

## TRUNCATIONS OF THE RING OF NUMBER-THEORETIC FUNCTIONS

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*(communicated by Winfried Bruns)**Abstract*

We study the ring  $\Gamma$  of all functions  $\mathbb{N}^+ \rightarrow K$ , endowed with the usual convolution product.  $\Gamma$ , which we call *the ring of number-theoretic functions*, is an inverse limit of the “truncations”

$$\Gamma_n = \{ f \in \Gamma \mid \forall m > n : f(m) = 0 \}.$$

Each  $\Gamma_n$  is a zero-dimensional, finitely generated  $K$ -algebra, which may be expressed as the quotient of a finitely generated polynomial ring with a *stable* (after reversing the order of the variables) monomial ideal. Using the description of the free minimal resolution of stable ideals given by Eliahou-Kervaire, and some additional arguments by Aramova-Herzog and Peeva, we give the Poincaré-Betti series for  $\Gamma_n$ .

**1. Introduction**

Cashwell and Everett [2] studied “the ring of number-theoretic functions”

$$\Gamma = \{ f \mid \mathbb{N}^+ \rightarrow K \} \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathbb{N}^+$  is the set of positive natural numbers (we denote by  $\mathbb{N}$  the set of all natural numbers) and  $K$  is a field containing the rational numbers.  $\Gamma$  is endowed with component-wise addition and multiplication with scalars, and with the convolution (or Cauchy) product

$$fg(n) = \sum_{\substack{(a,b) \in (\mathbb{N}^+) \times (\mathbb{N}^+) \\ ab=n}} f(a)g(b) \quad (2)$$

With these operations,  $\Gamma$  becomes a commutative  $K$ -algebra. It is immediate that it is a local domain; less obvious is the fact that it is a unique factorisation domain. Cashwell and Everett proved this in [2] using the isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi : \Gamma &\rightarrow K[[X]] \\ f &\mapsto \sum f(n)x_1^{\alpha_1}x_2^{\alpha_2}\dots \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where  $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\}$ ,  $K[[X]]$  is the “large” power series ring of all functions from the free abelian monoid  $\mathcal{M} = [X]$  (the free abelian monoid generated by  $X$ ) to  $K$ , and where the summation extends over all  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1}p_2^{\alpha_2}\dots \in \mathbb{N}^+$ . Here, and henceforth, we denote by  $p_i$  the  $i$ 'th prime number, with  $p_1 = 2$ , and by  $\mathcal{P}$  the set of all prime numbers. That (3) is an isomorphism is immediate from the following isomorphism of commutative monoids, implied by the fundamental theorem of arithmetics:

$$(\mathbb{N}^+, \cdot) \simeq \coprod_{p \in \mathcal{P}} (\mathbb{N}, +) \quad (4)$$

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The following number-theoretic functions are of particular interest (whenever possible, we use the same notation as in [2]):

1. The multiplicative unit  $\epsilon$  given by  $\epsilon(1) = 1$ ,  $\epsilon(n) = 0$  for  $n > 1$ ,
2.  $\lambda : \mathbb{N}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  given by  $\lambda(1) = 0$ ,  $\lambda(q_1 \cdots q_l) = l$  if  $q_1, \dots, q_l$  are any (not necessarily distinct) prime numbers.
3.  $\tilde{\lambda} : \mathbb{N}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  given  $\tilde{\lambda}(1) = 0$ ,  $\tilde{\lambda}(p_1^{a_1} \cdots p_r^{a_r}) = \sum a_r p_r$ .
4. The Möbius function  $\mu(1) = 1$ ,  $\mu(n) = (-1)^v$  if  $n$  is the product of  $v$  distinct prime factors, and 0 otherwise,
5. For any  $i \in \mathbb{N}^+$ ,  $\chi_i(p_i) = 1$ , and  $\chi_i(m) = 0$  for  $m \neq p_i$ . Note that under the isomorphism (3),  $\Phi(\chi_i) = x_i$ .

The topic of this article is the study of the “truncations”  $\Gamma_n$ , where for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ ,

$$\Gamma_n = \{ f \in \Gamma \mid m > n \implies f(m) = 0 \} \tag{5}$$

With the modified multiplication given by

$$fg(n) = \sum_{\substack{(a,b) \in \{1, \dots, n\} \times \{1, \dots, n\} \\ ab=n}} f(a)g(b) \tag{6}$$

$\Gamma_n$  becomes a  $K$ -algebra, isomorphic to  $\Gamma/J_n$ , where  $J_n$  is the ideal

$$J_n = \{ f \in \Gamma \mid \forall m \leq n : f(m) = 0 \}.$$

If we define

$$\pi_n : \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma_n \tag{7}$$

$$\pi_n(f)(m) = \begin{cases} f(m) & m \leq n \\ 0 & m > n \end{cases} \tag{8}$$

then  $\pi_n$  is a  $K$ -algebra epimorphism, and  $J_n$  is the kernel of  $\pi_n$ . We note furthermore that  $J_n$  is generated by *monomials* in the elements  $\chi_i$ .

