# The dimension of a toric variety obtained from a numerical semigroup <sup>1</sup>

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#### Abstract

For a numerical semigroup H we define the toric dimension of H, which is denoted by Tdim H. In the case where H is generated by three elements or H is a symmetric semigroup generated by four elements we calculate the range of Tdim H. Moreover, we determine the range of Tdim H when H is a non-symmetric n-semigroup with n=4 or 5 generated by four elements.

## 1 The toric dimension of a numerical semigroup

Let  $\mathbb{N}_0$  be the additive semigroup of non-negative integers. A numerical semigroup H means a subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{N}_0$  whose complement  $\mathbb{N}_0 \setminus H$  is a finite set. We call the cardinality  $\sharp(\mathbb{N}_0 \setminus H)$  the genus of H, which we denote by g(H). Let  $a_1, \ldots, a_m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . The semigroup generated by  $a_1, \ldots, a_m$  is denoted by  $\langle a_1, \ldots, a_m \rangle$ . We denote by  $M(H) = \{a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n\}$  the minimum set of generators for 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. We know that  $c(H) \leq 2g(H)$ . A numerical semigroup H said to be symmetric if c(H) = 2g(H).

Example 1.1 Let H be a numerical semigroup with  $M(H) = \{a_1, a_2\}$ . Then

$$g(H) = \frac{(a_1 - 1)(a_2 - 1)}{2}$$
 and  $c(H) = (a_1 - 1)(a_2 - 1) = 2g(H)$ .

Hence, every numerical semigroup generated by two elements is symmetric.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This paper is an extended abstract and the details will appear elsewhere.

**Example 1.2** Let  $H = \langle 3, 4, 5 \rangle = \{0, 3 \longrightarrow \}$  where " $\rightarrow$ " denotes the consecutive integers. Then we have g(H) = 2 and c(H) = 3. Hence  $H = \langle 3, 4, 5 \rangle$  is non-symmetric.

In this paper k denotes an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0. Let  $M(H) = \{a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n\}$ . We define a k-algebra homomorphism

$$\varphi_H: k[X_1,\ldots,X_n] \longrightarrow k[H] = k[t^h]_{h \in H}$$

sending  $X_i$  to  $t^{a_i}$ . It is important to study about the ideal Ker  $\varphi_H$  for investigating a relation between H and an affine toric variety.

**Example 1.3** Let H be a numerical semigroup with  $M(H) = \{a_1, a_2\}$ . Then Ker  $\varphi_H = (X_1^{a_2} - X_2^{a_1})$ .

**Example 1.4** Let H be a numerical semigroup with  $M(H) = \{a_1 = 3, a_2 = 4, a_3 = 5\}$ . Then Ker  $\varphi_H = (X_1^3 - X_2X_3, X_2^2 - X_1X_3, X_3^2 - X_1^2X_2)$ .

**Example 1.5** Let H be a numerical semigroup with  $M(H) = \{a_1 = 4, a_2 = 5, a_3 = 6\}$ . Then  $H = \{0, 4, 5, 6, 8 \longrightarrow \}$ . Hence, g(H) = 4 and c(H) = 8, which implies that H is symmetric. Then Ker  $\varphi_H = (X_1^3 - X_3^2, X_2^2 - X_1X_2)$ .

Let H be a numerical semigroup with  $\sharp M(H)=n$ . It is said to be l-dimensionally toric if there exists an affine toric variety X of dimension l such that we have a fiber product

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \operatorname{Spec} \ k[H] & \stackrel{a_{\varphi_H}}{\hookrightarrow} & \mathbb{A}^n = \operatorname{Spec} \ k[X_1, \dots, X_n] \\ \downarrow & \square & \downarrow^{a_{\eta}} \\ X & \stackrel{\iota}{\hookrightarrow} & \mathbb{A}^{n+l-1} = \operatorname{Spec} \ k[Y_1, \dots, Y_{n+l-1}] \end{array}$$

where  $\iota$  is a closed immersion and  $g_j = \eta(Y_j)$  's are non-constant monomials. Here, we review the notion of an affine toric variety. Let  $\mathbb{G}_m = k^{\times}$  be the multiplicative group. We set  $T = \mathbb{G}_m^l$ . An affine variety X is called an l-dimensionally affine toric variety if it contains T as a dense open subset and the multiplication map on T extends to  $T \times X$  as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T \times T & \hookrightarrow & T \times X \\ \downarrow \text{ multip} & & \downarrow^{\exists} \\ T & \hookrightarrow & X \end{array}$$

