

# Quasi-symmetric numerical semigroups on triple covers of curves <sup>1</sup>

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## Abstract

We study quasi-symmetric numerical semigroups through the map dividing by 3. We give quasi-symmetric numerical semigroups which are the Weierstrass semigroups of ramification points of triple cyclic covers of the projective line. Moreover, we find examples of quasi-symmetric Weierstrass numerical semigroups which cannot be attained by any ramification point of a triple cyclic cover of the projective line. We also construct many quasi-symmetric non-Weierstrass numerical semigroups

## 1 Introduction

Let  $\mathbb{N}_0$  be the additive monoid of non-negative integers. A submonoid  $H$  of  $\mathbb{N}_0$  is called a *numerical semigroup* if the complement  $\mathbb{N}_0 \setminus H$  is finite. The cardinality of  $\mathbb{N}_0 \setminus H$  is called the *genus* of  $H$ , denoted by  $g(H)$ . We set

$$c(H) := \min\{c \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid c + \mathbb{N}_0 \subseteq H\},$$

which is called the *conductor* of  $H$ . It is well-known that  $c(H) \leq 2g(H)$ .  $H$  is said to be *symmetric* if  $c(H) = 2g(H)$ .  $H$  is said to be *quasi-symmetric* if  $c(H) = 2g(H) - 1$ . A *curve* means a projective non-singular irreducible algebraic curve over an algebraically closed field  $k$  of characteristic 0. For a pointed curve  $(C, P)$  we set

$$H(P) = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid \exists f \in k(C) \text{ such that } (f)_\infty = \alpha P\},$$

where  $k(C)$  is the field of rational functions on  $C$ .  $H(P)$  is a numerical semigroup of genus  $g(C)$  where  $g(C)$  is the genus of  $C$ , which is called the *Weierstrass semigroup* of  $P$ . Let  $d_2$  be the map from the set  $\mathcal{H}$  of numerical semigroups to  $\mathcal{H}$  defined by

$$d_2(H) = \{h' \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid 2h' \in H\},$$

which is a numerical semigroup. Let  $\pi : \tilde{C} \rightarrow C$  be a double covering of curves with a ramification point  $\tilde{P}$ . Then  $d_2(H(\tilde{P})) = H(\pi(\tilde{P}))$ . For any integer  $t \geq 3$  we set

$$d_t(H) = \{h' \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid th' \in H\},$$

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which is a numerical semigroup. Let  $t$  be an integer  $\geq 3$ . Let  $\pi : C \rightarrow C'$  be a cyclic covering of degree  $t$  with a totally ramification point  $P$  over  $P'$ . Then  $d_t(H(P)) = H(P')$ .

In this article we are devoted to study quasi-symmetric numerical semigroups through its image of the map  $d_3$ . Oliveira-Stöhr [6] constructed quasi-symmetric numerical semigroups  $H$  from any numerical semigroup  $H'$  with  $d_3(H) = H'$ . We generalize their method in Section 2. In Section 3 we obtain many non-Weierstrass quasi-symmetric numerical semigroups using the proof of Theorem 5.1 in [6] where a numerical semigroup  $H$  said to be *Weierstrass* if there exists a pointed curve  $(C, P)$  with  $H = H(P)$ . We give quasi-symmetric numerical semigroups gained by the Weierstrass semigroups of ramification points of triple cyclic covers of curves. Moreover, we show that some Weierstrass quasi-numerical semigroups cannot be gained by the above way.

## 2 Description of a quasi-symmetric numerical semigroup through $d_3$

**Remark 2.1** ([2]) *Let  $H$  be a quasi-symmetric numerical semigroup.*

- (1) *If  $g(H)$  is even, then  $d_2(H)$  is a symmetric numerical semigroup of genus  $\frac{g(H)}{2}$ .*
- (2) *If  $g(H)$  is odd, then  $d_2(H)$  is a quasi-symmetric numerical semigroup of genus  $\frac{g(H) + 1}{2}$ .*

**Remark 2.2** ([3]) *If  $H$  is a symmetric numerical semigroup, then we have*

$$H = 2d_2(H) \cup \{2g(H) - 1 - 2t \mid t \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus d_2(H)\}.$$

**Theorem 2.3** ([5]) *Let  $H$  be a quasi-symmetric numerical semigroup with  $g(H) \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . Then  $d_3(H)$  is also a quasi-symmetric numerical semigroup of genus  $\frac{g(H) + 2}{3}$ , that is to say,  $g(H) = 3g(d_3(H)) - 2$ .*

To describe a numerical semigroup we use the following notation: For any non-negative integers  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  we denote by

$$\langle a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \rangle$$

the additive monoid generated by  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ .

