

AN ARTINIAN POINT-CONFIGURATION QUOTIENT AND THE STRONG LEFSCHETZ PROPERTY

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we study an Artinian point-configuration quotient having the SLP. We show that an Artinian quotient of points in \mathbb{P}^n has the SLP when the union of two sets of points has a specific Hilbert function. As an application, we prove that an Artinian linear star configuration quotient $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ has the SLP if \mathbb{X} and \mathbb{Y} are linear star-configurations in \mathbb{P}^2 of type s and t for $s \geq \binom{2}{2} - 1$ and $t \geq 3$. We also show that an Artinian \mathbb{k} -configuration quotient $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ has the SLP if \mathbb{X} is a \mathbb{k} -configuration of type $(1, 2)$ or $(1, 2, 3)$ in \mathbb{P}^2 , and $\mathbb{X} \cup \mathbb{Y}$ is a basic configuration in \mathbb{P}^2 .

1. Introduction

Ideals of sets of finite points in \mathbb{P}^n have been studied for a long time ([8, 9, 11]), and in particular we consider an ideal of a special configuration in \mathbb{P}^n , so called a *star-configuration* and a *\mathbb{k} -configuration* in \mathbb{P}^n ([1–3, 6, 7, 9–11, 15]). In 2006, Geramita, Migliore, and Sabourin introduced the notion of a star-configuration set of points in \mathbb{P}^2 (see [10]), the name having been inspired by the fact that 10-points in \mathbb{P}^2 , defined by 5 general linear forms in $\mathbb{k}[x_0, x_1, x_2]$ resembles a star. In this paper, we refer to this as a “linear star-configuration”, as more general definition of star-configurations has evolved through the subsequent literature (see [1, 6, 7, 19]). Indeed, a star-configuration in \mathbb{P}^n has been studied to find the dimension of secant varieties to the variety of reducible forms in $R = \mathbb{k}[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$, where \mathbb{k} is a field of characteristic 0 (see [4, 5, 20]).

If R/I is a standard graded Artinian algebra and ℓ is a general linear form, we recall that R/I is said to have the *weak Lefschetz property (WLP)* if the

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multiplication map by ℓ

$$[R/I]_d \xrightarrow{\times \ell} [R/I]_{d+1}$$

has maximal rank for every $d \geq 0$. Over the years, there have been several papers which have devoted to a classification of possible Artinian quotients having the WLP (see [1, 8, 9, 13, 14, 16–18, 21, 22]). The *strong Lefschetz property (SLP)* says that for every $i \geq 1$ the multiplication map by ℓ^i

$$[R/I]_d \xrightarrow{\times \ell^i} [R/I]_{d+i}$$

has maximal rank for every $d \geq 0$ ([13, 14, 17]). In [14] the authors proved that a complete intersection ideal in $\mathbb{k}[x_0, x_1]$ has the SLP. Moreover, in [13], the authors give a nice description for a graded Artinian ring having the SLP by using the so-called *Jordan type* (see Lemma 2.2). *The Jordan type* is the partition of n specifying the lengths of blocks in the Jordan block matrix determined by the multiplication map by ℓ in a suitable \mathbb{k} -basis for R/I . Here, we apply this result often to show that some Artinian quotients of the ideals of points in \mathbb{P}^n have the SLP.

We use Hilbert functions for many our arguments. Given a homogeneous ideal $I \subset R$, the Hilbert function of R/I , denoted $\mathbf{H}_{R/I}$, is the numerical function $\mathbf{H}_{R/I} : \mathbb{Z}^+ \cup \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+ \cup \{0\}$ defined by

$$\mathbf{H}_{R/I}(i) := \dim_{\mathbb{k}}[R/I]_i = \dim_{\mathbb{k}}[R]_i - \dim_{\mathbb{k}}[I]_i,$$

where $[R]_i$ and $[I]_i$ denote the i -th graded component of R and I , respectively. If $I := I_{\mathbb{X}}$ is the defining ideal of a subscheme \mathbb{X} in \mathbb{P}^n , then we denote

$$\mathbf{H}_{R/I_{\mathbb{X}}}(i) := \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{X}}(i) \quad \text{for } i \geq 0,$$

and call it the *Hilbert function* of \mathbb{X} .

