

## Study of three-dimensional algebras with straightening laws which are Gorenstein domains III

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### Introduction

Since the previous papers [6] and [7] were published, some related topics [2], [3], [4] and [5] have been studied. Among them, in [5], we obtain certain combinatorial information about a partially ordered set from a ring-theoretical property of an affine semigroup ring which is an algebra with straightening laws on the partially ordered set.

Let  $k$  be a field,  $A$  a polynomial ring in a finite number of indeterminates over  $k$  and  $H$  a finite partially ordered set (*poset* for short) with an injection  $\rho: H \hookrightarrow A$  such that  $\rho(\alpha)$  is a monomial of  $A$  for any  $\alpha \in H$ . Then the couple  $(H, \rho)$  is called a *toroidal poset* if the subring

$$R_\rho := k[\{\rho(\alpha)\}_{\alpha \in H}]$$

is a homogeneous (cf. [6, (1.4)]) algebra with straightening laws (abbreviated ASL) on the poset  $H$ , with respect to the embedding  $\rho$ , over  $k$ . A toroidal poset  $(H, \rho)$  is called *Gorenstein* if  $R_\rho$  is Gorenstein. Also, we say that two toroidal posets  $(H, \rho)$  and  $(H', \rho')$  are *equivalent* if there exists a poset isomorphism  $\psi: H \simeq H'$  such that  $R_\rho$  and  $R_{\rho' \circ \psi}$  are equivalent as ASL's in the sense of [6, §4]. To describe a toroidal poset  $(H, \rho)$  we will write the monomial  $\rho(\alpha)$  near the vertex  $\alpha$  in the Hasse diagram of the poset  $H$ .

Now, the purpose of this paper is to classify all the Gorenstein toroidal posets  $(H, \rho)$  with  $\dim R_\rho = 3$ . Our result is

**THEOREM.** *The Gorenstein toroidal posets  $(H, \rho)$  with  $\dim R_\rho = 3$  are, up to equivalence as toroidal posets, as follows:*



Fig. 1

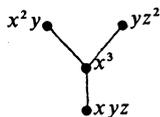


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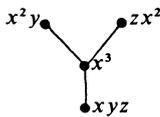


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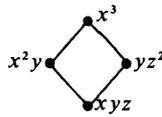


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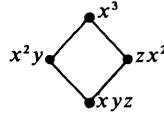


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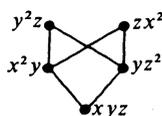


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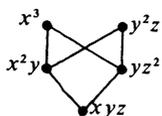


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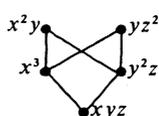


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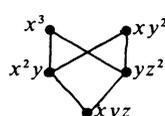


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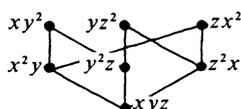


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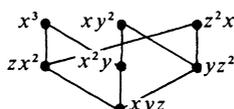


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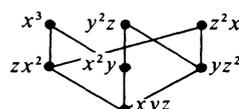


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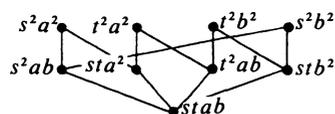


Fig. 13

Throughout this paper, we fix a field  $k$ . We shall refer to [6] for the basic definition and terminologies on commutative algebra and combinatorics and, unless otherwise stated, keep the notation in [6].

**§1. A fundamental lemma of toroidal posets**

Let  $H$  be a connected poset with  $\text{rank}(H)=2$ . We denote by  $f_0$  the cardinality  $\#(H)$  of  $H$  as a set and write  $f_1$  for the number of chains of length two contained in  $H$ . Then, since  $H$  is connected, the inequality  $f_1 - f_0 + 1 \geq 0$  holds. Also,  $f_1 - f_0 + 1 = 0$  if and only if  $H$  contains no cycle (cf. [6, Fig. 14]). In general, a rank two poset is called a *tree* (cf. [4]) if it is connected without cycles. Recall that an element  $P$  of  $H$  is called an *upper* (resp. a *lower*) *branch* if there exists a unique element  $A$  (resp.  $X$ ) such that  $P > A$  (resp.  $P < X$ ). Also, consult [6, p. 32] for the definition of *branch sequences*.