To describe the main idea of this paper, we need a few additional definitions. First, for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$  we denote by  $r(n) \in \mathbb{N}$  the largest integer such that  $p_{r(n)} \leq n$ . In other words,  $r(n)$  is the number of prime numbers  $\leq n$  (this number is often denoted  $\pi(n)$ ). Secondly, for a monomial  $m = x_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots x_w^{\alpha_w}$ , we define the *support*  $\text{Supp}(m)$  as the set of positive integers  $i$  such that  $\alpha_i > 0$ . We define  $\max(m)$  and  $\min(m)$  as the maximal and minimal elements in the support of  $m$ .

**Definition 1.1.** A monomial ideal  $I \subset K[x_1, \dots, x_r]$  is said to be *strongly stable* if whenever  $m$  is a monomial such that  $x_j m \in I$ , then  $x_i m \in I$  for all  $i \leq j$ . If this condition holds at least for all  $i \leq j = \max(m)$  then  $I$  is said to be *stable*.

We can now state our main theorem:

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$  and  $r = r(n)$ . Then the following holds:*

- (I)  $\Gamma_n \simeq \frac{K[x_1, \dots, x_r]}{I_n}$ , where  $I_n$  is a strongly stable monomial ideal, with respect to the reverse order of the variables.
- (II)  $\Gamma_n$  is artinian, with  $\dim_K(\Gamma_n) = n$ . Furthermore, if it is given the natural grading with  $|\chi_i| = 1$ , then its Hilbert series is  $\sum_i d_i t^i$  where  $d_i$  is the number of  $w \leq n$  with  $\lambda(w) = i$ .
- (III) There is a 1-1 bijection between the minimal monomial generators of  $I_n$  of minimal support  $v$ , and the solutions in non-negative integers to the equation

$$\log n - \log p_v < \sum_{i=v}^r b_i \log p_i \leq \log n \tag{9}$$

(IV) If we denote by  $C_{n,v}$  the number of such solutions, then the Poincaré-Betti series of the free minimal resolution of  $K$  as a cyclic module over  $\Gamma_n$  is the following rational function:

$$P(\text{Tor}_*^{\Gamma_n}(K, K), t) = \frac{(1+t)^r}{1-t^2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^r (1+t)^{(i-1)} C_{n,r-i+1}\right)} \quad (10)$$

We will show this result, and also give the graded Poincaré-Betti series. For this, we define the number  $C_{n,v,d}$  which counts the number of minimal generators of  $I_n$  of minimal support  $v$  and total degree  $d$ . We determine some elementary properties of the numbers  $C_{n,v,d}$  and  $C_{n,v}$ .

## 2. The ring of number-theoretic functions and its truncations

### 2.1. Norms, degrees, and multiplicativity

For a monomial  $\mathcal{M} \ni m = x_1^{a_1} \dots x_n^{a_n}$  we define the *weight* of  $m$  as  $w(m) = p_1^{a_1} \dots p_n^{a_n}$  (we put  $w(1) = 1$ ). Hence  $w$  gives a bijection between  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathbb{N}^+$ . Furthermore, we can define a term order on  $\mathcal{M}$  by  $m > m'$  iff  $w(m) > w(m')$ . If we define the *initial monomial*  $\text{in}(f)$  of  $f \in K[[X]]$  as the monomial in  $\text{Supp}(f)$  minimal with respect to  $>$ , then  $\text{in}(f)$  is easily seen to correspond to the *norm*  $N(\alpha)$  of a number-theoretic function  $\alpha$ , defined as the smallest  $n$  such that  $\alpha(n) \neq 0$ . Here, we must use  $w$  and  $\Phi$  to identify  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathbb{N}^+$  and  $K[[X]]$  and  $\Gamma$ . As observed in [2], the norm is multiplicative:  $N(\alpha\beta) = N(\alpha)N(\beta)$ .

Cashwell and Everett also define the *degree*  $D(\alpha)$  to mean the smallest  $d$  such that there exists an  $n$  with  $\lambda(n) = d$  and  $\alpha(n) \neq 0$ . This corresponds the smallest *total degree* of a monomial in  $\text{Supp}(f)$ . Furthermore, the norm  $M(\alpha)$ , defined as the smallest integer  $n$  with  $\lambda(n) = D(\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha(n) \neq 0$ , corresponds to the initial monomial of  $f$  under the term order obtained by refining the total degree partial order with the term order  $>$ .

