

## On the Betti numbers of the tangent cones for Gorenstein monomial curves

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**Abstract:** The aim of the article is to study the Betti numbers of the tangent cone of Gorenstein monomial curves in affine 4-space. If  $C_S$  is a noncomplete intersection Gorenstein monomial curve whose tangent cone is Cohen–Macaulay, we show that the possible Betti sequences are  $(1,5,5,1)$ ,  $(1,5,6,2)$  and  $(1,6,8,3)$ .

**Key words:** Gorenstein monomial curves, tangent cones, Betti numbers

### 1. Introduction

Let  $S$  denote the numerical semigroup generated by the positive integers  $n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_d$  with  $\gcd(n_1, \dots, n_d) = 1$ . Consider the polynomial rings  $R = k[x_1, \dots, x_d]$  and  $k[t]$  over the field  $k$ . The semigroup ring  $k[S] = k[t^{n_1}, \dots, t^{n_d}]$  is the  $k$ -subalgebra of  $k[t]$ .  $\varphi : R \rightarrow k[S] \subset k[t]$  with  $\varphi(x_i) = t^{n_i}$  is the  $k$ -algebra homomorphism for  $i = 1, \dots, d$  and its kernel  $I_S$  is called the toric ideal of  $S$ .

Let  $m = (t^{n_1}, \dots, t^{n_d})$  be the maximal ideal of the one-dimensional local ring  $k[[t^{n_1}, \dots, t^{n_d}]]$ . When  $k$  is algebraically closed, the semigroup ring  $k[S] = k[t^{n_1}, \dots, t^{n_d}]$  is isomorphic to the coordinate ring  $R/I_S$  of  $C_S$  and the coordinate ring  $gr_m(k[[t^{n_1}, \dots, t^{n_d}]])$  of the tangent cone of  $C_S$  at the origin is isomorphic to the ring  $R/I_{S_*}$ . Here,  $I_{S_*}$  is generated by the polynomials  $f_*$  which are the homogeneous summands of  $f \in I_S$  and is called the defining ideal of the tangent cone of  $C_S$ . A monomial curve  $C_S$  is Gorenstein if the associated local ring  $k[[t^{n_1}, \dots, t^{n_d}]]$  is Gorenstein.  $k[[t^{n_1}, \dots, t^{n_d}]]$  is Gorenstein if and only if the semigroup  $S$  is symmetric [8]. We recall that the numerical semigroup  $S$  is symmetric if and only if for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  either  $x \in S$  or  $F(S) - x \in S$ , where  $F(S)$  denote the Frobenius number of  $S$ .

Finding an explicit minimal free resolution of a standard  $k$ -algebra is one of the core areas in commutative algebra. Since it is very difficult to obtain a description of the differential in the resolution, we can get some information about the numerical invariants of the resolution such as Betti numbers. The  $i$ -th Betti number of an  $R$ -module  $M$ ,  $\beta_i(M)$ , is the rank of the free modules appearing in the minimal free resolution of  $M$  where

$$0 \rightarrow R^{\beta_{k-1}} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow R^{\beta_1} \rightarrow R^{\beta_0}$$

and the Betti sequence of  $M$ ,  $\beta(M)$ , is  $(\beta_0(M), \beta_1(M), \dots, \beta_{k-1}(M))$ . Stamate [10] gave a broad survey on the Betti numbers of the numerical semigroup rings and stated the problem of describing the Betti numbers and the minimal free resolution for the tangent cone when  $S$  is 4-generated semigroup which is symmetric, or equivalently,  $C_S$  is a Gorenstein monomial curve in affine 4-space [see [10], Problem 9.9.]. The case has

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been addressed for Cohen–Macaulay tangent cone of a monomial curve in  $\mathbb{A}^4(k)$  corresponding to a pseudo-symmetric numerical semigroup in [11]. In this paper, we solve the problem for Cohen–Macaulay tangent cone of a monomial curve in  $\mathbb{A}^4(k)$  corresponding to a noncomplete intersection symmetric numerical semigroup. All computations have been done using SINGULAR\*.

**2. The noncomplete intersection Gorenstein monomial curves**

For the rest of the paper, we assume that  $C_S$  is a Gorenstein noncomplete intersection monomial curve in  $\mathbb{A}^4$ . Now, we recall Bresinsky’s theorem, which gives the explicit description of the defining ideal of  $C_S$ .

**Theorem 2.1** [4] *Let  $C_S$  be a monomial curve having the parametrization*

$$x_1 = t^{n_1}, x_2 = t^{n_2}, x_3 = t^{n_3}, x_4 = t^{n_4}$$

where  $S = \langle n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4 \rangle$  is a numerical semigroup minimally generated by  $n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4$ . The semigroup  $\langle n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4 \rangle$  is symmetric and  $C_S$  is a noncomplete intersection curve if and only if  $I_S$  is generated by the set

$$\{f_1 = x_1^{\alpha_1} - x_3^{\alpha_{13}} x_4^{\alpha_{14}}, f_2 = x_2^{\alpha_2} - x_1^{\alpha_{21}} x_4^{\alpha_{24}}, f_3 = x_3^{\alpha_3} - x_1^{\alpha_{31}} x_2^{\alpha_{32}}, \\ f_4 = x_4^{\alpha_4} - x_2^{\alpha_{42}} x_3^{\alpha_{43}}, f_5 = x_3^{\alpha_{43}} x_1^{\alpha_{21}} - x_2^{\alpha_{32}} x_4^{\alpha_{14}}\}$$

where the polynomials  $f_i$ ’s are unique up to isomorphism with  $0 < \alpha_{ij} < \alpha_j$  with  $\alpha_i n_i \in \langle n_1, \dots, \hat{n}_i, \dots, n_4 \rangle$  such that  $\alpha_i$ ’s are minimal for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ , where  $\hat{n}_i$  denotes that  $n_i \notin \langle n_1, \dots, \hat{n}_i, \dots, n_4 \rangle$ .