Throughout the remainder of this section, let  $(H, \rho)$  be a toroidal poset with  $\dim R_\rho = \text{rank}(H) = 3$ . Since  $R_\rho$  is an integral domain,  $H$  has a unique minimal element  $T$  and  $H - \{T\}$  is connected by [6]. Also, thanks to [3],  $H - \{T\}$  has neither lower branches nor branch sequences if  $H - \{T\}$  is not a tree. Moreover, somewhat surprisingly, we can prove the following

**LEMMA.**  $H - \{T\}$  has no upper branch if  $H - \{T\}$  is not a tree.

**PROOF.** Let  $P$  be an upper branch of  $H - \{T\}$  and  $A$  a unique element of  $H - \{T\}$  with  $A < P$ . Note that, for any minimal element  $B (\neq A)$  of  $H - \{T\}$ , there exists  $X \in H - \{T\}$  such that  $A < X$  and  $B < X$  by [6, Prop. A].

First, assume that for any minimal element  $B (\neq A)$  of  $H - \{T\}$  there exists exactly one element  $X$  of  $H - \{T\}$  such that  $A < X$  and  $B < X$ . Then  $H - \{T\}$  has at least three minimal elements since  $H - \{T\}$  is not a tree. Let  $B (\neq A)$  and  $C (\neq A)$  be two minimal elements of  $H - \{T\}$ . Write  $\xi$  and  $\eta$  for the elements of  $H - \{T\}$  with  $A < \xi$ ,  $B < \xi$  and  $A < \eta$ ,  $C < \eta$ . Then, in  $R_\rho$ , the set  $[PB]$  (cf. [6, (1.3)]) is contained in  $\{T^2, TA, T\xi\}$  by [6, Lemma 2]. Hence  $AB = T\xi$  by [6, Lemma 1]. Thus  $[PB] \subset \{T^2, TA\}$ . Similarly, we obtain  $AC = T\eta$ ,  $[PC] \subset \{T^2, TA\}$ . Hence we may assume  $AB = T\xi$ ,  $AC = T\eta$ ,  $PB = T^2$  and  $PC = TA$ . Then we have  $AB = TC$  since  $(PC)B = (PB)C$ , a contradiction.

Secondly, assume that for some minimal element  $B (\neq A)$  of  $H - \{T\}$  there exist at least two maximal elements  $X$  and  $Y$  of  $H - \{T\}$  which are greater than both  $A$  and  $B$ . Then, in  $R_\rho$ , we may assume  $AB = TX$  and  $[PB] \subset \{T^2, TA, TY\}$ . To begin with, if  $PB = TY$  then  $PX = AY$ , however, this is impossible by [6, Lemma 4]. On the other hand, if  $PB = TA$  then  $PX = A^2$ . Let  $XY = T\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in H$  (resp.  $XY = \beta^2$ ,  $\beta \in H - \{T\}$  with  $\beta < X$  and  $\beta < Y$ ). Then  $PXY = TP\alpha$  (resp.  $PXY = P\beta^2$ ). However,  $TP\alpha$  (resp.  $P\beta^2$ ) cannot be equal to the standard monomial  $A^2Y$ . Finally, if  $PB = T^2$  then  $PX = TA$ , hence  $PXY = TAY$ . Let  $XY = T\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in H$  (resp.  $XY = \beta^2$ ,  $\beta \in H - \{T\}$  with  $\beta < X$  and  $\beta < Y$ ). Then  $PXY = TP\alpha$  (resp.  $PXY = P\beta^2$ ). Hence,  $AY = P\alpha$  (resp.  $\beta \neq A$  and  $AY = \beta\gamma$  if  $P\beta = T\gamma$ ,  $\gamma \in H$ ), which is also impossible. Q. E. D.

**§2. Classification of troidal trees**

Let  $(H, \rho)$  be a toroidal poset with  $\dim R_\rho = \text{rank}(H) = 3$ . Then  $(H, \rho)$  is called a troidal tree if  $H - \{T\}$  is a tree.