A *multiplicative function* is an element  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  such that  $\alpha(1) = 1$  and  $\alpha(ab) = \alpha(a)\alpha(b)$  whenever  $a$  and  $b$  are relatively prime. Cashwell and Everett observes that a multiplicative function is necessarily a unit in  $\Gamma$ . One can further observe that if  $\alpha$  is multiplicative, then  $f = \Phi(\alpha)$  can be written

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) = f_1(x_1)f_2(x_2)f_3(x_3)\dots$$

where each  $f_i(x_i) \in K[[x_i]]$  is invertible. In particular, the constant function  $\Gamma \ni \nu_0$  with  $\nu_0(n) = 1$  for all  $n$ , corresponds to

$$\sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} m = \frac{1}{1-x_1} \frac{1}{1-x_2} \frac{1}{1-x_3} \dots$$

Since the Möbius function is defined to be the inverse of this function, we get that it corresponds to

$$(1-x_1)(1-x_2)(1-x_3)\dots = 1 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i\right) + \left(\sum_{i<j} x_i x_j\right) - \left(\sum_{i<j<k} x_i x_j x_k\right) + \dots$$

### 2.2. Truncations of the ring of number-theoretic functions

Let  $n, n' \in \mathbb{N}^+$ ,  $n' > n$ . Then there is a  $K$ -algebra epimorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_n^{n'} : \Gamma_{n'} &\rightarrow \Gamma_n \\ \varphi_n^{n'}(f)(m) &= \begin{cases} f(m) & m \leq n \\ 0 & m > n \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the  $\Gamma_n$ 's form an inverse system.

**Lemma 2.1.**  $\varprojlim \Gamma_n \simeq \Gamma$ .

*Proof.* Given any  $f \in \Gamma$ , the sequence  $(\pi_1(f), \pi_2(f), \pi_3(f), \dots)$  is coherent. Conversely, given any coherent sequence  $(g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots)$ , we can define  $g : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow K$  by  $g(m) = g_i(m)$  where  $i \geq m$ .  $\square$

As a side remark, we note that

**Lemma 2.2.** *The decreasing filtration*

$$J_1 \supseteq J_2 \supseteq J_3 \supseteq \dots \quad (11)$$

is separated, that is,  $\bigcap_n J_n = (0)$ .

**Definition 2.3.** We define

$$I_n = K[[X]] \{ m \in \mathcal{M} \mid w(m) > n \}, \quad (12)$$

that is, as the monomial ideal in  $K[[X]]$  generated by all monomials of weight strictly higher than  $n$ . We put  $A_n = \frac{K[[X]]}{I_n}$ .

**Proposition 2.4.** *A  $K$ -basis of  $A_n$  is given by all monomials of weight  $\leq n$ . Hence  $A_n$  is an artinian algebra, with  $\dim_K(A_n) = n$ . Putting  $r = r(n)$ , we have that*

$$A_n = \frac{K[[X]]}{I_n} \simeq \frac{K[x_1, \dots, x_r]}{I_n \cap K[x_1, \dots, x_r]} \quad (13)$$

*Proof.* As a vector space,  $K[[X]] \simeq U \oplus I_n$ , where  $U$  consists of all functions supported on monomials of weight  $\leq n$ . It follows that  $A_n \simeq U$  as  $K$  vector spaces. Of course, there are exactly  $n$  monomials of weight  $\leq n$ . Finally, if  $s > r$  then  $w(x_s) = p_s > n$ , hence  $x_s \in I_n$ .  $\square$

We will abuse notations and identify  $I_n$  and its contraction  $I_n \cap K[x_1, \dots, x_r]$ .

**Lemma 2.5.**  $\Gamma_n \simeq A_n$ .

*Proof.* Since  $A_n$  has a  $K$ -basis is given by all monomials of weight  $\leq n$ , the two  $K$ -algebras are isomorphic as  $K$ -vector spaces. The multiplication in  $A_n$  is induced from the multiplication in  $K[[X]]$ , with the extra condition that monomials of weight  $> n$  are truncated. This is the same multiplication as in  $\Gamma_n$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.6.**  *$I_n$  is a strongly stable ideal, with respect to the reverse order of the variables.*

*Proof.* We must show that if  $m \in I_n$ , and  $x_i \mid m$ , then  $mx_j/x_i \in I$  for  $i \leq j \leq r$ . We have that  $w(mx_j/x_i) = w(m)p_j/p_i > w(m) > n$ .  $\square$

Part I of the main theorem is now proved.

We give  $K[x_1, \dots, x_r]$  an  $\mathbb{N}^2$ -grading by giving the variable  $x_i$  bi-degree  $(1, p_i)$ . Since each  $I_n$  is bihomogeneous, this grading is inherited by  $A_n$ .