**Example 1.6** Let H be a numerical semigroup with  $M(H) = \{a_1, a_2\}$ . Then H is 1-dimensionally toric. In fact, we have a fiber product

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \operatorname{Spec} \ k[H] & \stackrel{^a\varphi_H}{\hookrightarrow} & \mathbb{A}^2 = \operatorname{Spec} \ k[X_1, X_2] \\ \downarrow & \square & \downarrow^{^a\eta} \\ \mathbb{A}^1 = \operatorname{Spec} \ k[T] & \stackrel{^a\psi}{\hookrightarrow} & \mathbb{A}^2 = \operatorname{Spec} \ k[Y_1, Y_2] \end{array}$$

where  $\eta(Y_1) = X_1^{a_2}$ ,  $\eta(Y_2) = X_2^{a_1}$  and  $\psi(Y_i) = T$  for i = 1, 2.

**Example 1.7** Let H be a numerical semigroup with  $M(H) = \{3, 4, 5\}$ . Then H is 4-dimensionally toric. In fact, we have a fiber product

$$\operatorname{Spec} k[H] \stackrel{\cdot a_{\varphi_H}}{\hookrightarrow} \mathbb{A}^3 = \operatorname{Spec} k[X_1, X_2, X_3]$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{a_{\eta}}$$

$$\operatorname{Spec} k[T^s]_{s \in S} \stackrel{a_{\psi_S}}{\hookrightarrow} \mathbb{A}^6 = \operatorname{Spec} k[Y_1, \dots, Y_6]$$

where  $\eta$  sends  $Y_1, \ldots, Y_6$  to  $X_1, X_1^2, X_2, X_2, X_3, X_3$  respectively and S is the saturated subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{Z}^4$  (i.e.,  $r \in \mathbb{Z}^4$  with  $nr \in S$  for some non-zero  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  implies that  $r \in S$ ) generated by  $e_i$ 's, (1, 1, -1, 0) and (-1, 0, 1, 1) where  $e_i$  is the vector whose i-th component is 1 and all the other components are 0 for i = 1, 2, 3, 4.

For a numerical semigroup H we want to know the minimum l where H is l-dimensionally toric. For this reason we introduce the notion of the toric dimension of a numerical semigroup as follows: We set

Tdim 
$$H = \min\{l \mid H \text{ is } l - \text{dimensionally toric}\},\$$

which is called the *toric dimension* of H. If H is not l-dimensionally toric for any l, then we set Tdim  $H = \infty$ .

**Example 1.8** Let H be a numerical semigroup with  $M(H) = \{a_1, a_2\}$ . Then Tdim H = 1.

Example 1.9 Tdim  $(3,4,5) \leq 4$ .

**Remark 1.1** If Tdim  $H < \infty$ , then H is Weierstrass, i.e., there exists a pointed non-singular curve (C, P) such that

$$H = \{ n \in \mathbb{N}_0 | \exists f \in k(C) \text{ s.t. } (f)_{\infty} = nP \}$$

where k(C) is the field of rational functions on C. (See [4])

Example 1.10 We have Tdim  $(13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23) = \infty$ .

*Proof.* Buchweitz [2] showed that the above semigroup is not Weierstrass.  $\square$ 

For any  $n \ge 2$  we give numerical semigroups H with  $\sharp M(H) = n$  and  $\operatorname{Tdim} H = 1$ .