Let $R = \mathbb{k}[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ be a polynomial ring over a field \mathbb{k} of characteristic 0. For positive integers r and s with $1 \leq r \leq \min\{n, s\}$, suppose F_1, \dots, F_s are general forms in R of degrees d_1, \dots, d_s , respectively. Here s general forms F_1, \dots, F_s in R means that all subsets of size $1 \leq r \leq \min\{n+1, s\}$ are regular sequences in R , and if $\mathcal{H} = \{\mathbf{F}_1, \dots, \mathbf{F}_s\}$ is a collection of distinct hypersurfaces in \mathbb{P}^n corresponding to general F_1, \dots, F_s respectively, then the hypersurfaces *meet properly*, by which we mean that the intersection of any r of these hypersurfaces with $1 \leq r \leq \min\{n, s\}$ has codimension r . We call the variety \mathbb{X} defined by the ideal

$$\bigcap_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_r \leq s} (F_{i_1}, \dots, F_{i_r})$$

a *star-configuration* in \mathbb{P}^n of type (r, s) . In particular, if \mathbb{X} is a star-configuration in \mathbb{P}^n of type (n, s) , then we simply call a *point star-configuration* in \mathbb{P}^n of type s for short.

Notice that each n -forms F_{i_1}, \dots, F_{i_n} of s -general forms F_1, \dots, F_s in R define $d_{i_1} \cdots d_{i_n}$ points in \mathbb{P}^n for each $1 \leq i_1 < \cdots < i_n \leq s$. Thus the ideal

$$\bigcap_{1 \leq i_1 < \cdots < i_n \leq s} (F_{i_1}, \dots, F_{i_n})$$

defines a finite set \mathbb{X} of points in \mathbb{P}^n with

$$\deg(\mathbb{X}) = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_n \leq s} d_{i_1} d_{i_2} \cdots d_{i_n}.$$

Furthermore, if F_1, \dots, F_s are general linear (quadratic, cubic, quartic, quintic, etc) forms in R , then we call \mathbb{X} a *linear (quadratic, cubic, quartic, quintic, etc) star-configuration in \mathbb{P}^n of type s* , respectively.

To provide some additional focus to this paper, we consider the following questions.

Question 1.1. Let \mathbb{X} and \mathbb{Y} be finite sets of points in \mathbb{P}^n and $R = \mathbb{k}[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$.

- (a) Does an Artinian ring $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ have the WLP?
- (b) Does an Artinian ring $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ have the SLP?

Question 1.2. More precisely, let \mathbb{X} and \mathbb{Y} be finite point star configurations in \mathbb{P}^n , or \mathbb{X} be a \mathbb{k} -configuration in \mathbb{P}^n such that $\mathbb{X} \cup \mathbb{Y}$ is a basic configuration in \mathbb{P}^n .

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In [1], the authors proved that an Artinian linear star-configuration quotient in \mathbb{P}^2 has the WLP, which is a partial answer to Question 1.2 (a). Indeed, it is still true that any finite number of an Artinian linear point star-configuration quotient in \mathbb{P}^n has the WLP. In [8, 9], the authors show that Question 1.2(a) is true in general if \mathbb{X} is a \mathbb{k} -configuration in \mathbb{P}^n and $\mathbb{X} \cup \mathbb{Y}$ is a basic configuration in \mathbb{P}^n with the condition $2\sigma(\mathbb{X}) \leq \sigma(\mathbb{X} \cup \mathbb{Y})$, where

$$\sigma(\mathbb{X}) = \min\{i \mid \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{X}}(i-1) = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{X}}(i)\}.$$