**Theorem 2.7.** *The bi-graded Hilbert series of  $A_n$  is given by*

$$A_n(t, u) = \sum_{i,j} c_{ij} t^i u^j,$$

where  $c_{ij}$  is the number of  $p_1^{a_1} \dots p_r^{a_r} \leq n$  with  $\sum a_r = i$  and  $\sum a_r p_r = j$ . Furthermore,

$$A_n(t, 1) = \sum_i d_i t^i$$

$$A_n(1, u) = \sum_j e_j u^j$$

where  $d_i$  is the number of  $w \leq n$  with  $\lambda(w) = i$ , and  $e_i$  is the number of  $w \leq n$  with  $\tilde{\lambda}(w) = i$ . In particular, the  $t^1$ -coefficient of  $A_n(t, 1)$  is the number of prime numbers  $\leq n$ .

*Proof.* The monomial  $x_1^{a_1} \cdots x_n^{a_n}$  has bi-degree  $(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i, \sum a_i p_i)$ .  $\square$

This establishes part II of the main theorem.

### 3. Minimal generators for $I_n$

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ , and let  $r = r(n)$ . We have that

$$x_1^{a_1} \cdots x_r^{a_r} = m \in I_n \iff w(m) > n \iff \prod_{i=1}^r p_i^{a_i} > n. \quad (14)$$

We denote by  $G(I_n)$  the set of minimal monomial generators of  $I_n$ . For  $m = x_1^{a_1} \cdots x_r^{a_r}$  to be an element of  $G(I_n)$  it is necessary and sufficient that  $m \in I_n$  and that for  $1 \leq v \leq r$ ,  $x_v \mid m \implies m/x_v \notin I_n$ . In other words,

$$1 \leq j \leq n, a_j > 0 \implies n < \prod_{i=1}^r p_i^{a_i} \leq p_j n. \quad (15)$$

**Definition 3.1.** For  $n, v, d$  positive integers, we define:

$$C_n = \#G(I_n) \quad (16)$$

$$C_{n,v} = \# \{ m \in G(I_n) \mid \min(m) = v \} \quad (17)$$

$$C_{n,v,d} = \# \{ m \in G(I_n) \mid \min(m) = v, |m| = d \} \quad (18)$$

**Theorem 3.2.**  $C_{n,v}$  is the number of solutions  $(b_1, \dots, b_r) \in \mathbb{N}^r$  to the equation

$$\log n - \log p_v < \sum_{i=v}^r b_i \log p_i \leq \log n. \quad (19)$$

Equivalently,  $C_{n,v}$  is the number of integers  $x$  such that  $n/p_v < x \leq n$  and such that no prime factors of  $x$  are smaller than  $p_v$ .

Similarly,  $C_{n,v,d}$  is the number of solutions  $(b_1, \dots, b_r) \in \mathbb{N}^r$  to the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} \log n - \log p_v < \sum_{i=v}^r b_i \log p_i \leq \log n \\ \sum_{i=1}^r b_i = d - 1. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

or equivalently,  $C_{n,v,d}$  is the number of integers  $x$  such that  $n/p_v < x \leq n$  and such that no prime factors of  $x$  are smaller than  $p_v$ , and with the additional constraint that  $\lambda(x) = d$ .

*Proof.* We have that  $a_v > 0$ ,  $a_w = 0$  for  $w < v$ . Hence equation (15) implies that

$$n < \prod_{j=v}^r p_j^{a_j} \leq p_v n.$$

Putting  $b_v = a_v - 1$ ,  $b_j = a_j$  for  $j > v$  we can write this as

$$n < p_v \prod_{j=v}^r p_j^{b_j} \leq p_v n \iff n/p_v < \prod_{j=v}^r p_j^{b_j} \leq n$$

from which (19) follows by taking logarithms. This implies (20) as well.  $\square$

We have now proved part III of the main theorem.

Figure 1: The numbers  $C_n$  and  $C_{n,i}$ .

$n$	$\Sigma$	$i = 1$	$i = 2$	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	1	1									
3	3	2	1								
4	3	2	1								
5	6	3	2	1							
6	6	3	2	1							
7	10	4	3	2	1						
8	10	4	3	2	1						
9	11	5	3	2	1						
10	11	5	3	2	1						
11	16	6	4	3	2	1					
12	16	6	4	3	2	1					
13	22	7	5	4	3	2	1				
14	22	7	5	4	3	2	1				
15	23	8	5	4	3	2	1				
16	23	8	5	4	3	2	1				
17	30	9	6	5	4	3	2	1			
18	30	9	6	5	4	3	2	1			
19	38	10	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
20	38	10	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
21	39	11	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
22	39	11	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
23	48	12	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
24	48	12	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
25	50	13	9	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
26	50	13	9	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
27	51	14	9	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
28	51	14	9	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
29	61	15	10	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
30	61	15	10	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Figure 2: The numbers  $C_{n,i,g}$ .