**Theorem 1.2** Let  $n \ge 2$  and  $2 \le r_n < r_{n-1} < \cdots < r_2 < r_1$  with  $(r_i, r_j) = 1$  if  $i \ne j$ . We set  $a_i = r_1 \cdots r_{i-1} r_{i+1} \cdots r_n$  for  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ . Let  $H = \langle a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n \rangle$ . Then we have the following:

- i)  $(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n) = 1$ , hence H is a numerical semigroup.
- ii)  $M(H) = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}.$
- iii) H is symmetric.
- iv) Ker  $\varphi_H$  is generated by  $X_i^{r_i} X_{i+1}^{r_{i+1}}$ 's,  $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n-1$ .
- v) Tdim H = 1.

*Proof.* It is not difficult to prove i)  $\sim$  iv).

v) We have a fiber product

$$\operatorname{Spec} k[H] \stackrel{a_{\varphi_H}}{\hookrightarrow} \mathbb{A}^n = \operatorname{Spec} k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{a_{\eta}}$$

$$\mathbb{A}^1 = \operatorname{Spec} k[T] \stackrel{a_{\psi}}{\hookrightarrow} \mathbb{A}^n = \operatorname{Spec} k[Y_1, \dots, Y_n]$$

where  $\eta(Y_i) = X_i^{r_i}$  and  $\psi(Y_i) = T$  for i = 1, ..., n. Hence we get Tdim H = 1.

## 2 The toric dimension of a numerical semigroup generated by three elements

**Example 2.1** Let  $H = \langle 4, 6, 5 \rangle$ . We set  $a_1 = 4, a_2 = 6, a_3 = 5$ . This semigroup is symmetric, but not the type as in Theorem 1.2. We have Tdim  $H \leq 2$ .

*Proof.* We have a fiber product

$$\operatorname{Spec} k[H] \stackrel{a_{\varphi_H}}{\hookrightarrow} \mathbb{A}^3 = \operatorname{Spec} k[X_1, X_2, X_3]$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{a_{\eta}}$$

$$\mathbb{A}^2 = \operatorname{Spec} k[T_1, T_2] \stackrel{a_{\psi}}{\hookrightarrow} \mathbb{A}^4 = \operatorname{Spec} k[Y_1, \dots, Y_4]$$

where  $\eta(Y_1) = X_1$ ,  $\eta(Y_2) = X_2^2$ ,  $\eta(Y_3) = X_2$ ,  $\eta(Y_4) = X_3^2$  and  $\psi(Y_1) = T_1$ ,  $\psi(Y_2) = T_1^3$ ,  $\psi(Y_3) = T_2$ ,  $\psi(Y_4) = T_1T_2$ . Hence, we get Tdim  $H \leq 2$ .

For a numerical semigroup H with  $M(H) = \{a_1, \ldots, a_n\}$  we set

$$\alpha_i = \min\{\beta \in \mathbb{N}_0 > 0 \mid \beta a_i \in \langle a_1, \cdots, \check{a_i}, \cdots, a_n \rangle\}$$

for  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ .

**Proposition 2.1** Let H be a numerical semigroup with  $M(H) = \{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$ . If H is symmetric, then  $T\dim H \leq 2$ .

*Proof.* By the result of Herzog [3] if we renumber  $a_1, a_2, a_3$ , we may assume

$$\alpha_1 a_1 = \alpha_2 a_2, \ \alpha_3 a_3 = \beta_1 a_1 + \beta_2 a_2.$$

If  $(\beta_1, \beta_2) = (\alpha_1, 0)$  or  $(0, \alpha_2)$ , the same way as the proof in Theorem 1.2 works well. Hence, Tdim H = 1. Otherwise, the similar way to that of  $H = \langle 4, 5, 6 \rangle$  works well. So, we get Tdim  $H \leq 2$ .

**Proposition 2.2** Let H be a numerical semigroup with  $M(H) = \{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$ . If H is non-symmetric, then  $2 \leq \text{Tdim } H \leq 4$ .

*Proof.* Using the result of Herzog [3] the similar way to that of  $H = \langle 3, 4, 5 \rangle$  works well. So, we get Tdim  $H \leq 4$ . If Tdim H = 1, then the ideal Ker $\varphi_H$  is a complete intersection. Hence, we get  $2 \leq \text{Tdim } H$ .