It is easy to see that if  $H - \{T\}$  is either



Fig. 14

or



Fig. 15

then  $(H, \rho)$  is never toroidal for any embedding  $\rho$ . Hence, thanks to [4] and [6, Prop. B], it is a routine work to prove the following

**PROPOSITION.** *The troidal trees are, up to equivalence as toroidal posets, as follows:*



Fig. 16

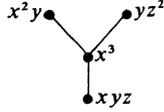


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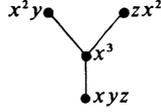


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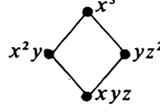


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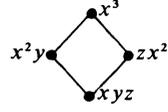


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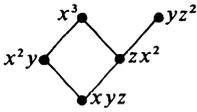


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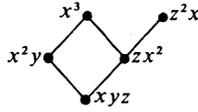


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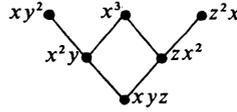


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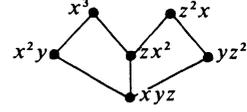


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§3. Classification of toroidal cycles

We now turn to the problem of finding the embeddings  $\rho$  on the cycles

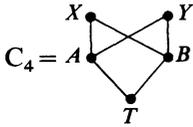


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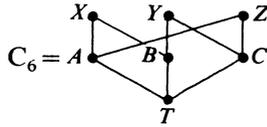


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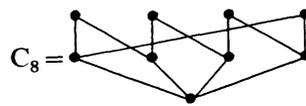


Fig. 27

To begin with, if  $(C_4, \rho)$  is toroidal then, in  $R_\rho$ , either  $AB = T^2$  or  $XY = T^2$  holds. In fact, assume that neither the standard monomial expression for  $AB$  nor that for  $XY$  in  $R_\rho$  coincides with  $T^2$ , say  $AB = TX$  and  $XY = TA$  (resp.  $XY = A^2$ ). Then  $(AB)Y = T^2A$  (resp.  $(AB)Y = TA^2$ ), which is absurd since  $R_\rho$  is an integral domain. Hence we can easily classify the toroidal posets  $(C_4, \rho)$  and obtain the toroidal posets of Fig. 6–9.

On the other hand, if  $(C_6, \rho)$  is toroidal then, in  $R_\rho$ , we may assume that (i)  $AB = TX, BC = TY, CA = TZ$  or (ii)  $AB = TX, BC = T^2, CA = TZ$ . In case (i), we have  $CX = AY = BZ$ , thus  $CX = AY = BZ = T^2$ . Hence  $XY = TB, YZ = TC, ZX = TA$ . This is the toroidal poset of Fig. 10. Now, in case (ii),  $CX = BZ = TA$  and  $ZX = A^2$ . The possibility of the standard monomial expression for  $AY$  is either  $TB$  (resp.  $TC$ ) or  $T^2$ . If  $AY = TB$  (resp.  $TC$ ) then  $XY = B^2$  (resp.  $T^2$ ) and  $YZ = T^2$  (resp.  $C^2$ ). Hence we obtain the toroidal poset of Fig. 11. If  $AY = T^2$  then  $XY = TB$  and  $YZ = TC$ , which is the toroidal poset of Fig. 12.

Finally, concerning the cycle  $C_8$ , we refer to [6, Example b)].

§4. The Veronese subring  $k[x, y, z]^{(3)}$

As soon as we obtain the toroidal posets of Fig. 1–12 and Fig. 21–24, we cannot escape the temptation to classify all the toroidal posets  $(H, \rho)$  with  $\dim R_\rho = \text{rank}(H) = 3$  such that  $\rho(H)$  is contained in the set  $\mathcal{M}_3^{(3)}$  of monomials of degree three in three indeterminates  $x, y$  and  $z$ .

(4.1) Let  $m$  and  $n$  be positive integers. Write  $Q_m^n$  for the rank two poset  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m, \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n\}$  with  $\alpha_i < \beta_j$  for any  $i$  and  $j$ . For example,

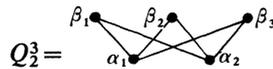


Fig. 28

Also, we denote by  $H_m^n$  the rank three poset  $Q_m^n \cup \{T\}$ , where  $T$  is a unique minimal element of  $H_m^n$ . Then

LEMMA. *If  $(H_m^n, \rho)$  is toroidal, then  $m \leq 2$  and  $n \leq 2$ .*

PROOF. First, assume  $m \geq 3$  and, in  $R_\rho$ , let  $\alpha_1\alpha_2 = T\gamma_1$ ,  $\alpha_2\alpha_3 = T\gamma_2$ . Here  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \{T, \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n\}$ . Then we have  $\gamma_1\alpha_3 = \gamma_2\alpha_1$ , which contradicts the axiom (ASL-1).