$n$	$i = 1$	$i = 2$	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	1								
3	2	1							
4	$u + 1$	1							
5	$u + 2$	2	1						
6	$2u + 1$	2	1						
7	$2u + 2$	3	2	1					
8	$u^2 + u + 2$	3	2	1					
9	$u^2 + 2u + 2$	$u + 2$	2	1					
10	$u^2 + 3u + 1$	$u + 2$	2	1					
11	$u^2 + 3u + 2$	$u + 3$	3	2	1				
12	$2u^2 + 2u + 2$	$u + 3$	3	2	1				
13	$2u^2 + 2u + 3$	$u + 4$	4	3	2	1			
14	$2u^2 + 3u + 2$	$u + 4$	4	3	2	1			
15	$2u^2 + 4u + 2$	$2u + 3$	4	3	2	1			
16	$u^3 + u^2 + 4u + 2$	$2u + 3$	4	3	2	1			
17	$u^3 + u^2 + 4u + 3$	$2u + 4$	5	4	3	2	1		
18	$u^3 + 2u^2 + 3u + 3$	$2u + 4$	5	4	3	2	1		
19	$u^3 + 2u^2 + 3u + 4$	$2u + 5$	6	5	4	3	2	1	
20	$u^3 + 3u^2 + 2u + 4$	$2u + 5$	6	5	4	3	2	1	
21	$u^3 + 3u^2 + 3u + 4$	$3u + 4$	6	5	4	3	2	1	
22	$u^3 + 3u^2 + 4u + 3$	$3u + 4$	6	5	4	3	2	1	
23	$u^3 + 3u^2 + 4u + 4$	$3u + 5$	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
24	$2u^3 + 2u^2 + 4u + 4$	$3u + 5$	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
25	$2u^3 + 2u^2 + 5u + 4$	$4u + 5$	$u + 6$	6	5	4	3	2	1
26	$2u^3 + 2u^2 + 6u + 3$	$4u + 5$	$u + 6$	6	5	4	3	2	1
27	$2u^3 + 3u^2 + 6u + 3$	$u^2 + 3u + 5$	$u + 6$	6	5	4	3	2	1
28	$2u^3 + 4u^2 + 5u + 3$	$u^2 + 3u + 5$	$u + 6$	6	5	4	3	2	1
29	$2u^3 + 4u^2 + 5u + 4$	$u^2 + 3u + 6$	$u + 7$	7	6	5	4	3	2
30	$2u^3 + 5u^2 + 4u + 4$	$u^2 + 3u + 6$	$u + 7$	7	6	5	4	3	2

**Example 3.3.** The first few  $I_n$ 's are as follows:  $I_2 = (x_1^2)$ ,  $I_3 = (x_1^2, x_2^2, x_1x_2)$ ,  $I_4 = (x_1^3, x_2^2, x_1x_2)$ ,  $I_5 = (x_1^3, x_2^2, x_1x_2, x_3^2, x_1x_3, x_2x_3)$ .

We tabulate  $C_{n,i}$  and  $C_{n,i,d}$ , the latter in form of the polynomial  $u^{-2} \sum_j C_{n,i,j} u^j$  in the tables 1 and 2.

- Theorem 3.4.** (1)  $C_{n,v} = 0$  for  $v > r(n)$   
(2)  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : \forall v \leq r(n) : C_{n,1+r(n)-v} \geq v$ ,  
(3)  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : C_n \geq \binom{r(n)+1}{2}$ ,  
(4)  $\forall v \in \mathbb{N} : \exists N : \forall n \geq N : C_{n,1+r(n)-v} = v$ .  
(5) If  $n$  is even, then  $C_{n,v} = C_{n-1,v}$  for all  $v$ ,  
(6)  $C_{n,1} = \lceil n/2 \rceil$ .

*Proof.* (1) Obvious.

(2) and (3) It suffices to show that for any subset  $S \subset \{1, \dots, r\}$  of cardinality 1 or 2, there is an  $m \in G(I_n)$  with  $\text{Supp}(m) = S$ . If  $S = \{i\}$  then there is a unique positive integer  $a$  such that  $p_i^{b-1} \leq n < p_i^b$ , and  $m = x_i^b$  is the desired generator. If  $S = \{i, j\}$  with  $i < j$  then we claim that there is a positive integer  $a$  such that  $x_i^a x_j \in G(I_n)$ . Namely, choose  $b$  such that  $p_i^{b-1} \leq n < p_i^b$ , then since  $p_i < p_j$  one has  $n < p_i^{b-1} p_j$ . Hence  $x_i^{b-1} x_j \in I_n$ , so it is a multiple of some minimal generator. By the definition of  $b$ , this minimal generator must be of the form  $x_i^a x_j$  for some  $a$ , which establishes the claim.

(6) We must show that the number of solutions in  $\mathbb{N}^r$  to

$$\frac{n}{2} < \prod_{i=1}^r p_i^{b_i} \leq n$$

is precisely  $\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$ . Obviously, any integer  $\in (\frac{n}{2}, n]$  fits the bill; there are  $\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$  of those.

