if } 2m-i+1 \leq l \leq m+i, \\
&= 1 && \text{if } l=m+i+1, \\
&= \delta_{m,5} && \text{if } l=m+4 \text{ and } i=2, \\
&= \delta_{m,5} + \delta_{m,4} && \text{if } l=2m \text{ and } i=2, \\
&= \delta_{m,4} + \delta_{m,3} && \text{if } l=2m+2, \\
&= \delta_{m,4} + \delta_{m,3} && \text{if } l=3m \text{ and } i=m-1, \\
&= \delta_{m,3} && \text{if } l=4m, \\
&= 0 && \text{otherwise.}
\end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned}
\dim T^1(H) &= m^2 - (i+1)m + \frac{i(i+1)}{2} + 2\delta_{m,4} \quad \text{if } i \geq 3, \\
&= m^2 - 3m + 5 + \delta_{m,3} \quad \text{if } i = 2.
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We note that  $2a(H) - c(H) = m - i + 1$ . Hence for  $1 \leq l \leq m - i + 1$  one has  $\dim T_{-l} = \#G_{-l} - 1$ . Also note that

$$\begin{aligned}
G_{-l} &= \{a_0, \dots, a_{l-1}, a_{l+i}\} && \text{if } 1 \leq l \leq m-i-1, \\
&= \{a_0, \dots, a_{l-1}\} && \text{if } m-i \leq l \leq i, \\
&= \{a_0, \dots, \widehat{a_i}, \dots, a_{l-1}\} && \text{if } i+1 \leq l \leq m-1, \\
&= \{a_1, \dots, a_{m-1}\} && \text{if } l = m, \\
&= S_H - \{a_i, a_{l-m}\} && \text{if } m+1 \leq l \leq m+i-1, \\
&= S_H - \{a_{l-m}\} && \text{if } m+i \leq l \leq 2m-1, \\
&= S_H && \text{if } l \geq 2m \text{ and } l \neq 2m+i, \\
&= S_H - \{a_i\} && \text{if } l = 2m+i.
\end{aligned}$$

If  $m-i+2 \leq l \leq m+1$  then  $R_{-l} = \{f_{j,k} | a_j + a_k = m+l+i\} = \{f_{j,k} | j+k = l+i-m \text{ and } k \neq i\}$ . Hence  $\dim R_{-l} = [(l+i-m)/2] - \delta_{l,m+1}$ .

If  $m+2 \leq l \leq 2m-i$  set  $q = l - m$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{-l} &= \{f_{j,k} | a_j + a_k = 2m+i+q \text{ or } a_j + a_k < 2m+q\} \\
&= \{f_{j,k} | j+k = i+q \text{ and } j, k \neq i \text{ or } j+k \leq q-1\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$R_{-l} = \text{span} \{f_{1,q+i-1}, \dots, \widehat{f_{q,i}}, \dots, f_{[q+i/2], [q+i/2]}, f_{1,1}, \dots, f_{1,q-2}\}$$

and  $\dim R_{-l} = q + [(q+i)/2] - 3 = l - m + [(l+i-m)/2] - 3$ .

If  $2m - i + 1 \leq l \leq m + i$  then

$$\begin{aligned} R_{-l} &= \{f_{j,k} \mid a_j + a_k = 2m + i + q \text{ or } a_j + a_k < 2m + q\} \\ &= \{f_{j,k} \mid j + k = i + q \text{ and } j, k \neq i \text{ or } j + k \leq q - 1\} \\ &= \text{span} \{f_{i+q-m+1, m-1}, \dots, \widehat{f_{q,i}}, \dots, f_{[(q+i)/2], [(q+i)/2]}, f_{1,1}, \dots, f_{1,q-2}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\dim R_{-l} = m - 1 - \{(q+i)/2\} + q - 2 = m + [(q+i)/2] - i - 3$ .