Now, in  $R_\rho$ ,  $\beta_i\beta_j \neq \alpha_p\beta_q$  for any  $1 \leq p \leq m$  and  $1 \leq q \leq n$  by [6, Lemma 4]. On the other hand,  $\beta_i\beta_j \neq T\beta_q$  for any  $1 \leq q \leq n$ . In fact, let  $\beta_i\beta_j = T\beta_q$ . If  $\beta_i\beta_q = \alpha_p^2$  then  $T\beta_q^2 = \alpha_p^2\beta_j$ , a contradiction. Also, if  $\beta_i\beta_q = T\gamma$ ,  $\gamma \in H_m^n$ , then  $\beta_q^2 = \gamma\beta_j$ , which is impossible. Hence, any  $\beta_q$ ,  $1 \leq q \leq n$ , does not appear in the standard monomial expression for  $\beta_i\beta_j$ , thus we easily see that  $(H_m^n, \rho)$  is never toroidal if  $n \geq 3$ . Q. E. D.

However, it should be remarked that, for any positive integers  $m$  and  $n$ , we can construct a homogeneous ASL domain on the poset  $H_m^n$  if  $k$  is infinite.

(4.2) We now prove the following effective lemma which plays an essential role in our classification.

LEMMA. *Let  $(H, \rho)$  be a toroidal poset with  $\dim R_\rho = \text{rank}(H) = 3$ . Assume that  $H - \{T\}$  has at least three minimal elements and at least three maximal elements. Then, there exists no minimal element  $A$  of  $H - \{T\}$  such that  $A$  is comparable with any maximal elements of  $H - \{T\}$ .*

PROOF. On the contrary, assume that there exists a minimal element  $A$  of  $H - \{T\}$  such that  $A$  is comparable with any maximal element of  $H - \{T\}$ . Let

$B (\neq A)$  and  $C (\neq A)$  be two minimal elements of  $H - \{T\}$ . Then, in  $R_\rho$ ,  $BC = T^2$ . Thus,  $H - \{T\}$  has no minimal element except  $A, B$  and  $C$ . Now,  $AB = TX$  and  $CA = TY$  for some elements  $X$  and  $Y$  of  $H - \{T\}$  with  $X \neq Y, B < X$  and  $C < Y$ . Thus  $CX = BY = TA$  and  $XY = A^2$ . In particular,  $B \sim Y$  and  $C \sim X$  (the symbol “ $\sim$ ” stands incomparability). Let  $Z (\neq X, Y)$  be another maximal element of  $H - \{T\}$ . Since the set  $[ZX]$  is contained in  $\{T\gamma; \gamma \in H\} \cup \{B^2\}$ , the standard monomial expression for  $(ZX)Y$  cannot coincide with the standard monomial  $((XY)Z)A^2Z$ , a contradiction. Q. E. D.

(4.3) Thanks to (4.1) and (4.2), if  $(H, \rho)$  is a toroidal poset with  $\dim R_\rho = \text{rank}(H) = 3, \rho(H) \subset \mathcal{M}_3^{(3)}$  and  $\#(H) \leq 7$ , then  $(H, \rho)$  is equivalent to one of the toroidal posets of Fig. 1–12 and Fig. 21–24. On the other hand,  $(H, \rho)$  is never toroidal if  $\rho(H) = \mathcal{M}_3^{(3)}$  (cf. [6, Example c]).