(5) The case  $v = 1$  follows from (6). Hence, it suffices to show that if  $v > 1$ ,  $x \in (\frac{n}{p_v}, n] \cap \mathbb{N}$ , and if  $x$  has no prime factor  $< p_v$ , then  $x \in (\frac{n-1}{p_v}, n-1] \cap \mathbb{N}$ . The only way this can fail to happen is if  $x = n$ , but then  $x$  is even, and has the prime factor  $2 = p_1 < p_v$ , a contradiction.

(4) For large enough  $n$ , the only integers  $x \leq n$  with all prime factors  $\geq 1 + r(n) - v$  are  $p_{1+r(n)-v}, \dots, p_{r(n)}$ . There is  $v$  of these, and they are all  $> \frac{n}{p_v}$ .  $\square$

- Theorem 3.5.** 1.  $C_{n,v,d} = 0$  for  $v > r(n)$ , and for  $d < 2$ ,  
2.  $\forall v \in \mathbb{N} : \exists N : \forall n \geq N : C_{n,1+r(n)-v,2} = v$ ,  $C_{n,1+r(n)-v,d} = 0$  for  $d \neq 2$ ,  
3.  $\binom{r(n)}{2} = \# \{m \in \mathbb{N}^+ \mid m \leq n, \lambda(m) = 2\}$ .

*Proof.* The first and the last assertions are obvious. The second one follows from the proof of (4) in the previous lemma.  $\square$

## 4. Poincaré series

In [3], a minimal free multi-graded resolution of a  $I$  over  $S$  is given, where  $S = K[x_1, \dots, x_r]$  is a polynomial ring, and  $I \subset (x_1, \dots, x_r)^2$  is a stable ideal. As a consequence, the following formula for the Poincaré-Betti series is derived:

$$P(\text{Tor}_*^S(I, K), t) = \sum_{a \in G(I)} (1+t)^{\max(a)-1} \quad (21)$$

where  $G(I)$  is the minimal generating set of  $I$ . Since the resolution is multi-graded, (21) can be modified to yield a formula for the graded Poincaré-Betti series (we here consider  $S$  as  $\mathbb{N}$ -graded, with each variable given weight 1):

$$P(\text{Tor}_{*,*}^S(I, K), t, u) = \sum_{a \in G(I)} u^{|a|} (1+t)^{\max(a)-1} \quad (22)$$

We will use the following variant of this result:

**Theorem 4.1 (Eliahou-Kervaire).** *Let  $I \subset (x_1, \dots, x_r)^2 \subset K[x_1, \dots, x_r] = S$  be a stable monomial ideal. Put*

$$b_{i,d} = \# \{ m \in G(I) \mid \max(m) = i, |m| = d \} \quad (23)$$

$$b_i = \# \{ m \in G(I) \mid \max(m) = i \} \quad (24)$$

Then

$$P(\mathrm{Tor}_*^S(I, K), t) = \sum_{i=1}^r b_i (1+t)^{(i-1)} \quad (25)$$

$$P(\mathrm{Tor}_{**}^S(I, K), t, u) = \sum_{i=1}^r \left( (1+tu)^{(i-1)} \sum_j b_{i,j} u^j \right). \quad (26)$$

For the Betti-numbers we have that

$$\beta_q = \dim_K (\mathrm{Tor}_q^S(I, K)) = \sum_{i=1}^r b_i \binom{i-1}{q}. \quad (27)$$

From Proposition 2.6 we have that the ideals  $I_n$  are stable after reversing the order of the variables. Hence, replacing  $\max$  by  $\min$ , and hence  $b_i$  with  $C_{n,1+r-i}$ , we get:

**Corollary 4.2.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ ,  $r = r(n)$ ,  $S = K[x_1, \dots, x_r]$ . Then*

$$P(\mathrm{Tor}_*^S(I_n, K), t) = \sum_{i=1}^r C_{n,1+r-i} (1+t)^{(i-1)} \quad (28)$$

$$P(\mathrm{Tor}_{**}^S(I_n, K), t, u) = \sum_{i=1}^r (1+tu)^{(i-1)} \sum_j C_{n,1+r-i,j} u^j. \quad (29)$$

For the Betti-numbers we have that

$$\beta_q = \sum_{i=1}^r C_{n,1+r-i} \binom{i-1}{q}. \quad (30)$$

In [6, 1] it is shown that if  $S = K[x_1, \dots, x_r]$  and  $I$  is a stable monomial ideal in  $S$ , then  $S/I$  is a Golod ring. Hence, from a result of Golod [4] (see also [5]), it follows that

$$P(\mathrm{Tor}_*^{S/I}(K, K), t) = \frac{(1+t)^r}{1-t^2 P(\mathrm{Tor}_*^S(I, K), t)} \quad (31)$$