Theorem 2.1 implies that for any noncomplete intersection Gorenstein monomial curve  $C_S$ , the variables can be renamed to obtain generators exactly of the given form, and this means that there are six isomorphic possible permutations which can be considered within three cases:

1.  $f_1 = (1, (3, 4))$ 
  - (a)  $f_2 = (2, (1, 4)), f_3 = (3, (1, 2)), f_4 = (4, (2, 3)), f_5 = ((1, 3), (2, 4))$
  - (b)  $f_2 = (2, (1, 3)), f_3 = (3, (2, 4)), f_4 = (4, (1, 2)), f_5 = ((1, 4), (2, 3))$
2.  $f_1 = (1, (2, 3))$ 
  - (a)  $f_2 = (2, (3, 4)), f_3 = (3, (1, 4)), f_4 = (4, (1, 2)), f_5 = ((2, 4), (1, 3))$
  - (b)  $f_2 = (2, (1, 4)), f_3 = (3, (2, 4)), f_4 = (4, (1, 3)), f_5 = ((1, 3), (4, 2))$
3.  $f_1 = (1, (2, 4))$ 
  - (a)  $f_2 = (2, (1, 3)), f_3 = (3, (1, 4)), f_4 = (4, (2, 3)), f_5 = ((1, 2), (3, 4))$
  - (b)  $f_2 = (2, (3, 4)), f_3 = (3, (1, 2)), f_4 = (4, (1, 3)), f_5 = ((2, 3), (1, 4))$

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Here, the notations  $f_i = (i, (j, k))$  and  $f_5 = ((i, j), (k, l))$  denote the generators  $f_i = x_i^{\alpha_i} - x_j^{\alpha_{ij}} x_k^{\alpha_{ik}}$  and  $f_5 = x_i^{\alpha_{ki}} x_j^{\alpha_{ij}} - x_k^{\alpha_{jk}} x_l^{\alpha_{il}}$ . Thus, given a Gorenstein monomial curve  $C_S$ , if we have the extra condition  $n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < n_4$ , then the generator set of its defining ideal  $I_S$  is exactly given by one of these six permutations.

The study of the Cohen–Macaulayness of tangent cones of monomial curves constitutes an important problem [1],[2]. In [3], Arslan and Mete determined the common arithmetic conditions satisfied by the generators of the defining ideals of  $C_S$  and under these conditions they found the generators of the tangent cone of  $C_S$ . In [2], they provided necessary and sufficient conditions for the Cohen–Macaulayness of the tangent cone of  $C_S$  in all six permutations and gave the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.2** [2] (1) Suppose that  $I_S$  is given as in the Case 1(a). Then  $R/I_{S_*}$  is Cohen–Macaulay if and only if  $\alpha_2 \leq \alpha_{21} + \alpha_{24}$ .

(2) Suppose that  $I_S$  is given as in Case 1(b). (i) Assume that  $\alpha_{32} < \alpha_{42}$  and  $\alpha_{14} \leq \alpha_{34}$ . Then  $R/I_{S_*}$  is Cohen–Macaulay if and only if

1.  $\alpha_2 \leq \alpha_{21} + \alpha_{23}$
2.  $\alpha_{42} + \alpha_{13} \leq \alpha_{21} + \alpha_{34}$  and
3.  $\alpha_3 + \alpha_{13} \leq \alpha_1 + \alpha_{32} + \alpha_{34} - \alpha_{14}$ .

(ii) Assume that  $\alpha_{42} \leq \alpha_{32}$ . Then  $R/I_{S_*}$  is Cohen–Macaulay if and only if

1.  $\alpha_2 \leq \alpha_{21} + \alpha_{23}$
2.  $\alpha_{42} + \alpha_{13} \leq \alpha_{21} + \alpha_{34}$  and
3. either  $\alpha_{34} < \alpha_{14}$  and  $\alpha_3 + \alpha_{13} \leq \alpha_{21} + \alpha_{32} - \alpha_{42} + 2\alpha_{34}$   
or  $\alpha_{14} \leq \alpha_{34}$  and  $\alpha_3 + \alpha_{13} \leq \alpha_1 + \alpha_{32} + \alpha_{34} - \alpha_{14}$ .

(3) Suppose that  $I_S$  is given as in Case 2(a). (i) Assume that  $\alpha_{24} < \alpha_{34}$  and  $\alpha_{13} \leq \alpha_{23}$ . Then  $R/I_{S_*}$  is Cohen–Macaulay if and only if

1.  $\alpha_3 \leq \alpha_{31} + \alpha_{34}$
2.  $\alpha_{12} + \alpha_{34} \leq \alpha_{41} + \alpha_{23}$  and
3.  $\alpha_2 + \alpha_{12} \leq \alpha_1 + \alpha_{23} - \alpha_{13} + \alpha_{24}$ .

(ii) Assume that  $\alpha_{34} \leq \alpha_{24}$ . Then  $R/I_{S_*}$  is Cohen–Macaulay if and only if

1.  $\alpha_3 \leq \alpha_{31} + \alpha_{34}$
2.  $\alpha_{12} + \alpha_{34} \leq \alpha_{41} + \alpha_{23}$  and
3. either  $\alpha_{23} < \alpha_{13}$  and  $\alpha_2 + \alpha_{12} \leq \alpha_{41} + 2\alpha_{23} + \alpha_{24} - \alpha_{34}$   
or  $\alpha_{13} \leq \alpha_{23}$  and  $\alpha_2 + \alpha_{12} \leq \alpha_1 + \alpha_{23} - \alpha_{13} + \alpha_{24}$ .