(4.4) Before studying the problem of finding the toroidal posets  $(H, \rho)$  with  $\dim R_\rho = \text{rank}(H) = 3, \rho(H) \subset \mathcal{M}_3^{(3)}$  and  $8 \leq \#(H) \leq 9$ , we had better show the following

LEMMA. Let  $(H, \rho)$  be a toroidal poset with  $\dim R_\rho = \text{rank}(H) = 3$ . Assume that there exists a minimal element  $A$  of  $H - \{T\}$  such that  $\#\{\alpha \in H - \{T\}; \alpha > A\} \geq 3$ . Then, for any two minimal elements  $B (\neq A), C (\neq A)$  of  $H - \{T\}$ , in  $R_\rho$ , the standard monomial expression for  $BC$  does not coincide with  $T^2$ .

PROOF. Suppose that, in  $R_\rho, BC = T^2$ . Then  $AB = T\alpha, CA = T\beta$  for some elements  $\alpha, \beta \in H - \{T\}$  with  $\alpha > A$  and  $\beta > A$ . Hence  $C\alpha = B\beta = TA$ , thus  $\alpha\beta = A^2$ . Now, let  $\gamma (\neq \alpha, \beta)$  be another element of  $H - \{T\}$  with  $\gamma > A$ . Then the standard monomial expression for  $(\alpha\gamma)\beta$  coincides with  $A^2\gamma$ , however, this is impossible because the standard monomial expression for  $\alpha\gamma$  is of the form either  $T\delta (\delta \in H)$  or  $D^2 (D \in H - \{T\}$  with  $D < \alpha, D < \gamma)$ . Q. E. D.

(4.5) Let  $(H, \rho)$  be a toroidal poset with  $\dim R_\rho = \text{rank}(H) = 3$  and  $\#(H) = 8$ . Then, thanks to (4.1) and (4.2), the poset  $H$  is among the followings:

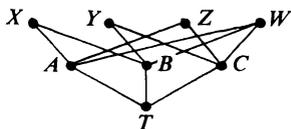


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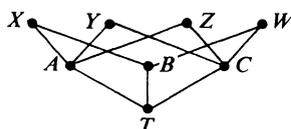


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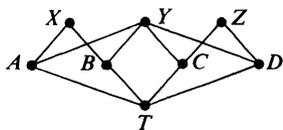


Fig. 31



Fig. 32

LEMMA. Any poset among Fig. 29–32 is never toroidal for any embedding  $\rho$ .

PROOF. Let  $H$  be the poset of Fig. 29 and assume that  $(H, \rho)$  is toroidal. Then, by (4.4), in  $R_\rho$ ,  $AB=T\alpha$ ,  $BC=T\beta$ ,  $CA=T\gamma$ , where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \{X, Y, Z, W\}$ . Hence  $C\alpha=A\beta=B\gamma$ , thus  $\alpha \sim C$ ,  $\beta \sim A$ ,  $\gamma \sim B$ . So,  $\alpha=X$ ,  $\beta=Y$ ,  $\gamma=Z$ . If  $CX=AY=BZ=TW$  then  $XY=BW$ , which contradicts [6, Lemma 4]. Thus  $CX=AY=BZ=T^2$ , hence  $XY=TB$ ,  $YZ=TC$ ,  $ZX=TA$ . Now, let  $XW=A^2$  (resp.  $B^2$ ). Then  $A^2Y=TBW$ , i.e.,  $T^2A=TBW$  (resp.  $B^2Y=TBW$ ), a contradiction. On the other hand, if  $XW=T\delta$ ,  $\delta \in H$ , then  $\delta Y=BW$ , however, there exists no  $\delta \in H$  which satisfies  $\delta Y=BW$  in  $R_\rho$ .

Let  $H$  be the poset of Fig. 30 and assume that  $(H, \rho)$  is toroidal. Then, in  $R_\rho$ ,  $AB=TX$  and  $BC=TW$ . Let  $BY=T\alpha$ ,  $BZ=T\beta$  ( $\alpha, \beta \in H$ ). Then,  $\alpha \neq B, X, Y, W$  and  $\beta \neq B, X, Z, W$ . Also, since  $\alpha Z=\beta Y$ , we have  $\alpha \neq A, C, Z$  and  $\beta \neq A, C, Y$ , thus  $\alpha=\beta=T$ , a contradiction.