Regarding  $S$  as an  $\mathbb{N}$ -graded ring, one can show that in fact

$$P(\mathrm{Tor}_*^{S/I}(K, K), t, u) = \frac{(1+ut)^r}{1-t^2 P(\mathrm{Tor}_*^S(I, K), t, u)} \quad (32)$$

The following theorem is an immediate consequence:

**Theorem 4.3 (Herzog-Aramova, Peeva).** *Let  $S = K[x_1, \dots, x_r]$ , and suppose that  $I$  is a stable monomial ideal in  $S$ . Put*

$$b_{i,d} = \# \{ x \in G(I) \mid \max(x) = i, |x| = d \}$$

$$b_i = \# \{ x \in G(I) \mid \max(x) = i \}$$

Then, for  $R = S/I$ , we have that

$$P(\mathrm{Tor}_*^R(K, K), t) = \frac{(1+t)^r}{1-t^2 \sum_{i=1}^r (1+t)^{(i-1)} \sum_j b_i} \tag{33}$$

$$P(\mathrm{Tor}_*^R(K, K), t, u) = \frac{(1+t)^r}{1-t^2 \sum_{i=1}^r (1+tu)^{(i-1)} \sum_j b_{i,j} u^j} \tag{34}$$

Specialising to the case of  $A_n$ , we obtain:

**Corollary 4.4.** *Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ , and let  $r = r(n)$ . Regard  $A_n$  as a naturally graded  $K$ -algebra, with each  $x_i$  given weight 1, and regard  $K$  as a cyclic  $A$ -module. Then*

$$P(\mathrm{Tor}_*^{A_n}(K, K), t) = \frac{(1+t)^r}{1-t^2 \sum_{i=1}^r (1+t)^{(i-1)} C_{n,r-i+1}} \tag{35}$$

$$P(\mathrm{Tor}_*^{A_n}(K, K), t, u) = \frac{(1+ut)^r}{1-t^2 \left( \sum_{i=1}^r \left( (1+tu)^{(i-1)} \sum_j C_{n,r-i+1,j} u^j \right) \right)} \tag{36}$$

Part IV of the main theorem is now proved.

**Example 4.5.** We consider the case  $n = 5$ , then  $r = r(n) = 3$ , so  $S = K[x_1, x_2, x_3]$  and  $I = I_5 = (x_1^3, x_1x_2, x_1x_3, x_2^2, x_2x_3, x_3^2)$ . We get that  $C_{5,1} = 3, C_{5,2} = 2, C_{5,3} = 1$ . According to our formulas<sup>1</sup> we have

$$P_I^S(t) = 1 + 2(1+t) + 3(1+t)^2 = 6 + 8t + 3t^2$$

$$P_K^{S/I} = \frac{(1+t)^r}{1-t^2 P_I^S(t)} = \frac{1}{1-3t}$$

When we consider the grading by total degree, we have that  $C_{5,1,2} = 2, C_{5,1,3} = 1, C_{5,2,2} = 2, C_{5,3,2} = 1$ . Hence, our formulas yield

$$\begin{aligned} P_I^S(t, u) &= u^2 + 2u^2(1+t) + (2u^2 + u^3)(1+t)^2 \\ &= 5u^2 + u^3 + (6u^2 + 2u^3)t + (2u^2 + u^3)t^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$P_K^{S/I}(t, u) = -\frac{1+tu}{u^3t^2 + 2t^2u^2 + 2tu - 1}$$

We list the first few Poincaré-Betti series  $P(\mathrm{Tor}_*^{A_n}(K, K), t, u)$  in table 3.

**Conjecture 4.6.**  $P(\mathrm{Tor}_*^{A_n}(K, K), t) = -\frac{(1+t)^{\ell_1(n)}}{q_n(t)}, q_n(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{\ell_2(n)} h_i(n)t^i$ , with

1.  $q_n(-1) \neq 0$ ,
2.  $\ell_1(n)$  is the number of odd primes  $p$  such that  $p^2 \leq n$ ,
3.  $\ell_2(n) = \ell_1(n) + 1$ ,
4.  $h_0(n) = -1$ ,
5.  $h_1(n) = r(n) - \ell_1(n)$ ,
6.  $h_{\ell_2(n)}(n) = C_{n,1} = \lceil n/2 \rceil$ .

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<sup>1</sup>Here, we have used the abbreviation  $P_I^S(t) = P(\mathrm{Tor}_*^S(I, K), t)$ , we will also write  $P_K^{S/I}(t) = P(\mathrm{Tor}_*^{S/I}(K, K), t)$  et cetera.