(4) Suppose that  $I_S$  is given as in Case 2(b). (i) Assume that  $\alpha_{34} < \alpha_{24}$  and  $\alpha_{12} \leq \alpha_{32}$ . Then  $R/I_{S_*}$  is Cohen–Macaulay if and only if

1.  $\alpha_2 \leq \alpha_{21} + \alpha_{24}$  and
2.  $\alpha_3 + \alpha_{13} \leq \alpha_1 + \alpha_{32} - \alpha_{12} + \alpha_{34}$ .

(ii) Assume that  $\alpha_{24} \leq \alpha_{34}$ . Then  $R/I_{S_*}$  is Cohen–Macaulay if and only if

1.  $\alpha_2 \leq \alpha_{21} + \alpha_{24}$  and
2. either  $\alpha_{32} < \alpha_{12}$  and  $\alpha_3 + \alpha_{13} \leq \alpha_{41} + 2\alpha_{32} + \alpha_{34} - \alpha_{24}$   
or  $\alpha_{12} \leq \alpha_{32}$  and  $\alpha_3 + \alpha_{13} \leq \alpha_1 + \alpha_{32} - \alpha_{12} + \alpha_{34}$ .

(5) Suppose that  $I_S$  is given as in the Case 3(a). Then  $R/I_{S_*}$  is Cohen–Macaulay tangent cone if and only if  $\alpha_2 \leq \alpha_{21} + \alpha_{23}$  and  $\alpha_3 \leq \alpha_{31} + \alpha_{34}$ .

(6) Suppose that  $I_S$  is given as in Case 3(b). (i) Assume that  $\alpha_{23} < \alpha_{43}$  and  $\alpha_{14} \leq \alpha_{24}$ . Then  $R/I_{S^*}$  is Cohen–Macaulay if and only if

1.  $\alpha_{12} + \alpha_{43} \leq \alpha_{31} + \alpha_{24}$  and
2.  $\alpha_2 + \alpha_{12} \leq \alpha_1 + \alpha_{23} + \alpha_{24} - \alpha_{14}$ .

(ii) Assume that  $\alpha_{43} \leq \alpha_{23}$ . Then  $R/I_{S^*}$  is Cohen–Macaulay if and only if

1.  $\alpha_{12} + \alpha_{43} \leq \alpha_{31} + \alpha_{24}$  and
2. either  $\alpha_{24} < \alpha_{14}$  and  $\alpha_2 + \alpha_{12} \leq \alpha_{31} + 2\alpha_{24} + \alpha_{23} - \alpha_{43}$   
or  $\alpha_{14} \leq \alpha_{24}$  and  $\alpha_2 + \alpha_{12} \leq \alpha_1 + \alpha_{23} + \alpha_{24} - \alpha_{14}$ .

Recently, Katsabekis gave the remaining standard bases for  $I_S$  in [7] using above conditions for the Cohen–Macaulayness of the tangent cone of  $C_S$ .

### 3. Betti sequences of Cohen–Macaulay tangent cones

In this section, we determine the Betti sequences of the tangent cone of  $C_S$  whose tangent cone is Cohen–Macaulay. Buchsbaum–Eisenbud criterion [5] and the following Lemma (see also [6]) will be used in the all proofs.

**Lemma 3.1** [11] *Assume that the multiplicity of the monomial curve is  $n_i$ . Suppose that the  $k$ -algebra homomorphism  $\pi_i : R \rightarrow \bar{R} = k[x_1, \dots, \bar{x}_i, \dots, x_d]$  is defined by  $\pi_i(x_i) = \bar{x}_i = 0$  and  $\pi_j(x_j) = x_j$  for  $i \neq j$ , and set  $\bar{I} = \pi_i(I_{S^*})$ . If the tangent cone  $gr_m(k[[t^{n_1}, \dots, t^{n_d}]])$  is Cohen–Macaulay, then the Betti sequences of  $gr_m(k[[t^{n_1}, \dots, t^{n_d}]])$  and of  $\bar{R}/\bar{I}$  are the same.*

This is a very effective result to reduce the number of cases for finding the Betti numbers of the tangent cones.

**Case 1(a):** Suppose that  $I_S$  is minimally generated by the polynomials

$$f_1 = x_1^{\alpha_1} - x_3^{\alpha_{13}} x_4^{\alpha_{14}}, \quad f_2 = x_2^{\alpha_2} - x_1^{\alpha_{21}} x_4^{\alpha_{24}}, \quad f_3 = x_3^{\alpha_3} - x_1^{\alpha_{31}} x_2^{\alpha_{32}},$$

$$f_4 = x_4^{\alpha_4} - x_2^{\alpha_{42}} x_3^{\alpha_{43}}, \quad f_5 = x_1^{\alpha_{21}} x_3^{\alpha_{43}} - x_2^{\alpha_{32}} x_4^{\alpha_{14}}$$

where  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_{21} + \alpha_{31}$ ,  $\alpha_2 = \alpha_{32} + \alpha_{42}$ ,  $\alpha_3 = \alpha_{13} + \alpha_{43}$ ,  $\alpha_4 = \alpha_{14} + \alpha_{24}$ . The condition  $n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < n_4$  implies  $\alpha_1 > \alpha_{13} + \alpha_{14}$ ,  $\alpha_4 < \alpha_{42} + \alpha_{43}$  and  $\alpha_3 < \alpha_{31} + \alpha_{32}$ .

$C_S$  has Cohen–Macaulay tangent cone only under the condition  $\alpha_2 \leq \alpha_{21} + \alpha_{24}$  by [2]. Mete and Zengin [9] gave the explicit minimal free resolution for the tangent cone of  $C_S$  and showed that the Betti sequence of its tangent cone is  $(1, 5, 6, 2)$ .