Suppose  $l = m + i + 1 \geq 2m - i + 1$  so that  $2i \geq m$ . Then if  $i = m - 1$  we have  $l = 2m$  and  $R_{-l} = \text{span} \{f_{1,1}, \dots, f_{1,m-2}\}$  so that  $\dim T_{-l} = 1$ . If  $i \leq m - 2$  then  $R_{-l} = \text{span} \{f_{1,1}, \dots, f_{1,i-1}, f_{2i+2-m, m-1}, \dots, f_{i-1, i+2}\}$  and has rank  $m - 3$  so again  $\dim T_{-l} = 1$ .

Now suppose  $m + i + 2 \leq l \leq 2m - 1$  and set  $q = l - m$ . If  $i = 2$  then  $m = 5$  and  $R_{-l} = \{f_{1,1}, f_{3,3}\}$  so  $\dim T_{-l} = 1$ . If  $i \geq 3$ ,  $R_{-l} = \text{span} \{f_{1,1}, \dots, \widehat{f_{1,i}}, \dots, f_{1,q-2}, f_{i+q-m+1, m-1}, \dots, f_{i-1, q+1}, f_{i+1, q-1}, f_{2, i-1}\}$  so that  $\dim R_{-l} = m - 2$  and  $T_{-l} = 0$ .

Assume that  $l = 2m > m + i + 1$ , so  $i \leq m - 2$ . If  $i \geq 3$  then  $R_{-l} = \text{span} \{f_{1,1}, \dots, \widehat{f_{1,i}}, \dots, f_{1, m-2}, f_{2, i-1}, f_{i+1, m-1}\}$  and  $T_{-l} = 0$ .

If  $i = 2$  and  $m = 4$  or  $5$  then  $R_{-l} = \{f_{1,1}, \widehat{f_{1,2}}, \dots, f_{1, m-2}, f_{3, m-1}\}$  so that  $\dim T_{-l} = 1$ .

Now suppose  $l \geq 2m + 1$  and set  $q = l - [l/m]m$ . If  $q = 1$  or  $q = i$  and  $l \geq 3m + i$  then

$$R_{-l} \supseteq \{f_{1,1}, \dots, f_{1, m-1}\}.$$

If  $l = 2m + i$  so that  $G_{-l} = S_H - \{a_i\}$  then  $R_{-l}$  is spanned by:

$$\begin{aligned} &\{f_{1,1}, \dots, \widehat{f_{1,i-1}}, \widehat{f_{1,i}}, \dots, f_{1, m-1}, f_{2, i-1}\} \text{ if } i \geq 3, \\ &\{f_{1,3}, \dots, f_{1, m-1}\} \text{ if } i = 2 \text{ and } m \leq 4, \\ &\{f_{1,3}, f_{1,4}, f_{3,3}\} \text{ if } i = 2 \text{ and } m = 5. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently  $\dim T_{-l} = \delta_{i,2}(\delta_{m,3} + \delta_{m,4})$ . Suppose  $q = 2 \leq i - 1$ . Then  $R_{-l}$  is spanned by:

$$\begin{aligned} &\{f_{1,2}, \dots, \widehat{f_{1,i}}, \dots, f_{1, m-1}, f_{2,2}, f_{2, i-1}\} \text{ if } i \geq 4, \\ &\{f_{1,2}, \widehat{f_{1,3}}, \dots, f_{1, m-1}, f_{2,2}, f_{2, m-1}\} \text{ if } i = 3 \text{ and } m \geq 5, \\ &\{f_{1,2}, f_{2,2}\} \text{ if } i = 3 \text{ and } m = 4 \text{ and } l = 2m + 2, \\ &\{f_{1,2}, f_{1,3}, f_{2,2}\} \text{ if } i = 3, m = 4 \text{ and } l \geq 3m + 2. \end{aligned}$$