In this paper, we focus on Questions 1.1(b) and 1.2(b). More precisely, we first find a condition in which an Artinian quotient of two sets of points in \mathbb{P}^n has the SLP (see Lemma 2.4 and Proposition 2.5). Next we find some Artinian linear star configuration quotient in \mathbb{P}^2 that has the SLP (see Corollary 2.9). Then, we find an Artinian \mathbb{k} -configuration quotient having the SLP (see Proposition 3.4 and Theorem 3.6). Unfortunately, we do not have any counter example of an Artinian quotient $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ of two point sets in \mathbb{P}^n , which does not have the SLP, and thus we expect Question 1.1(a) and (b) are true in general, especially when \mathbb{X} and \mathbb{Y} are sets of general points in \mathbb{P}^n .

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2. Artinian linear star-configuration quotients in \mathbb{P}^2

In this section, we shall show that an Artinian ring $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ has the SLP if \mathbb{X} and \mathbb{Y} are linear star-configurations in \mathbb{P}^2 of type s and t with $s \geq \binom{t}{2} - 1$ and $t \geq 3$, respectively.

We first introduce the following two results of a star-configuration in \mathbb{P}^n in [13, 22].

Remark 2.1. Let \mathbb{k} be a field of characteristic zero and let $F \in \mathbb{k}[x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n] = R = \bigoplus_{i \geq 0} R_i$ ($n \geq 1$) be a homogeneous polynomial (form) of degree d , i.e., $F \in R_d$. It is well known that in this case each R_i has a basis consisting of i -th powers of linear forms. Thus we may write

$$F = \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i L_i^d, \quad \alpha_i \in \mathbb{k}, L_i \in R_1.$$

If \mathbb{k} is algebraically closed (which we now assume for the rest of the paper), then each $\alpha_i = \beta_i^d$ for some $\beta_i \in \mathbb{k}$ and so we can write

$$(2.1) \quad F = \sum_{i=1}^r (\beta_i L_i)^d = \sum_{i=1}^r M_i^d, \quad M_i \in R_1.$$

We call a description of F as in equation (2.1), a *Waring Decomposition* of F . The least integer r such that F has a Waring Decomposition with exactly r summands is called the *Waring Rank* (or simply the *rank*) of F .

Lemma 2.2 ([13]). *Assume A is graded and \mathbf{H}_A is unimodal. Then*

- (a) *A has the WLP if and only if the number of parts of the Jordan type $J_\ell = \max\{\mathbf{H}_A(i)\}$. (The Sperner number of A);*
- (b) *ℓ is a strong Lefschetz element of A if and only if $J_\ell = \mathbf{H}_A^\vee$.*

Proposition 2.3 ([22, Proposition 2.5]). *Let \mathbb{X} and \mathbb{Y} be linear star-configurations in \mathbb{P}^2 of type s and t , respectively, with $3 \leq t$ and $s \geq \lfloor \frac{1}{2} \binom{t}{2} \rfloor$. Then $\mathbb{X} \cup \mathbb{Y}$ has generic Hilbert function.*

Recall that

$$\mathbf{H}_A : h_0 \quad h_1 \quad \cdots \quad h_c$$

is said to be unimodal if there exists j such that

$$\begin{cases} h_i \leq h_{i+1} & (i < j), \\ h_i \geq h_{i+1} & (j \leq i). \end{cases}$$

Lemma 2.4. *Let \mathbb{X} be a finite set of points in \mathbb{P}^n and let A be an Artinian quotient of the coordinate ring of \mathbb{X} . Assume that $\mathbf{H}_A(i) = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{X}}(i)$ for every $0 \leq i \leq s-1$ and $A_s = 0$. Then an Artinian ring A has the SLP.*

Proof. First, we assume that the Hilbert function of A is of the form

$$\mathbf{H}_A : h_0 \quad h_1 \quad \cdots \quad h_{\sigma-1} \quad h_\sigma \quad \cdots \quad h_{s-1} \quad 0,$$

where $h_{\sigma-2} < h_{\sigma-1} = h_{\sigma} = \dots = h_{s-1}$.