**Remark 2.3** H with  $M(H) = \{3,4,5\}$ . We can get Tdim  $H \leq 2$ , hence Tdim H = 2.

Proof. We have a fiber product

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \operatorname{Spec} \ k[H] & \stackrel{^a\varphi_H}{\hookrightarrow} & \mathbb{A}^3 = \operatorname{Spec} \ k[X_1, X_2, X_3] \\ \downarrow & & \square & \downarrow^{^a\eta} \\ \operatorname{Spec} \ k[T^s]_{s \in S} & \stackrel{^a\psi_S}{\hookrightarrow} & \mathbb{A}^4 = \operatorname{Spec} \ k[Y_1, \dots, Y_4] \end{array}$$

where  $\eta$  sends  $Y_1, \ldots, Y_4$  to  $X_2, X_1, X_1^2, X_3$  respectively and  $S = \check{\sigma} \cap M$  is the saturated subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  generated by  $e_i$ 's,  $3e_1 - 2e_2$  and  $2e_1 - e_2$ . Here,  $\sigma = \sigma_{2,3} = \mathbb{R}_0(1,0) + \mathbb{R}_0(2,3)$  where  $\mathbb{R}_0$  denotes the set of non-negative real numbers.

| Theorem 2.4      | We ga | ive the | toric | dimension | of H | with $\sharp M(H)$ | = | 3 | in | the |
|------------------|-------|---------|-------|-----------|------|--------------------|---|---|----|-----|
| following table: |       |         |       |           |      |                    |   |   |    |     |

| Tdim $\hat{H}$ | Symmetric | Non-symmetric |
|----------------|-----------|---------------|
| 1              | 3         | ×             |
| 2              | 0         | 3             |
| 3              | ×         | 0             |
| 4              | ×         | 0             |
| ≥ 5            | ×         | ×             |

"O" means that such a semigroup probably exists.

## 3 On the toric dimension of a numerical semigroup generated by four elements

In this section we will consider the toric dimension of H with  $\sharp M(H)=4$ . First we study about the symmetric case. By the result of Bresinsky [1] the symmetric semigroups are divided into three types. We explain these three kinds of symmetric semigroups by examples.

**Example 3.1** Let  $H = \langle 10, 25, 14, 21 \rangle$ . We set  $a_1 = 10, a_2 = 25, a_3 = 14, a_4 = 21$ . We have (minimal) relations

$$5a_1 = 2a_2$$
,  $3a_3 = 2a_4$ ,  $a_1 + a_2 = a_3 + a_4$ .

In this case, g(H) = 29 and c(H) = 58.

**Example 3.2** The semigroup (30, 42, 70, 105) as in Theorem 1.2 is a special case of the above type. In this case, let  $r_1 = 2$ ,  $r_2 = 3$ ,  $r_3 = 5$  and  $r_4 = 7$  in Theorem 1.2.

**Example 3.3** Let  $H = \langle 8, 12, 10, 19 \rangle$ . We set  $a_1 = 8, a_2 = 12, a_3 = 10, a_4 = 19$ . We have (minimal) relations

$$3a_1 = 2a_2$$
,  $2a_3 = a_1 + a_2$ ,  $2a_4 = 2a_1 + a_2 + a_3$ ,

which are similar to  $H = \langle 4, 5, 6 \rangle$  in Example 1.5. In this case, g(H) = 17 and c(H) = 34.

**Example 3.4** Let H = (5, 7, 8, 9). We set  $a_1 = 5, a_2 = 7, a_3 = 8, a_4 = 9$ . We have (minimal) relations

 $3a_1 = a_2 + a_3$ ,  $2a_2 = a_1 + a_4$ ,  $2a_3 = a_2 + a_4$ ,  $2a_4 = 2a_1 + a_3$ ,  $2a_1 + a_2 = a_3 + a_4$ , which are similar to  $H = \langle 3, 4, 5 \rangle$  in Example 1.4. In this case, g(H) = 6 and c(H) = 12.

For the above three types of symmetric numerical semigroup H generated by four elements we will construct an affine toric variety of which fiber product is Spec k[H].