**Case 1(b) :** Suppose that  $I_S$  is minimally generated by the polynomials

$$f_1 = x_1^{\alpha_1} - x_3^{\alpha_{13}} x_4^{\alpha_{14}}, \quad f_2 = x_2^{\alpha_2} - x_1^{\alpha_{21}} x_3^{\alpha_{23}}, \quad f_3 = x_3^{\alpha_3} - x_2^{\alpha_{32}} x_4^{\alpha_{34}},$$

$$f_4 = x_4^{\alpha_4} - x_1^{\alpha_{41}} x_2^{\alpha_{42}}, \quad f_5 = x_1^{\alpha_{21}} x_4^{\alpha_{34}} - x_2^{\alpha_{42}} x_3^{\alpha_{13}}$$

where  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_{21} + \alpha_{41}$ ,  $\alpha_2 = \alpha_{32} + \alpha_{42}$ ,  $\alpha_3 = \alpha_{13} + \alpha_{23}$ ,  $\alpha_4 = \alpha_{14} + \alpha_{34}$ . The condition  $n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < n_4$  implies  $\alpha_1 > \alpha_{13} + \alpha_{14}$  and  $\alpha_4 < \alpha_{41} + \alpha_{42}$ . Under the restriction  $\alpha_2 \leq \alpha_{21} + \alpha_{23}$  by Theorem 2.2 and one possible condition  $\alpha_3 \leq \alpha_{32} + \alpha_{34}$ , the Betti sequences for the Cohen–Macaulay tangent cone of  $C_S$  are  $(1, 5, 5, 1)$  and  $(1, 5, 6, 2)$ , as given in [9]. Here, the other possible condition  $\alpha_3 > \alpha_{32} + \alpha_{34}$  will be considered.

**Theorem 3.2** *The Betti sequence of the tangent cone  $R/I_{S_*}$  of  $C_S$  is  $(1, 6, 8, 3)$ , if  $I_S$  is given as in Case 1(b) when  $\alpha_3 > \alpha_{32} + \alpha_{34}$ .*

**Proof** Suppose that  $I_S$  is given as in the Case 1(b) when  $\alpha_3 > \alpha_{32} + \alpha_{34}$ .

(i) By Proposition 2.7 in [7], if  $\alpha_{32} < \alpha_{42}$  and  $\alpha_{14} \leq \alpha_{34}$ , then,

$$G = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6 = x_3^{\alpha_3 + \alpha_{13}} - x_1^{\alpha_1} x_2^{\alpha_{32}} x_4^{\alpha_{34} - \alpha_{14}}\},$$

(ii) By Proposition 2.9 in [7],

(1) if  $\alpha_{42} \leq \alpha_{32}$  and  $\alpha_{34} < \alpha_{14}$ , then

$$G = \{f_1, f_2, f_3 f_4, f_5, f_6 = x_3^{\alpha_3 + \alpha_{13}} - x_1^{\alpha_{21}} x_2^{\alpha_{32} - \alpha_{42}} x_4^{2\alpha_{34}}\},$$

(2) if  $\alpha_{42} \leq \alpha_{32}$  and  $\alpha_{14} \leq \alpha_{34}$ , then

$$G = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6 = x_3^{\alpha_3 + \alpha_{13}} - x_1^{\alpha_1} x_2^{\alpha_{32}} x_4^{\alpha_{34} - \alpha_{14}}\}$$

are standard bases for  $I_S$ . Since  $\bar{I} = \pi_i(I_{S_*})$  which sends  $x_1$  to 0, the generators of the defining ideal of  $\bar{I}$  is generated by

$$G_* = (x_3^{\alpha_{13}} x_4^{\alpha_{14}}, x_2^{\alpha_2}, x_2^{\alpha_{32}} x_4^{\alpha_{34}}, x_4^{\alpha_4}, x_2^{\alpha_{42}} x_3^{\alpha_{13}}, x_3^{\alpha_3 + \alpha_{13}}).$$

Now, consider the case (i). Since the Betti sequences of  $R/I_{S_*}$  and  $\bar{R}/\bar{I}$  are the same which follows from Lemma 3.1, we will show that the sequence,

$$0 \rightarrow R^3 \xrightarrow{\varphi_3} R^8 \xrightarrow{\varphi_2} R^6 \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} R^1 \rightarrow 0$$

is a minimal free resolution of  $\bar{R}/\bar{I}$ , where

$$\varphi_1 = (x_3^{\alpha_{13}} x_4^{\alpha_{14}} \quad x_2^{\alpha_2} \quad x_2^{\alpha_{32}} x_4^{\alpha_{34}} \quad x_4^{\alpha_4} \quad x_2^{\alpha_{42}} x_3^{\alpha_{13}} \quad x_3^{\alpha_3 + \alpha_{13}}),$$

$$\varphi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -x_2^{\alpha_{32}} x_4^{\alpha_{34} - \alpha_{14}} & 0 & -x_4^{\alpha_{34}} & x_2^{\alpha_{42}} & x_3^{\alpha_3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -x_4^{\alpha_{34}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & x_3^{\alpha_{13}} & 0 \\ x_4^{\alpha_{14}} & x_3^{\alpha_{13}} & x_2^{\alpha_{42}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -x_2^{\alpha_{32}} & 0 & 0 & x_3^{\alpha_{13}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -x_4^{\alpha_{14}} & 0 & -x_2^{\alpha_{32}} & x_3^{\alpha_3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -x_4^{\alpha_{14}} & 0 & -x_2^{\alpha_{42}} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\varphi_3 = \begin{pmatrix} x_3^{\alpha_{13}} & 0 & 0 \\ -x_4^{\alpha_{14}} & x_2^{\alpha_{42}} & 0 \\ 0 & -x_3^{\alpha_{13}} & 0 \\ x_2^{\alpha_{32}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & x_2^{\alpha_{32}} x_4^{\alpha_{34} - \alpha_{14}} & x_3^{\alpha_3} \\ 0 & 0 & -x_2^{\alpha_{42}} \\ 0 & x_4^{\alpha_{34}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & x_4^{\alpha_{14}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since  $\varphi_1\varphi_2 = \varphi_2\varphi_3 = 0$ , the sequence above is a complex. One can easily check that  $rank(\varphi_1) = 1$ ,  $rank(\varphi_2) = 5$  and  $rank(\varphi_3) = 3$ . As the 5-minors of  $\varphi_2$ , we get  $x_3^{2\alpha_3+3\alpha_{13}}$  by deleting the row 6, and the columns 1, 3, 5, and  $-x_4^{2\alpha_4+\alpha_{14}}$  by deleting the row 4 and the columns 2, 7, 8. These two determinants are relatively prime, so  $I(\varphi_2)$  contains a regular sequence of length 2. As the 3-minors of  $\varphi_3$ , we have  $x_2^{\alpha_2+\alpha_{42}}$  by deleting the rows 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, and  $-x_3^{\alpha_3+2\alpha_{13}}$  by deleting the rows 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, and finally,  $-x_4^{\alpha_4+\alpha_{14}}$  by deleting the rows 1, 3, 4, 5, 6. Since these are relatively prime,  $I(\varphi_3)$  contains a regular sequence of length 3.