Let ℓ be a general linear form in A_1 . Since ℓ is not a zero divisor of A , we see that the multiplication map by ℓ^{s-1}

$$[R/I_{\mathbb{X}}]_0 = [A]_0 \xrightarrow{\times \ell^{s-1}} [A]_{s-1} = [R/I_{\mathbb{X}}]_{s-1}$$

is injective. Hence we have a string of length s

$$1, \ell, \dots, \ell^{s-1},$$

and so the Jordan type J_{ℓ} for \mathbf{H}_A is of the form

$$J_{\ell} = (s, \dots).$$

(i) Let $i = 1$. Then the multiplication map by ℓ^{s-2}

$$[R/I_{\mathbb{X}}]_1 = [A]_1 \xrightarrow{\times \ell^{s-2}} [A]_{s-1} = [R/I_{\mathbb{X}}]_{s-1}$$

is injective. Hence there are $g_1 := (h_1 - h_0) = (h_1 - 1)$ linear forms $F_{1,1}, F_{1,2}, \dots, F_{1,g_1} \in [A]_1$ such that the h_1 linear forms

$$\ell, F_{1,1}, F_{1,2}, \dots, F_{1,g_1}$$

are linearly independent. Hence there are g_1 -strings of length $(s-1)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F_{1,1}, F_{1,1}\ell, & \dots, & F_{1,1}\ell^{s-2}, \quad \text{and} \\ F_{1,2}, F_{1,2}\ell, & \dots, & F_{1,2}\ell^{s-2}, \\ & \vdots & \\ F_{1,g_1}, F_{1,g_1}\ell, & \dots, & F_{1,g_1}\ell^{s-2}. \end{array}$$

(ii) For $1 \leq i < \sigma - 1$ and $1 \leq j \leq i$, define

$$g_j := h_j - h_{j-1}$$

for such j . Assume that there are g_j -forms $F_{j,1}, \dots, F_{j,g_j} \in [A]_j$ and there are g_j -strings of length $(s-j)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F_{j,1}, F_{j,1}\ell, & \dots, & F_{j,1}\ell^{s-j-1}, \\ F_{j,2}, F_{j,2}\ell, & \dots, & F_{j,2}\ell^{s-j-1}, \\ & \vdots & \\ F_{j,g_j}, F_{j,g_j}\ell, & \dots, & F_{j,g_j}\ell^{s-j} \end{array}$$

such that the $(1 + \sum_{k=1}^j g_k)$ -forms

$$\ell^j, \underbrace{F_{1,1}\ell^{j-1}, \dots, F_{1,g_1}\ell^{j-1}}_{g_1\text{-forms}}, \dots, \underbrace{F_{j-1,1}\ell, \dots, F_{j-1,g_{j-1}}\ell}_{g_{j-1}\text{-forms}}, \underbrace{F_{j,1}, \dots, F_{j,g_j}}_{g_j\text{-forms}}$$

are linearly independent for such j .

Since the multiplication map by $\ell^{(s-1)-(i+1)}$

$$[R/I_{\mathbb{X}}]_{i+1} = [A]_{i+1} \xrightarrow{\times \ell^{(s-1)-(i+1)}} [A]_{s-1} = [R/I_{\mathbb{X}}]_{s-1}$$