**Example 3.5** Let  $H = \langle 8, 12, 10, 19 \rangle$ . We have a fiber product

$$\operatorname{Spec} k[H] \stackrel{\overset{a_{\varphi_H}}{\hookrightarrow}}{\hookrightarrow} \mathbb{A}^4 = \operatorname{Spec} k[X_1, \dots, X_4]$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{a_{\eta}}$$

$$\mathbb{A}^3 = \operatorname{Spec} k[T_1, T_2, T_3] \stackrel{\overset{a_{\psi}}{\hookrightarrow}}{\hookrightarrow} \mathbb{A}^6 = \operatorname{Spec} k[Y_1, \dots, Y_6]$$

where

$$\eta(Y_1) = X_1, \, \eta(Y_2) = X_2, \, \eta(Y_3) = X_3, \, \eta(Y_4) = X_2^2, \, \eta(Y_5) = X_3^2, \, \eta(Y_6) = X_4^2,$$
$$\psi(Y_i) = T_i, \, i = 1, 2, 3, \, \psi(Y_4) = T_1^3, \, \psi(Y_5) = T_1 T_2, \, \psi(Y_6) = T_1^2 T_2 T_3.$$

Hence, we get Tdim  $H \leq 3$ .

**Example 3.6** Let  $H = \langle 5, 7, 8, 9 \rangle$ . We have a fiber product

$$\operatorname{Spec} k[H] \stackrel{a_{\varphi_H}}{\hookrightarrow} \mathbb{A}^4 = \operatorname{Spec} k[X_1, \dots, X_4]$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{a_{\eta}}$$

$$\operatorname{Spec} k[T^s]_{s \in S} \stackrel{a_{\psi_S}}{\hookrightarrow} \mathbb{A}^8 = \operatorname{Spec} k[Y_1, \dots, Y_8]$$

Let S be the saturated subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{Z}^5$  generated by  $e_1,\ldots,e_5,e_1+e_2-e_3,e_3+e_4-e_1,e_1+e_2-e_3-e_4+e_5$ . The ring homomorphism  $\eta$  sends  $Y_1,\ldots,Y_8$  to  $X_1,X_1^2,X_2,X_2,X_3,X_3,X_4,X_4$  respectively.  $\psi_S$  sends  $Y_1,\ldots,Y_8$  to  $T_1,\ldots,T_5,T_1T_2T_3^{-1},T_1^{-1}T_3T_4,T_1T_2T_3^{-1}T_4^{-1}T_5$  respectively. Hence we get Tdim  $H \leq 5$ .

**Example 3.7** Let  $H = \langle 10, 25, 14, 21 \rangle$ . We have a fiber product

$$\operatorname{Spec} k[H] \stackrel{a_{\varphi_H}}{\hookrightarrow} \mathbb{A}^4 = \operatorname{Spec} k[X_1, \dots, X_4]$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{a_{\eta}}$$

$$\operatorname{Spec} k[T^s]_{s \in S} \stackrel{a_{\psi_S}}{\hookrightarrow} \mathbb{A}^7 = \operatorname{Spec} k[Y_1, \dots, Y_7]$$

where S is the saturated subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{Z}^4$  generated by  $e_1, \ldots, e_4, e_1 + e_3 - e_4$ . The morphism  $\eta$  sends  $Y_1, \ldots, Y_7$  to  $X_1, X_3, X_2, X_3, X_2, X_4, X_4$  respectively and  $\psi_S$  sends  $Y_1, \ldots, Y_7$  to  $T_1, \ldots, T_4, T_1^5, T_2, T_1T_3T_4^{-1}$  respectively. Hence, we get Tdim  $H \leq 4$ .

**Theorem 3.1** We give the toric dimension of a symmetric numerical semigroup H with  $\sharp M(H)=4$  in the following table:

| $\operatorname{Tdim} H$ | Symmetric    |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1                       | 3            |
| 2                       | 0            |
| 3                       | OEx.3.3(3.5) |
| 4                       | OEx.3.1(3.7) |
| 5                       | OEx.3.4(3.6) |
| ≥ 6                     | ×            |

A numerical semigroup H is called an n-semigroup if n is the minimum positive integer in H. In the case of a non-symmetric numerical semigroup H with  $\sharp M(H)=4$  we will investigate the toric dimensions of 4-semigroups and 5-semigroups. By the result of [4] the 4-semigroups are divided into two types. We explain these two kinds of 4-semigroups by examples.