$n$	Graded	Non – graded
2	$-(tu - 1)^{-1}$	$-(t - 1)^{-1}$
3	$-(2tu - 1)^{-1}$	$-(2t - 1)^{-1}$
4	$-\frac{1+tu}{(u^3+u^2)t^2+tu-1}$	$-(2t - 1)^{-1}$
5	$-\frac{1+tu}{(u^3+2u^2)t^2+2tu-1}$	$-(3t - 1)^{-1}$
6	$-\frac{1+tu}{(2u^3+u^2)t^2+2tu-1}$	$-(3t - 1)^{-1}$
7	$-\frac{1+tu}{(2u^3+2u^2)t^2+3tu-1}$	$-(4t - 1)^{-1}$
8	$-\frac{1+tu}{(u^4+u^3+2u^2)t^2+3tu-1}$	$-(4t - 1)^{-1}$
9	$-\frac{1+2tu+t^2u^2}{(u^5+2u^4+2u^3)t^3+(u^4+3u^3+4u^2)t^2+2tu-1}$	$-\frac{1+t}{5t^2+3t-1}$
10	$-\frac{1+2tu+t^2u^2}{(u^5+3u^4+u^3)t^3+(u^4+4u^3+3u^2)t^2+2tu-1}$	$-\frac{1+t}{5t^2+3t-1}$
11	$-\frac{1+2tu+t^2u^2}{(u^5+3u^4+2u^3)t^3+(u^4+4u^3+5u^2)t^2+3tu-1}$	$-\frac{1+t}{6t^2+4t-1}$
12	$-\frac{1+2tu+t^2u^2}{(2u^5+2u^4+2u^3)t^3+(2u^4+3u^3+5u^2)t^2+3tu-1}$	$-\frac{1+t}{6t^2+4t-1}$
13	$-\frac{1+2tu+t^2u^2}{(2u^5+2u^4+3u^3)t^3+(2u^4+3u^3+7u^2)t^2+4tu-1}$	$-\frac{1+t}{7t^2+5t-1}$
14	$-\frac{1+2tu+t^2u^2}{(2u^5+3u^4+2u^3)t^3+(2u^4+4u^3+6u^2)t^2+4tu-1}$	$-\frac{1+t}{7t^2+5t-1}$
15	$-\frac{1+2tu+t^2u^2}{(2u^5+4u^4+2u^3)t^3+(2u^4+6u^3+5u^2)t^2+4tu-1}$	$-\frac{1+t}{8t^2+5t-1}$
16	$-\frac{1+2tu+t^2u^2}{(u^6+u^5+4u^4+2u^3)t^3+(u^5+u^4+6u^3+5u^2)t^2+4tu-1}$	$-\frac{1+t}{8t^2+5t-1}$
17	$-\frac{1+2tu+t^2u^2}{(u^6+u^5+4u^4+3u^3)t^3+(u^5+u^4+6u^3+7u^2)t^2+5tu-1}$	$-\frac{1+t}{9t^2+6t-1}$
18	$-\frac{1+2tu+t^2u^2}{(u^6+2u^5+3u^4+3u^3)t^3+(u^5+2u^4+5u^3+7u^2)t^2+5tu-1}$	$-\frac{1+t}{9t^2+6t-1}$
19	$-\frac{1+2tu+t^2u^2}{(u^6+2u^5+3u^4+4u^3)t^3+(u^5+2u^4+5u^3+9u^2)t^2+6tu-1}$	$-\frac{1+t}{10t^2+7t-1}$
20	$-\frac{1+2tu+t^2u^2}{(u^6+3u^5+2u^4+4u^3)t^3+(u^5+3u^4+4u^3+9u^2)t^2+6tu-1}$	$-\frac{1+t}{10t^2+7t-1}$
21	$-\frac{(1+tu)^2}{t^3u^6+3u^5t^3+t^2u^5+3t^3u^4+3u^4t^2+\frac{1}{4}t^3u^3+6t^2u^3+8t^2u^2+6tu-1}$	$-\frac{1+t}{11t^2+7t-1}$
22	$-\frac{(1+tu)^2}{t^3u^6+3u^5t^3+t^2u^5+4t^3u^4+3u^4t^2+\frac{3}{4}t^3u^3+7t^2u^3+7t^2u^2+6tu-1}$	$-\frac{1+t}{11t^2+7t-1}$
23	$-\frac{(1+tu)^2}{t^3u^6+3u^5t^3+t^2u^5+4t^3u^4+2u^4t^2+\frac{1}{4}t^3u^3+7t^2u^3+9t^2u^2+7tu-1}$	$-\frac{1+t}{12t^2+8t-1}$
24	$-\frac{(1+tu)^2}{2t^3u^6+2u^5t^3+2t^2u^5+4t^3u^4+2u^4t^2+\frac{1}{4}t^3u^3+7t^2u^3+9t^2u^2+7tu-1}$	$-\frac{1+t}{12t^2+8t-1}$
25	$-\frac{(1+tu)^2}{q(t,u)}$	$-\frac{(1+t)^2}{13t^3+22t^2+7t-1}$

Figure 3: Graded and non-graded Poincaré-Betti series of the minimal free resolution of  $K$  over  $A_n$ .

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