is injective, there are linearly independent $g_{i+1} := (h_{i+1} - h_i)$ -forms $F_{i+1,1}, \dots, F_{i+1,g_{i+1}} \in [A]_{i+1}$. Then the following $(1 + \sum_{k=1}^{i+1} g_k)$ -forms $\ell^{i+1}, \underbrace{F_{1,1}\ell^i, \dots, F_{1,g_1}\ell^i}_{g_1\text{-forms}}, \dots, \underbrace{F_{i-1,1}\ell^2, \dots, F_{i-1,g_{i-1}}\ell^2}_{g_{i-1}\text{-forms}}, \underbrace{F_{i,1}\ell, \dots, F_{i,g_i}\ell}_{g_i\text{-forms}}, \underbrace{F_{i+1,1}, \dots, F_{i+1,g_{i+1}}}_{g_{i+1}\text{-forms}}$ are linearly independent as well. Hence we have g_{i+1} -strings of length $(s - i - 1)$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} F_{i+1,1}, F_{i+1,1}\ell, & \dots, & F_{i+1,1}\ell^{s-i-2}, \\ F_{i+1,2}, F_{i+1,2}\ell, & \dots, & F_{i+1,2}\ell^{s-i-2}, \\ & & \vdots \\ F_{i+1,g_{i+1}}, F_{i+1,g_{i+1}}\ell, & \dots, & F_{i+1,g_{i+1}}\ell^{s-i-2}. \end{array}$$

It is from (i) \sim (ii) that the Jordan type

$$J_\ell = (s, \underbrace{s-1, \dots, s-1}_{g_1\text{-times}}, \dots, \underbrace{s-i, \dots, s-i}_{g_i\text{-times}}, \dots, \underbrace{s-\sigma+1, \dots, s-\sigma+1}_{g_{\sigma-1}\text{-times}}) = \mathbf{H}_A^\vee,$$

as we wished. Therefore, by Lemma 2.2, an Artinian ring has the SLP, which completes the proof. \square

The following proposition is immediate from Lemma 2.4.

Proposition 2.5. *Let \mathbb{X} and \mathbb{Y} be linear star-configurations in \mathbb{P}^2 of type t and s with $t \geq 2$ and $s \geq \binom{t}{2}$. Then an Artinian ring $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ has the SLP.*

Proof. First, note that the Hilbert functions of $R/I_{\mathbb{X}}$, $R/I_{\mathbb{Y}}$, and $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} \cap I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ (see Proposition 2.3) are

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{H}_{R/I_{\mathbb{X}}} : 1 \quad 3 \quad \dots \quad \begin{array}{c} (t-2)\text{-nd} \\ \binom{t}{2} \end{array} \quad \binom{t}{2} \quad \rightarrow, \\ \mathbf{H}_{R/I_{\mathbb{Y}}} : 1 \quad 3 \quad \dots \quad \begin{array}{c} (t-2)\text{-nd} \\ \binom{t}{2} \end{array} \quad \binom{t+1}{2} \quad \dots \quad \begin{array}{c} (s-2)\text{-nd} \\ \binom{s}{2} \end{array} \quad \binom{s}{2} \quad \rightarrow, \\ \mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} \cap I_{\mathbb{Y}})} : 1 \quad 3 \quad \dots \quad \begin{array}{c} (t-2)\text{-nd} \\ \binom{t}{2} \end{array} \quad \binom{t+1}{2} \quad \dots \quad \begin{array}{c} (s-2)\text{-nd} \\ \binom{s}{2} \end{array} \quad \binom{s+1}{2} = \binom{s}{2} + \binom{t}{2} \quad \rightarrow, \end{array}$$

respectively. Using the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} \cap I_{\mathbb{Y}}) \rightarrow R/I_{\mathbb{X}} \oplus R/I_{\mathbb{Y}} \rightarrow R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}}) \rightarrow 0,$$

the Hilbert function of $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ is

$$\mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})} : 1 \quad 3 \quad \dots \quad \begin{array}{c} (t-2)\text{-nd} \\ \binom{t}{2} \end{array} \quad \dots \quad \begin{array}{c} (s-2)\text{-nd} \\ \binom{s}{2} \end{array} \quad 0 \quad \rightarrow,$$

and so by Lemma 2.4, an Artinian linear star configuration quotient $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ has the SLP, which completes the proof. \square