**Example.** Let  $H = \langle 4, 11, 13 \rangle$ . Then we have  $\mathbb{N}_0 \setminus H = \{1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 14, 18\}$ , which implies that  $g(H) = 10$  and  $c(H) = 19 = 2g(H) - 1$ . Hence,  $H$  is quasi-symmetric and  $d_3(H) = \langle 4, 5, 7 \rangle$ , whose genus is  $4 = \frac{g(H) + 2}{3}$ .

To state the theorem we need the following lemma:

**Lemma 2.4** ([5]) *Let  $H$  be a quasi-symmetric numerical semigroup with  $g(H) \not\equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . Then we have*

$$H = 3d_3(H) \cup \{2g(H) - 2 - 3t \mid t \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus d_3(H)\} \cup \{h \in H \mid h \equiv g(H) + 2 \pmod{3}\}.$$

**Theorem 2.5** ([5]) Let  $H$  be a quasi-symmetric numerical semigroup of genus  $g$  with  $g \not\equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and  $g \geq \frac{3c(d_3(H))}{2} + 1$ . Then  $H$  is one of the following:

(1)  $H = 3d_3(H) \cup \{2g - 2 - 3r \mid r \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus d_3(H)\} \cup ((g + 2) + 3\mathbb{N}_0)$ .

(2) There exists a non-empty set

$$\{t_1, \dots, t_u\} \subseteq \left\{ 2, 3, \dots, \left\lceil \frac{c(d_3(H)) + 1}{2} \right\rceil \right\}.$$

such that

$$H = 3d_3(H) \cup \{2g - 2 - 3r \mid r \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus d_3(H)\} \cup \{g + 2 - 3t \mid t \in \{t_1, \dots, t_u\}\} \\ \cup ((g + 2) + 3\mathbb{N}_0) \setminus \{g - 4 + 3t \mid t \in \{t_1, \dots, t_u\}\}.$$

The converse of Theorem 2.5 holds in the following case:

**Remark 2.6** ([6]) Let  $H'$  be a numerical semigroup with  $H' \neq \mathbb{N}_0$ . Let  $g \geq 2c(H')$  with  $g \not\equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . We set

$$H = 3H' \cup \{2g - 2 - 3r \mid r \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus H'\} \cup ((g + 2) + 3\mathbb{N}_0).$$

Then  $H$  is a quasi-symmetric numerical semigroup of genus  $g$  with  $d_3(H) = H'$ .

**Example.** Let  $H' = \langle 2, 3 \rangle$ . Then  $c(H') = 2$  and  $m(H') = 2$ . Take  $g = 5 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . We set

$$H = 3\langle 2, 3 \rangle \cup \{10 - 2 - 3r \mid r \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \langle 2, 3 \rangle\} \cup ((5 + 2) + 3\mathbb{N}_0) \\ = \langle 6, 9 \rangle \cup \{5, 11, 14, \dots\} \cup \{7, 10, 13, \dots\} = \langle 5, 6, 7, 9 \rangle.$$

Then  $g(H) = 5$  and  $c(H) = 13 - 5 + 1 = 9 = 2g(H) - 1$ . Hence,  $H$  is a quasi-symmetric numerical semigroup with  $d_3(H) = H'$ .

The converse of Theorem 2.5 also holds in the cases which are different from the one in Remark 2.6.

**Theorem 2.7** Let  $H'$  be a numerical semigroup with  $H' \neq \mathbb{N}_0$ . Let  $g \geq 2c(H') + \frac{m(H') + 1}{2}$  with  $g \not\equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  where  $m(H')$  is the minimum of positive integers in  $H'$ . Let  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $2 \leq t \leq \frac{m(H') + 1}{2}$ . We set

$$H = 3H' \cup \{2g - 2 - 3r \mid r \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus H'\} \cup \{g + 2 - 3t\} \cup ((g + 2) + 3\mathbb{N}_0) \setminus \{g - 4 + 3t\}.$$

Then  $H$  is a quasi-symmetric numerical semigroup of genus  $g$  with  $d_3(H) = H'$ .

**Example.** Let  $H' = \langle 3, 4, 5 \rangle$ . Then  $c(H') = 3$  and  $m(H') = 3$ . Take  $g = 8 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  and  $t = 2$ . We set

$$H = 3\langle 3, 4, 5 \rangle \cup \{16 - 2 - 3r \mid r \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \langle 3, 4, 5 \rangle\} \cup \{10 - 3 \times 2\} \cup ((8 + 2) + 3\mathbb{N}_0) \setminus \{8 - 4 + 6\} \\ = \langle 9, 12, 15 \rangle \cup \{8, 11, 17, 20, \dots\} \cup \{4, 13, 16, \dots\} = \langle 4, 9, 11 \rangle.$$

Then  $g(H) = 8$  and  $c(H) = 18 - 4 + 1 = 15 = 2g(H) - 1$ . Hence,  $H$  is a quasi-symmetric numerical semigroup with  $d_3(H) = H'$ .