The other cases (ii)-(1) and (2) can be done similarly and are hence omitted. □

**Case 2(a):** Suppose that  $I_S$  is minimally generated by the polynomials

$$f_1 = x_1^{\alpha_1} - x_2^{\alpha_{12}}x_3^{\alpha_{13}}, \quad f_2 = x_2^{\alpha_2} - x_3^{\alpha_{23}}x_4^{\alpha_{24}}, \quad f_3 = x_3^{\alpha_3} - x_1^{\alpha_{31}}x_4^{\alpha_{34}},$$

$$f_4 = x_4^{\alpha_4} - x_1^{\alpha_{41}}x_2^{\alpha_{42}}, \quad f_5 = x_1^{\alpha_{41}}x_3^{\alpha_{23}} - x_2^{\alpha_{12}}x_4^{\alpha_{34}}$$

where  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_{31} + \alpha_{41}$ ,  $\alpha_2 = \alpha_{12} + \alpha_{42}$ ,  $\alpha_3 = \alpha_{13} + \alpha_{23}$ ,  $\alpha_4 = \alpha_{24} + \alpha_{34}$ . The condition  $n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < n_4$  implies  $\alpha_1 > \alpha_{12} + \alpha_{13}$ ,  $\alpha_2 > \alpha_{23} + \alpha_{24}$  and  $\alpha_4 < \alpha_{41} + \alpha_{42}$ . Note that the assumption  $\alpha_3 \leq \alpha_{31} + \alpha_{34}$  is one of the necessary and sufficient conditions for the Cohen–Macaulayness of the tangent cone by Theorem 2.2.

**Theorem 3.3** *The Betti sequence of the tangent cone  $R/I_{S_*}$  of  $C_S$  is  $(1, 6, 8, 3)$ , if  $I_S$  is given as in Case 2(a).*

**Proof** Suppose that  $I_S$  is given as in the Case 2(a).

(i) By Proposition 2.11 in [7], if  $\alpha_{24} < \alpha_{34}$  and  $\alpha_{13} \leq \alpha_{23}$ , then

$$G = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6 = x_2^{\alpha_2+\alpha_{12}} - x_1^{\alpha_1}x_3^{\alpha_{23}-\alpha_{13}}x_4^{\alpha_{24}}\}$$

(ii) By Proposition 2.13 in [7],

(1) if  $\alpha_{34} \leq \alpha_{24}$  and  $\alpha_{23} < \alpha_{13}$ , then

$$G = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6 = x_2^{\alpha_2+\alpha_{12}} - x_1^{\alpha_{41}}x_3^{2\alpha_{23}}x_4^{\alpha_{24}-\alpha_{34}}\}$$

(2) if  $\alpha_{34} \leq \alpha_{24}$  and  $\alpha_{13} \leq \alpha_{23}$ , then

$$G = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6 = x_2^{\alpha_2+\alpha_{12}} - x_1^{\alpha_1}x_3^{\alpha_{23}-\alpha_{13}}x_4^{\alpha_{24}}\}$$

are standard bases for  $I_S$ . Since  $\bar{I} = \pi_i(I_{S_*})$  which sends  $x_1$  to 0, the generators of the defining ideal of  $\bar{I}$  is generated by

$$G_* = (x_2^{\alpha_{12}}x_3^{\alpha_{13}}, x_3^{\alpha_{23}}x_4^{\alpha_{24}}, x_3^{\alpha_3}, x_4^{\alpha_4}, x_2^{\alpha_{12}}x_4^{\alpha_{34}}, x_2^{\alpha_2+\alpha_{12}}).$$

Now, consider the case (i). Since the Betti sequences of  $R/I_{S_*}$  and  $\bar{R}/\bar{I}$  are the same which follows from Lemma 3.1, we will show that the sequence,

$$0 \rightarrow R^3 \xrightarrow{\varphi_3} R^8 \xrightarrow{\varphi_2} R^6 \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} R^1 \rightarrow 0$$

is a minimal free resolution of  $\overline{R}/\overline{I}$ , where

$$\varphi_1 = (x_2^{\alpha_{12}} x_3^{\alpha_{13}} \quad x_3^{\alpha_{23}} x_4^{\alpha_{24}} \quad x_3^{\alpha_3} \quad x_4^{\alpha_4} \quad x_2^{\alpha_{12}} x_4^{\alpha_{34}} \quad x_2^{\alpha_2 + \alpha_{12}}),$$