We note that  $\dim T_{-(2m+2)} = \delta_{m,3} + \delta_{m,4}$ . Now suppose  $3 \leq q \leq m - 1$  and that  $q \neq i$ . Then  $R_{-l}$  is spanned by:

$$\begin{aligned} & \{f_{1,1}, \dots, \widehat{f_{1,q-1}}, \dots, \widehat{f_{1,i}}, \dots, f_{1,m-1}, f_{2,q-1}, f_{2,i-1}\} \text{ if } i \geq 3 \text{ and } q \neq i+1 \\ & \{f_{1,1}, \dots, \widehat{f_{1,i}}, \dots, f_{1,m-1}, f_{i+1,i+1}\} \text{ if } q = i+1 \leq m-1, \\ & \{f_{1,1}, f_{1,2}, \widehat{f_{1,3}}, f_{1,4}, f_{3,3}\} \text{ if } i = 2, m = 5, q = 4. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\dim R_{-l} = m - 1$  and  $T_{-l} = 0$ . If  $q = 0$  so that  $l = [l/m]m \geq 3m$ , then  $R_{-l}$  is spanned by:

$$\begin{aligned} & \{f_{1,1}, \dots, f_{1,m-2}, f_{i+1,m-1}\} \text{ if } i \leq m-2, \\ & \{f_{1,1}, \dots, f_{1,m-2}\} \text{ if } i = m-1, m \leq 4 \text{ and } l = 3m, \\ & \{f_{1,1}, \dots, f_{1,m-2}, f_{3,m-2}\} \text{ if } i = m-1 \text{ and } m \geq 5, \\ & \{f_{1,1}\} \text{ if } i = m-1, m = 3 \text{ and } l = 4m, \\ & \{f_{1,1}, \dots, f_{1,m-2}, f_{2,2}\} \text{ if } i = m-1, m = 4 \text{ and } l \geq 4m \\ & \text{or } m = 3 \text{ and } l \geq 5m. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \dim T_{-3m} &= \delta_{m,3} + \delta_{m,4} \cdot \delta_{i,3} \\ \dim T_{-4m} &= \delta_{m,3} \\ \dim T_{-l} &= 0 \text{ if } m \nmid l \text{ and } l \geq 5m. \end{aligned}$$

**COROLLARY 3.8.** *If  $H$  is negatively graded of the third type with  $c(H) = m + i + 1 \leq 2m$  then*

$$\begin{aligned} \dim T^1(H) &= m^2 - (i+1)m + \frac{i(i+1)}{2} + 2\delta_{m,4} \text{ if } i \geq 3, \\ &= m^2 - 3m + 6 - \delta_{m,4} - \delta_{m,5} \text{ if } i = 2. \end{aligned}$$

If  $c(H) = 2m + 2$  then

$$\dim T^1(H) = \frac{(m-1)m}{2} + 2 + 3\delta_{m,3} + 2\delta_{m,4}.$$

**4. The obstruction of the formal moduli space.** Let  $B = B_H$  be negatively graded and let  $T|S$  represent the versal deformation of  $B|k$  in the sense of Schlessinger [6]. Then  $(S, m_S)$  is a complete noetherian  $k$ -algebra with residue field  $k$ .  $T$  is flat as an  $S$ -module and  $T \otimes_S k \cong B$ .

Pinkham [3] has shown that  $T|S$  admit gradings as  $k$ -algebras which are compatible with the structure of  $B$  as a graded  $k$ -algebra. One then has the isomorphism  $T^1(B) \cong \text{Hom}_k(m_S/m_S^2, k)$  in the category of graded  $k$ -vector spaces. Thus  $\dim T^1(B)$  also is the dimension of the tangent space  $(m_S/m_S^2)^*$  of the formal moduli space  $\text{Spec}(S)$ .

We say the formal moduli space is *unobstructed* if  $S$  is a regular

local ring. Now  $S$  is regular if and only if  $\text{Krull-dim } S = \dim (m_s/m_s^2)$  if and only if  $S$  is formally smooth over  $k$  ([2], Proposition 28. M). Thus the formal moduli space is unobstructed if and only if  $\dim T^1(B) = \text{Krull-dim } S$ .