### 3 Three types of quasi-symmetric semigroups

**Remark 3.1** Let  $H'$  be a non-Weierstrass numerical semigroup. Take  $g \geq 15g(H') + 11$ . Let  $H$  be a numerical semigroup of genus  $g$  with  $d_3(H) = H'$ . Then  $H$  is also a non-Weierstrass numerical semigroup. (See the proof of Theorem 5.1 in [6]).

Using the following theorem, which follows from Remark 3.1, we can give a lot of non-Weierstrass quasi-symmetric numerical semigroups.

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $H'$  be a non-Weierstrass numerical semigroup. Take  $g \geq 15g(H') + 11$  with  $g \not\equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . We set  $T(H') = \left\lfloor \frac{m(H') + 1}{2} \right\rfloor$ . Then there are at least  $T(H')$  non-Weierstrass quasi-symmetric numerical semigroups  $H$  of genus  $g$  with  $d_3(H) = H'$ . In fact,  $H_1, H_2, \dots, H_{T(H')}$  are such numerical semigroups where

$$H_1 = 3H' \cup \{2g - 2 - 3r \mid r \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus H'\} \cup ((g + 2) + 3\mathbb{N}_0)$$

and for any integer  $t$  with  $2 \leq t \leq T(H')$  we set

$$H_t = 3H' \cup \{2g - 2 - 3r \mid r \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus H'\} \cup \{g + 2 - 3t\} \cup ((g + 2) + 3\mathbb{N}_0) \setminus \{g - 4 + 3t\}.$$

**Example.** Let  $H' = \langle 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23 \rangle$ , which is a non-Weierstrass numerical semigroup of genus 16 ([1]). Let  $g = 15 \times 16 + 11 = 251$ . Then there are seven non-Weierstrass quasi-symmetric numerical semigroups  $H_1, H_2, \dots, H_7$  of genus 251 with  $d_3(H_i) = H'$ .

A numerical semigroup  $H$  is said to be *triple cyclic covering type*, which is abbreviated to *TC* if there exists a triple cyclic cover of curves with a ramification point whose Weierstrass semigroup is  $H$ .

**Theorem 3.3** If  $H$  is a quasi-symmetric numerical semigroup of genus  $g$  with  $g \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , then it is not TC.

*Proof.* Since  $g \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , we obtain  $g(H) = 3g(d_3(H)) - 2$  from Theorem 2.3. Assume that  $H$  were TC. Then it would follow from Riemann-Hurwitz formula that  $g(H) \geq 3g(d_3(H)) - 1$ . This is a contradiction.

**Example.** Let  $n$  be a positive integer with  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . We set  $H_n = \langle 5, 5n + 3, 5n + 4, 5(n + 1) + 1 \rangle$ . Then we have  $g(H_n) = 5n + 2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and  $c(H_n) = 5(2n + 1) + 2 = 2g(H_n) - 1$ . Hence,  $H_n$  is a quasi-symmetric numerical semigroup, which is not TC. But,  $H_n$  is Weierstrass, because the minimum positive integer in  $H_n$  is 5 (See [4]).

**Theorem 3.4** ([5]) Let  $H$  be a quasi-symmetric Weierstrass numerical semigroup of genus  $g$ . Take a pointed curve  $(C, P)$  such that  $H(P) = H$ . Let  $Q$  be a point of  $C$  with  $Q \neq P$  such that  $K_C \sim (2g - 3)P + Q$ , where  $K_C$  is a canonical divisor on  $C$ . Let  $d$  be an integer with  $d \geq g$ . Consider a triple cyclic cover

$$\tilde{C} = \text{Spec}(\mathcal{O}_C \oplus \mathcal{O}_C(-dP) \oplus \mathcal{O}_C(-2dP - Q)) \longrightarrow C$$

which has a ramification point  $\tilde{P}$  over  $P$ . Then

$$H(\tilde{P}) = 3H + \langle 3d - 1, 2(3d - 1) + 3(g - 1) \rangle,$$

which is quasi-symmetric. Hence this quasi-symmetric numerical semigroup is TC.

**Example.** Let  $\tilde{H} = \langle 5, 9, 12, 13 \rangle$ . Then  $\tilde{H}$  is a TC numerical semigroup which is quasi-symmetric. Indeed, in Theorem 3.4 we set  $H = \langle 3, 4, 5 \rangle$  and  $d = 2$ . Then we get

$$H(\tilde{P}) = 3\langle 3, 4, 5 \rangle + \langle 5, 10 + 3 \rangle = \langle 5, 9, 12, 13 \rangle.$$

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