$$\varphi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} x_3^{\alpha_{23}} & x_2^{\alpha_{23} - \alpha_{13}} x_4^{\alpha_{24}} & x_4^{\alpha_{34}} & x_2^{\alpha_2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -x_2^{\alpha_{12}} & 0 & 0 & -x_3^{\alpha_{13}} & x_4^{\alpha_{34}} & 0 & 0 \\ -x_2^{\alpha_{12}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & x_4^{\alpha_{24}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -x_3^{\alpha_{23}} & -x_2^{\alpha_{12}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -x_3^{\alpha_{13}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & x_4^{\alpha_{24}} & x_2^{\alpha_2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -x_3^{\alpha_{13}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -x_4^{\alpha_{34}} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\varphi_3 = \begin{pmatrix} x_4^{\alpha_{24}} & 0 & 0 \\ -x_3^{\alpha_{13}} & x_4^{\alpha_{34}} & 0 \\ 0 & -x_3^{\alpha_{23} - \alpha_{13}} x_4^{\alpha_{24}} & x_2^{\alpha_2} \\ 0 & 0 & -x_4^{\alpha_{34}} \\ x_2^{\alpha_{12}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & x_2^{\alpha_{12}} & 0 \\ 0 & -x_3^{\alpha_{23}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & x_3^{\alpha_{13}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since  $\varphi_1 \varphi_2 = \varphi_2 \varphi_3 = 0$ , the sequence above is a complex. One can easily check that  $rank(\varphi_1) = 1$ ,  $rank(\varphi_2) = 1$  and  $rank(\varphi_3) = 3$ .

As the 5-minors of  $\varphi_2$ , we have  $-x_3^{2\alpha_3 + \alpha_{13}}$  by removing the columns 2, 7, 8 and the row 3, and  $-x_4^{2\alpha_4 + \alpha_{34}}$  by removing the columns 1, 2, 4 and the row 4. These two determinants are relatively prime, so  $I(\varphi_2)$  contains a regular sequence of length 2. As the 3-minors of  $\varphi_3$ , we get  $x_2^{\alpha_2 + 2\alpha_{12}}$  by removing the rows 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, and  $x_3^{\alpha_3 + \alpha_{13}}$  by removing the rows 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and finally  $-x_4^{\alpha_4 + \alpha_{34}}$  by removing the rows 3, 5, 6, 7, 8. These three determinants constitute a regular sequence. Thus,  $I(\varphi_3)$  contains a regular sequence of length 3.

The other cases (ii)-(1) and (2) can be done similarly and are hence omitted. □

**Case 2(b) :** Suppose that  $I_S$  is minimally generated by the polynomials

$$f_1 = x_1^{\alpha_1} - x_2^{\alpha_{12}} x_3^{\alpha_{13}}, \quad f_2 = x_2^{\alpha_2} - x_1^{\alpha_{21}} x_4^{\alpha_{24}}, \quad f_3 = x_3^{\alpha_3} - x_2^{\alpha_{32}} x_4^{\alpha_{34}},$$

$$f_4 = x_4^{\alpha_4} - x_1^{\alpha_{41}} x_3^{\alpha_{43}}, \quad f_5 = x_1^{\alpha_{41}} x_2^{\alpha_{32}} - x_3^{\alpha_{13}} x_4^{\alpha_{24}}.$$

where  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_{21} + \alpha_{41}$ ,  $\alpha_2 = \alpha_{12} + \alpha_{32}$ ,  $\alpha_3 = \alpha_{13} + \alpha_{43}$ ,  $\alpha_4 = \alpha_{24} + \alpha_{34}$ . The condition  $n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < n_4$  implies  $\alpha_1 > \alpha_{12} + \alpha_{13}$  and  $\alpha_4 < \alpha_{41} + \alpha_{43}$ .

Under the restriction  $\alpha_2 \leq \alpha_{21} + \alpha_{24}$  by Theorem 2.2 and one possible condition  $\alpha_3 \leq \alpha_{32} + \alpha_{34}$ , the Betti sequences for the Cohen–Macaulay tangent cone of  $C_S$  are  $(1, 5, 5, 1)$  and  $(1, 5, 6, 2)$ , as given in [9]. Here, the other possible condition  $\alpha_3 > \alpha_{32} + \alpha_{34}$  will be considered.

**Theorem 3.4** *The Betti sequence of the tangent cone  $R/I_{S_*}$  of  $C_S$  is  $(1, 6, 8, 3)$ , if  $I_S$  is given as in Case 2(b) when  $\alpha_3 > \alpha_{32} + \alpha_{34}$ .*

**Proof** Suppose that  $I_S$  is given as in the Case 2(b).

(i) By Proposition 2.16 in [7], if  $\alpha_{34} < \alpha_{24}$  and  $\alpha_{12} \leq \alpha_{32}$ , then

$$G = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6 = x_3^{\alpha_3 + \alpha_{13}} - x_1^{\alpha_1} x_2^{\alpha_{32} - \alpha_{12}} x_4^{\alpha_{34}}\}$$

(ii) By Proposition 2.18 in [7],

(1) if  $\alpha_{24} \leq \alpha_{34}$  and  $\alpha_{32} < \alpha_{12}$ , then

$$G = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6 = x_3^{\alpha_3 + \alpha_{13}} - x_1^{\alpha_{41}} x_2^{2\alpha_{32}} x_4^{\alpha_{34} - \alpha_{24}}\},$$

(2) if  $\alpha_{24} \leq \alpha_{34}$  and  $\alpha_{12} \leq \alpha_{32}$ , then

$$G = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6 = x_3^{\alpha_3 + \alpha_{13}} - x_1^{\alpha_1} x_2^{\alpha_{32} - \alpha_{12}} x_4^{\alpha_{34}}\}$$

are standard bases for  $I_S$ . Since  $\bar{I} = \pi_i(I_{S_*})$  which sends  $x_1$  to 0, then the generators of the defining ideal of  $\bar{I}$  is generated by

$$G_* = (x_2^{\alpha_{12}} x_3^{\alpha_{13}}, x_2^{\alpha_2}, x_2^{\alpha_{32}} x_4^{\alpha_{34}}, x_4^{\alpha_4}, x_3^{\alpha_{13}} x_4^{\alpha_{24}}, x_3^{\alpha_3 + \alpha_{13}}).$$