**Example 3.8** Let  $H = \langle 4, 9, 10, 15 \rangle$ . We set  $a_1 = 4, a_2 = 9, a_3 = 10, a_4 = 15$ . We have (minimal) relations

$$5a_1 = 2a_3^{t_{iv}}, \ 2a_2 = 2a_1 + a_3^{v)}, \ 2a_4 = 5a_1 + a_3^{vi},$$

$$a_1 + a_4 = a_2 + a_3^{t_{ii}}, \ a_1 + 2a_3 = a_2 + a_4^{t_{iii}}, \ 4a_1 + a_2 = a_3 + a_4^{t_{ii}}.$$

In this case, g(H) = 7 and c(H) = 12. We have a fiber product

$$\operatorname{Spec} k[H] \stackrel{{}^{a}\varphi_{H}}{\hookrightarrow} \mathbb{A}^{4} = \operatorname{Spec} k[X_{1}, \dots, X_{4}]$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{a\eta}$$

$$\operatorname{Spec} k[T^{s}]_{s \in S} \stackrel{{}^{a}\psi_{S}}{\hookrightarrow} \mathbb{A}^{7} = \operatorname{Spec} k[Y_{1}, \dots, Y_{7}]$$

where S is the saturated subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{Z}^4$  generated by  $e_1, \ldots, e_4, e_1 + e_2 - e_3$ ,  $e_2 - e_3 + e_4$ ,  $2e_1 - e_3 - e_4$ . The morphism  $\eta$  sends  $Y_1, \ldots, Y_7$  to  $X_2, X_3, X_1, X_3, X_4, X_1^4, X_1$  respectively and  $\psi_S$  is determined by the above minimum set of generators of S. Hence, we get Tdim  $H \leq 4$ .

**Example 3.9** Let  $H = \langle 4, 9, 11, 14 \rangle$ . We set  $a_1 = 4, a_2 = 9, a_3 = 11, a_4 = 14$ . We have (minimal) relations

$$5a_1 = a_2 + a_3$$
,  $2a_2 = a_1 + a_4$ ,  $2a_3 = 2a_1 + a_4$ ,

$$2a_4 = 2a_1 + a_2 + a_3$$
,  $4a_1 + a_2 = a_3 + a_4$ ,  $3a_1 + a_3 = a_2 + a_4$ .

In this case, g(H) = 7 and c(H) = 11. We have a fiber product

$$\operatorname{Spec} k[H] \stackrel{a_{\varphi_H}}{\hookrightarrow} \mathbb{A}^4 = \operatorname{Spec} k[X_1, \dots, X_4]$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{a_{\eta}}$$

$$\operatorname{Spec} k[T^s]_{s \in S} \stackrel{a_{\psi_S}}{\hookrightarrow} \mathbb{A}^9 = \operatorname{Spec} k[Y_1, \dots, Y_9]$$

where S is the saturated subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{Z}^6$  generated by  $e_1, \ldots, e_6, e_1 + e_2 + e_3 - e_4, -e_1 + e_4 + e_5, e_1 + e_3 - e_4 + e_6$ . The morphism  $\eta$  sends  $Y_1, \ldots, Y_9$  to  $X_1, X_1^2, X_1^2, X_2, X_2, X_3, X_3, X_4, X_4$  respectively and  $\psi_S$  is determined by the above minimum set of generators of S. Hence, we get Tdim  $H \leq 6$ .

**Theorem 3.2** We give the toric dimension of a non-symmetric 4-semigroup H with  $\sharp M(H)=4$  in the following table:

| $\overline{\text{Tdim } H}$ | Non-symmetric 4-semigroup |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1                           | ×                         |
| 2                           | 0                         |
| 3                           | 0                         |
| 4                           | ○Ex.3.8                   |
| 5                           | 0                         |
| 6                           | ○Ex.3.9                   |
| ≥ 7                         | ×                         |

By the result of [5] the 5-semigroups are divided into two types. We explain these two kinds of 5-semigroups by examples.