Let  $U$  denote that open subset of  $\text{Spec}(S)$  consisting of all points having smooth fibers, i.e.,  $U = \{x \in \text{Spec}(S) \mid T(x) \text{ is smooth over } \kappa(x)\}$  where  $T(x) = T \otimes_S \kappa(x)$  and  $\kappa(x) = A_x/\mathfrak{p}_x A_x$ .

In [5] we showed that  $U$  is nonempty (as  $B$  can be smoothed) and effectively computed the dimension of  $U$ . We note that

$$\dim U \leq \dim \text{Spec}(S) \leq \dim T^1(B).$$

Hence  $\text{Spec}(S)$  is unobstructed iff  $\dim U = \dim T^1(B)$ .

We now recall the dimension formula for  $U$  and compare  $\dim U$  to  $\dim T^1(B)$ .

If  $H$  is a numerical semigroup let  $\text{End}(H) = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n + H^+ \subset H\}$  where  $H^+ = H - \{0\}$ . Let  $\lambda(H) = [\text{End}(H): H]$  so that  $1 \leq \lambda(H) \leq g(H) = g$ .

**PROPOSITION 4.1.** *If  $H$  is negatively graded with  $\lambda(H) = \lambda$ ,  $g(H) = g$  and  $U$  is as above then*

$$\dim U = 2g + \lambda - 1.$$

*Proof.* See [5], proof of Corollary 6.3.

Now suppose that  $H$  is ordinary or hyperordinary of multiplicity  $m$  with  $a(H) = pm + i$  (recall that  $a(H) = \inf \{H - mN\}$ ). Then  $g(H) = p(m-1) + i - 1$  and  $\lambda(H) = m - 1$  ([5], Proposition 2.2). Thus  $\dim U = 2g + \lambda - 1 = (2p+1)(m-1) + 2i - 3$ . Combining this with Corollary 3.4 we obtain:

**PROPOSITION 4.2.** *Suppose that  $H$  is ordinary or hyperordinary of multiplicity  $m$  with  $a(H) = pm + i$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \dim T^1(H) - \dim U &= p(m-1)(m-3) + i(i-4) + 3 + \delta_{i,2} & \text{if } m \geq 3, \\ &= 0 & \text{if } m = 2. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently the formal moduli space for  $B_H$  is unobstructed iff  $m \leq 3$ .

Now suppose  $H$  is negatively graded of the third type with  $m(H) = m$  and  $m + i$  a gap for  $H$ . Then  $g(H) = m + \delta_{i,1}$  and  $\lambda(H) = m - i - \delta_{i,1}(m-2)$  ([5], Proposition 2.2). Hence  $\dim U = 2g + \lambda - 1 = 3m - i - 1 - \delta_{i,1}(m-4)$ . Combining this with Corollary 3.8 we obtain:

PROPOSITION 4.3. Suppose that  $H = H_m - \{m + i\}$  where  $H_m$  is ordinary and  $2 \leq i \leq m - 1$ . Let  $U$  be as above. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \dim T^1(H) - \dim U &= (m - 3)^2 - \delta_{m,4} - \delta_{m,5} \quad \text{if } i = 2, \\ &= m^2 - (i + 4)m + \frac{(i + 1)(i + 2)}{2} + 2\delta_{m,4} \quad \text{if } i \geq 3. \end{aligned}$$

If  $H = H_m - \{m + 1, 2m + 1\}$  then

$$\dim T^1(H) - \dim U = \frac{m(m - 5)}{2} + 3\delta_{m,3} + 2\delta_{m,4}.$$

Summarizing, the formal moduli space for  $B_H$  is unobstructed iff  $m \leq 4$  or  $m = 5$  and  $i \neq 2$  (i.e.,  $m + 2 \in H$ ).

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