Now, consider the case (i). Since the Betti sequences of  $R/I_{S_*}$  and  $\bar{R}/\bar{I}$  are the same which follows from Lemma 3.1, we will show that the sequence,

$$0 \rightarrow R^3 \xrightarrow{\varphi_3} R^8 \xrightarrow{\varphi_2} R^6 \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} R^1 \rightarrow 0$$

is a minimal free resolution of  $\bar{R}/\bar{I}$ , where

$$\varphi_1 = (x_2^{\alpha_{12}} x_3^{\alpha_{13}} \quad x_2^{\alpha_2} \quad x_2^{\alpha_{32}} x_4^{\alpha_{34}} \quad x_4^{\alpha_4} \quad x_3^{\alpha_{13}} x_4^{\alpha_{24}} \quad x_3^{\alpha_3 + \alpha_{13}}),$$

$$\varphi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} x_4^{\alpha_{24}} & x_2^{\alpha_{32}} & x_3^{\alpha_3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -x_3^{\alpha_{13}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x_4^{\alpha_{34}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -x_3^{\alpha_{13}} & 0 & -x_2^{\alpha_{12}} & -x_4^{\alpha_{24}} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -x_3^{\alpha_{13}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & x_2^{\alpha_{32}} \\ -x_2^{\alpha_{12}} & 0 & 0 & x_4^{\alpha_{34}} & x_2^{\alpha_{32}} x_4^{\alpha_{34} - \alpha_{24}} & x_3^{\alpha_3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -x_2^{\alpha_{12}} & 0 & 0 & -x_4^{\alpha_{24}} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\varphi_3 = \begin{pmatrix} x_3^{\alpha_3} & -x_2^{\alpha_{32}} x_4^{\alpha_{34} - \alpha_{24}} & 0 \\ 0 & x_4^{\alpha_{34}} & 0 \\ -x_4^{\alpha_{24}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & x_2^{\alpha_{32}} \\ 0 & -x_2^{\alpha_{12}} & -x_4^{\alpha_{24}} \\ x_2^{\alpha_{12}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & x_3^{\alpha_{13}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & x_3^{\alpha_{13}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since  $\varphi_1\varphi_2 = \varphi_2\varphi_3 = 0$ , the sequence above is a complex. One can easily check that  $rank(\varphi_1) = 1$ ,  $rank(\varphi_2) = 5$  and  $rank(\varphi_3) = 3$ . As the 5-minors of  $\varphi_2$ , we get  $-x_3^{2\alpha_3 + 3\alpha_{13}}$  by removing the row 6 and the columns 1, 7, 8, and  $x_4^{2\alpha_4 + \alpha_{24}}$  by removing the row 4 and the columns 2, 3, 5. These two determinants are relatively prime, so  $I(\varphi_2)$  contains a regular sequence of length 2. As the 3-minors of  $\varphi_3$ , we have  $-x_2^{\alpha_2 + \alpha_{12}}$  by removing the rows 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, and  $x_3^{\alpha_3 + 2\alpha_{13}}$  by removing the rows 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and finally,  $-x_4^{\alpha_4 + \alpha_{24}}$  by removing the rows 1, 4, 6, 7, 8. These three determinants constitute a regular sequence. Thus,  $I(\varphi_3)$  contains a regular sequence of length 3.

The other cases (ii)-(1) and (2) can be done similarly and are hence omitted. □



**Case 3(a):** Suppose that  $I_S$  is minimally generated by the polynomials

$$f_1 = x_1^{\alpha_1} - x_2^{\alpha_{12}} x_4^{\alpha_{14}}, \quad f_2 = x_2^{\alpha_2} - x_1^{\alpha_{21}} x_3^{\alpha_{23}}, \quad f_3 = x_3^{\alpha_3} - x_1^{\alpha_{31}} x_4^{\alpha_{34}},$$

$$f_4 = x_4^{\alpha_4} - x_2^{\alpha_{42}} x_3^{\alpha_{43}}, \quad f_5 = x_1^{\alpha_{31}} x_2^{\alpha_{42}} - x_3^{\alpha_{23}} x_4^{\alpha_{14}}$$

where  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_{21} + \alpha_{31}$ ,  $\alpha_2 = \alpha_{12} + \alpha_{42}$ ,  $\alpha_3 = \alpha_{23} + \alpha_{43}$ ,  $\alpha_4 = \alpha_{14} + \alpha_{34}$ . The condition  $n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < n_4$  implies  $\alpha_1 > \alpha_{12} + \alpha_{14}$  and  $\alpha_4 < \alpha_{42} + \alpha_{43}$ .

$C_S$  has Cohen–Macaulay tangent cone only under the conditions  $\alpha_2 \leq \alpha_{21} + \alpha_{23}$  and  $\alpha_3 \leq \alpha_{31} + \alpha_{34}$  by [2]. Mete and Zengin [9] gave the explicit minimal free resolution for the tangent cone of  $C_S$  and showed that the Betti sequence of its tangent cone is  $(1, 5, 6, 2)$ .

**Case 3(b):** Suppose that  $I_S$  is minimally generated by the polynomials

$$f_1 = x_1^{\alpha_1} - x_2^{\alpha_{12}} x_4^{\alpha_{14}}, \quad f_2 = x_2^{\alpha_2} - x_3^{\alpha_{23}} x_4^{\alpha_{24}}, \quad f_3 = x_3^{\alpha_3} - x_1^{\alpha_{31}} x_2^{\alpha_{32}},$$

$$f_4 = x_4^{\alpha_4} - x_1^{\alpha_{41}} x_3^{\alpha_{43}}, \quad f_5 = x_2^{\alpha_{12}} x_3^{\alpha_{43}} - x_1^{\alpha_{31}} x_4^{\alpha_{24}}.$$

Here,  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_{31} + \alpha_{41}$ ,  $\alpha_2 = \alpha_{12} + \alpha_{32}$ ,  $\alpha_3 = \alpha_{23} + \alpha_{43}$ ,  $\alpha_4 = \alpha_{14} + \alpha_{24}$ . The condition  $n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < n_4$  implies  $\alpha_1 > \alpha_{12} + \alpha_{14}$ ,  $\alpha_2 > \alpha_{23} + \alpha_{24}$ ,  $\alpha_3 < \alpha_{31} + \alpha_{32}$  and  $\alpha_4 < \alpha_{41} + \alpha_{43}$ .