Let  $H$  be the poset of Fig. 31 and suppose that  $(H, \rho)$  is toroidal. Then, in  $R_\rho$ , we may assume  $AB=TX$ ,  $AC=T^2$ ,  $AD=TY$ ,  $BC=TY$ ,  $BD=T^2$  and  $CD=TZ$ . Hence  $AY=CX$ , a contradiction. A similar technique is also valid for the poset of Fig. 32. Q. E. D.

(4.6) We now try to find the toroidal posets  $(H, \rho)$  with  $\dim R_\rho = \text{rank}(H) = 3$ ,  $\rho(H) \subset \mathcal{A}_3^{(3)}$  and  $\#(H) = 9$ .

To begin with, let  $\mathcal{N}$  be an arbitrary subset of  $\mathcal{A}_3^{(3)}$  with  $\#(\mathcal{N}) = 9$  and  $R = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} R_n$ ,  $R_0 = k$  and  $\mathcal{N} \subset R_1$ , the subring of  $k[x, y, z]^{(3)}$  generated by all monomials contained in  $\mathcal{N}$ . Then,  $25 \leq \dim_k R_2 \leq 28$  and  $\dim_k R_2 \neq 26$ .

On the other hand, let  $(H, \rho)$  be a toroidal poset with  $\dim R_\rho = \text{rank}(H) = 3$  and  $\#(H) = 9$ . Write  $f_1$  for the number of chains of length two contained in  $H - \{T\}$ . Then  $\dim_k (R_\rho)_2 = f_1 + 17$ . Here,  $R_\rho = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} (R_\rho)_n$  with  $(R_\rho)_0 = k$  and  $\rho(H) \subset (R_\rho)_1$ .

Hence, if  $(H, \rho)$  is a toroidal poset with  $\dim R_\rho = \text{rank}(H) = 3$ ,  $\rho(H) \subset \mathcal{A}_3^{(3)}$  and  $\#(H) = 9$ , then  $8 \leq f_1 \leq 11$  and  $f_1 \neq 9$ .

(4.7) let  $(H, \rho)$  be a toroidal poset with  $\dim R_\rho = \text{rank}(H) = 3$ ,  $\rho(H) \subset \mathcal{A}_3^{(3)}$  and  $\#(H) = 9$ . Write  $c_1$  (resp.  $c_2$ ) for the number of minimal (resp. maximal) elements of  $H - \{T\}$ . Also, as in (4.6), we denote by  $f_1$  the number of chains of length two contained in  $H - \{T\}$ .

LEMMA. If  $(c_1, c_2) = (4, 4)$  then  $f_1 = 8$ .

PROOF. Obviously,  $f_1 \geq 8$ . Suppose  $f_1 > 8$ . Let  $A, B, C, D$  (resp.  $X, Y, Z, W$ ) be minimal (resp. maximal) elements of  $H - \{T\}$ . We may assume  $\#\{\alpha \in H - \{T\}; D < \alpha\} \geq 3$ . Let  $AB=TX$ ,  $BC=TY$  and  $CA=TZ$  by (4.4). Since the sets  $[AD]$ ,  $[BD]$ ,  $[CD]$  are contained in  $\{T^2, TX, TY, TZ, TW\}$ , we may assume

$AD \neq T^2$ ,  $TW$ , thus  $AD = TY$ , hence  $BY = DX$ , in particular,  $B \sim Y$ , however, this contradicts  $BC = TY$ , i.e.,  $B < Y$ . Q. E. D.

Hence, if  $(c_1, c_2) = (4, 4)$  then the poset  $H$  looks like

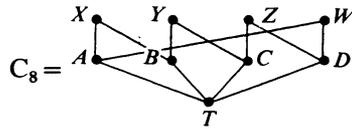


Fig. 33

Now, let  $(c_1, c_2, f_1) = (3, 5, 10)$ . Then, thanks to (4.2), the poset  $H$  is either

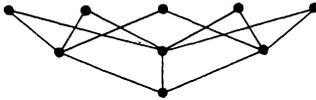


Fig. 34

or

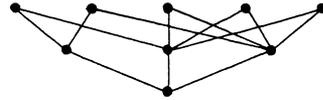


Fig. 35

Also, if  $(c_1, c_2, f_1) = (3, 5, 11)$  then the poset  $H$  looks like

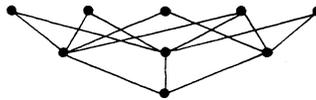


Fig. 36

On the other hand, if  $(c_1, c_2, f_1) = (5, 3, 10)$  then the poset  $H$  is one of the followings:

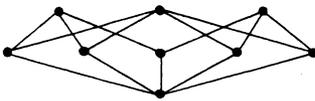


Fig. 37

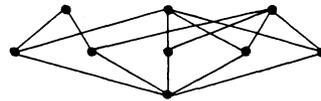


Fig. 38

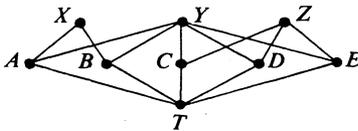


Fig. 39

Finally, if  $(c_1, c_2, f_1) = (5, 3, 11)$  then the poset  $H$  is one of the followings:

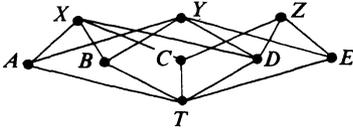


Fig. 40

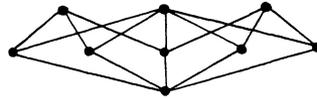


Fig. 41

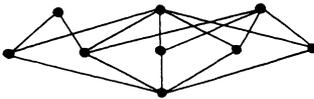


Fig. 42

LEMMA. Any poset among Fig. 34–42 is never toroidal for any embedding  $\rho$ .

PROOF. Our standard technique enables us to see that any poset of Fig. 34–36 is never toroidal. The routine details are omitted.

Let  $H$  be the poset of Fig. 39 and assume that  $(H, \rho)$  is toroidal. Then, in  $R_\rho$ , the three dimensional vector space spanned by  $AC$ ,  $AD$  and  $AE$  over  $k$  is contained in the two dimensional vector space spanned by  $T^2$  and  $TY$  over  $k$ , which is absurd. The similar technique is valid for the posets of Fig. 37–38.

On the other hand, let  $H$  be the poset of Fig. 40. If  $(H, \rho)$  is toroidal then, in  $R_\rho$ , thanks to (4.4), the three dimensional vector space spanned by  $AB$ ,  $AC$  and  $AE$  over  $k$  is contained in the two dimensional vector space spanned by  $TX$  and  $TY$  over  $k$ , a contradiction. The same argument is also applied to the posets of Fig. 41–42. Q. E. D.

Our final work is to examine whether the poset  $C_8$  of Fig. 33 can be embedded into  $\mathcal{A}_3^{(3)}$  as toroidal posets. Assume that  $(C_8, \rho)$  is toroidal with  $\rho(C_8) \subset \mathcal{A}_3^{(3)}$ . Since  $f_1 = 8$ , by (4.6), we may assume  $\rho(C_8) = \mathcal{A}_3^{(3)} - \{x^3\}$ . Thanks to [6, Example b)], in  $R_\rho$ ,  $AB = TX$ ,  $BC = TY$ ,  $CD = TZ$ ,  $DA = TW$  and  $(*) CA = BD = T^2$ . Then, by  $(*)$ ,  $\rho(T) = xyz$ . Hence  $y^3, z^3 \notin \{\rho(A), \rho(B), \rho(C), \rho(D)\}$ . Let  $\rho(X) = y^3$  and  $\rho(A) = xy^2$ ,  $\rho(B) = y^2z$ . Thus  $\rho(C) = xz^2$ ,  $\rho(D) = x^2z$  by  $(*)$ . However,  $\rho(C) \cdot \rho(D) = x^3z^3$  cannot be divided by  $\rho(T) = xyz$ . So,  $(C_8, \rho)$  is never toroidal if  $\rho(C_8) \subset \mathcal{A}_3^{(3)}$ .

(4.8) Summarizing our discussion we obtain the following

SUMMARY. Assume that  $(H, \rho)$  is a toroidal poset with  $\dim R_\rho = \text{rank}(H) = 3$  and  $\rho(H) \subset \mathcal{A}_3^{(3)}$ . Then  $(H, \rho)$  is equivalent to one of the toroidal posets of

Fig. 1–12 and Fig. 21–24. In particular, if  $H - \{T\}$  is not a tree then  $R_\rho$  is Gorenstein.

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