**Example 3.10** Let H = (5, 7, 13, 16). We set  $a_1 = 5, a_2 = 7, a_3 = 13, a_4 = 16$ . We have (minimal) relations

$$4a_1 = a_2 + a_3$$
,  $3a_2 = a_1 + a_4$ ,  $2a_3 = 2a_1 + a_4$ ,

$$2a_4 = a_1 + 2a_2 + a_3$$
,  $3a_1 + 2a_2 = a_3 + a_4$ ,  $2a_1 + a_3 = a_2 + a_4$ .

In this case, g(H) = 8 and c(H) = 12. We have a fiber product

$$\operatorname{Spec} k[H] \stackrel{{}^{a}\varphi_{H}}{\hookrightarrow} \mathbb{A}^{4} = \operatorname{Spec} k[X_{1}, \dots, X_{4}]$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{a\eta}$$

$$\operatorname{Spec} k[T^{s}]_{s \in S} \stackrel{{}^{a}\psi_{S}}{\hookrightarrow} \mathbb{A}^{9} = \operatorname{Spec} k[Y_{1}, \dots, Y_{9}]$$

where S is the saturated subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{Z}^6$  generated by  $e_1, \ldots, e_6, e_1 + e_2 + e_3 - e_4, e_2 + e_3 - e_4 + e_5, -e_2 + e_4 + e_6$ . The morphism  $\eta$  sends  $Y_1, \ldots, Y_9$  to  $X_1, X_1^2, X_1, X_3, X_2^2, X_3, X_2, X_4, X_4$  respectively and  $\psi_S$  is determined by the above minimum set of generators of S. Hence, we get Tdim  $H \leq 6$ .

**Example 3.11** Let H = (5, 13, 21, 22). We set  $a_1 = 5, a_2 = 13, a_3 = 21, a_4 = 22$ . We have (minimal) relations

$$7a_1 = a_2 + a_4$$
,  $2a_2 = a_1 + a_3$ ,  $2a_3 = 4a_1 + a_4$ ,  $2a_4 = 2a_1 + a_2 + a_3$ ,  $6a_1 + a_2 = a_3 + a_4$ .

In this case, g(H) = 16 and c(H) = 30. We have a fiber product

$$\operatorname{Spec} k[H] \stackrel{a_{\varphi_H}}{\hookrightarrow} \mathbb{A}^4 = \operatorname{Spec} k[X_1, \dots, X_4]$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{a_{\eta}}$$

$$\operatorname{Spec} k[T^s]_{s \in S} \stackrel{a_{\psi_S}}{\hookrightarrow} \mathbb{A}^9 = \operatorname{Spec} k[Y_1, \dots, Y_9]$$

where S is the saturated subsemigroup of  $\mathbb{Z}^6$  generated by  $e_1, \ldots, e_6, e_1 + e_2 + e_3 - e_4, -e_1 + e_4 + e_5, -e_1 - e_2 + e_4 + e_5 + e_6$ . The morphism  $\eta$  sends  $Y_1, \ldots, Y_9$  to  $X_1, X_1^4, X_1^2, X_2, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_3, X_4$  respectively and  $\psi_S$  is determined by the above minimum set of generators of S. Hence, we get Tdim  $H \leq 6$ .

**Theorem 3.3** We give the toric dimension of a non-symmetric 5-semigroup H with  $\sharp M(H)=4$  in the following table:

| $\operatorname{Tdim} H$ | Non-symmetric 5-semigroup |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1                       | ×                         |
| 2                       | 0                         |
| . 3                     | 0                         |
| 4                       | 0                         |
| 5                       | 0                         |
| 6                       | OEx.3.10,3.11             |
| ≥ 7                     | ×                         |

**Problem 1** What is the minimum number n such that Tdim  $H \leq n$  for any non-symmetric 6-semigroup H with  $\sharp M(H) = 4$ ?

**Problem 2** Have we Tdim  $H < \infty$  for any non-symmetric numerical semigroup H with  $\sharp M(H) = 4$ ?

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