**Theorem 3.5** *The Betti sequence of the tangent cone  $R/I_{S^*}$  of  $C_S$  is  $(1, 6, 8, 3)$ , if  $I_S$  is given as in the Case 3(b).*

**Proof** Suppose that  $I_S$  is given as in the Case 3(b).

(i) By Proposition 2.21 in [7], if  $\alpha_{23} < \alpha_{43}$  and  $\alpha_{14} \leq \alpha_{24}$ , then

$$\{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6 = x_2^{\alpha_2 + \alpha_{12}} - x_1^{\alpha_1} x_3^{\alpha_{23}} x_4^{\alpha_{24} - \alpha_{14}}\},$$

(ii) By Proposition 2.23 in [7],

(1) if  $\alpha_{43} \leq \alpha_{23}$  and  $\alpha_{24} < \alpha_{14}$  then

$$\{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6 = x_2^{\alpha_2 + \alpha_{12}} - x_1^{\alpha_{31}} x_3^{\alpha_{23} - \alpha_{43}} x_4^{2\alpha_{24}}\},$$

(2) if  $\alpha_{43} \leq \alpha_{23}$  and  $\alpha_{14} \leq \alpha_{24}$  then

$$\{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6 = x_2^{\alpha_2 + \alpha_{12}} - x_1^{\alpha_1} x_3^{\alpha_{23}} x_4^{\alpha_{24} - \alpha_{14}}\}$$

are standard bases for  $I_S$ . Since  $\bar{I} = \pi_i(I_{S^*})$  which sends  $x_1$  to 0, then the generators of the defining ideal of  $\bar{I}$  is generated by

$$G_* = (x_2^{\alpha_{12}} x_4^{\alpha_{14}}, x_3^{\alpha_{23}} x_4^{\alpha_{24}}, x_3^{\alpha_3}, x_4^{\alpha_4}, x_2^{\alpha_{12}} x_3^{\alpha_{43}}, x_2^{\alpha_2 + \alpha_{12}}).$$

Now, consider the case (i). Since the Betti sequences of  $R/I_{S^*}$  and  $\bar{R}/\bar{I}$  are the same which follows from Lemma 3.1, we will show that the sequence,

$$0 \rightarrow R^3 \xrightarrow{\varphi_3} R^8 \xrightarrow{\varphi_2} R^6 \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} R^1 \rightarrow 0$$

is a minimal free resolution of  $\overline{R}/\overline{I}$ , where

$$\varphi_1 = (x_2^{\alpha_{12}}x_4^{\alpha_{14}} \quad x_3^{\alpha_{23}}x_4^{\alpha_{24}} \quad x_3^{\alpha_3} \quad x_4^{\alpha_4} \quad x_2^{\alpha_{12}}x_3^{\alpha_{43}} \quad x_2^{\alpha_2+\alpha_{12}}),$$

$$\varphi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} x_3^{\alpha_{43}} & x_3^{\alpha_{23}}x_4^{\alpha_{24}-\alpha_{14}} & x_4^{\alpha_{24}} & x_2^{\alpha_2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -x_2^{\alpha_{12}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -x_3^{\alpha_{43}} & x_4^{\alpha_{14}} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -x_2^{\alpha_{12}} & 0 & x_4^{\alpha_{24}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -x_2^{\alpha_{12}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -x_3^{\alpha_{23}} \\ -x_4^{\alpha_{14}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & x_3^{\alpha_{23}} & x_2^{\alpha_2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -x_4^{\alpha_{14}} & 0 & -x_3^{\alpha_{43}} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\varphi_3 = \begin{pmatrix} x_2^{\alpha_2} & 0 & x_3^{\alpha_{23}}x_4^{\alpha_{24}-\alpha_{14}} \\ 0 & x_4^{\alpha_{14}} & -x_3^{\alpha_{43}} \\ 0 & -x_3^{\alpha_{23}} & 0 \\ -x_3^{\alpha_{43}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & x_4^{\alpha_{24}} \\ x_4^{\alpha_{14}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & x_2^{\alpha_{12}} \\ 0 & x_2^{\alpha_{12}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since  $\varphi_1\varphi_2 = \varphi_2\varphi_3 = 0$ , the sequence above is a complex. It is easy to show that  $rank(\varphi_1) = 1$ ,  $rank(\varphi_2) = 5$  and  $rank(\varphi_3) = 3$ . As the 5-minors of  $\varphi_2$ , we have  $-x_3^{2\alpha_3+\alpha_{43}}$  by removing the row 3 and the columns 2, 3, 4, and  $x_4^{2\alpha_4+\alpha_{14}}$  by removing the row 4 and the columns 2, 5, 6. These two determinants are relatively prime, so  $I(\varphi_2)$  contains a regular sequence of length 2. As the 3-minors of  $\varphi_3$ , we get  $-x_2^{\alpha_2+2\alpha_{12}}$  by removing the rows 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and  $x_3^{\alpha_3+\alpha_{43}}$  by removing the rows 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, and finally,  $x_4^{\alpha_4+\alpha_{14}}$  by removing the rows 1, 3, 4, 7, 8. These three determinants constitute a regular sequence. Thus,  $I(\varphi_3)$  contains a regular sequence of length 3.

The other cases (ii)-(1) and (2) can be done similarly and are hence omitted. □

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