Example 2.6. Let \mathbb{X} and \mathbb{Y} be linear star-configurations in \mathbb{P}^2 of type 5 and 9, respectively. Note that $9 = \binom{5}{2} - 1$. By Proposition 2.3 the Hilbert function of an Artinian ring $A := R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ is

$$(1, 3, 6, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, \overset{8\text{-th}}{1}).$$

(a) By Waring decomposition, there is a general linear form $\ell \in [A]_1$ such that

$$\ell^8 \in [A]_8,$$

i.e., we have a string of length 9

$$1, \ell, \dots, \ell^8.$$

Hence the Jordan type J_ℓ is of the form

$$J_\ell = (9, \dots).$$

(b) Note that the multiplication map by ℓ^6

$$[A]_1 \xrightarrow{\times \ell^6} [A]_7.$$

is injective, and the multiplication map by ℓ^7

$$[A]_1 \xrightarrow{\times \ell^7} [A]_8$$

is surjective. Then we can choose a basis $\{\ell, F_{1,1}, F_{1,2}\}$ for $[A]_1$ such that

$$F_{1,1}\ell^6, F_{1,2}\ell^6 \neq 0, \quad \text{and} \quad F_{1,1}\ell^7, F_{1,2}\ell^7 = 0.$$

Moreover, since $\{F_{1,1}\ell^6, F_{1,2}\ell^6\}$ is linearly independent, we have 2-strings of length 7

$$\begin{aligned} &F_{1,1}, F_{1,1}\ell, \dots, F_{1,1}\ell^6, \quad \text{and} \\ &F_{1,2}, F_{1,2}\ell, \dots, F_{1,2}\ell^6. \end{aligned}$$

(c) Note that the multiplication map by ℓ^5

$$[A]_2 \xrightarrow{\times \ell^5} [A]_7$$

is injective, and the multiplication map by ℓ^6

$$[A]_2 \xrightarrow{\times \ell^6} [A]_8$$

is surjective. Then we can choose a basis $\{\ell^2, F_{1,1}\ell, F_{1,2}\ell, F_{2,1}, F_{2,2}, F_{2,3}\}$ for $[A]_2$ such that

$$F_{2,1}\ell^5, F_{2,2}\ell^5, F_{2,3}\ell^5 \neq 0, \quad \text{and} \quad F_{2,1}\ell^6, F_{2,2}\ell^6, F_{2,3}\ell^6 = 0.$$

Moreover, since $\{F_{2,1}\ell^5, F_{2,2}\ell^5, F_{2,3}\ell^5\}$ is linearly independent, we have 3-strings of length 6

$$\begin{aligned} &F_{2,1}, F_{2,1}\ell, \dots, F_{2,1}\ell^5, \\ &F_{2,2}, F_{2,2}\ell, \dots, F_{2,2}\ell^5, \quad \text{and} \\ &F_{2,3}, F_{2,3}\ell, \dots, F_{2,3}\ell^5. \end{aligned}$$

(d) Note that the multiplication map by ℓ^4

$$[A]_3 \xrightarrow{\times \ell^4} [A]_7$$

is injective, and the multiplication map by ℓ^6

$$[A]_3 \xrightarrow{\times \ell^6} [A]_8$$

is surjective. Then we can choose a basis $\{\ell^3, F_{1,1}\ell^2, F_{1,2}\ell^2, F_{2,1}\ell, F_{2,2}\ell, F_{2,3}\ell, F_{3,1}, \dots, F_{3,4}\}$ for $[A]_3$ such that

$$F_{3,1}\ell^4, \dots, F_{3,4}\ell^4 \neq 0, \quad \text{and} \quad F_{3,1}\ell^5, \dots, F_{3,4}\ell^5 = 0.$$

Moreover, since $\{F_{3,1}\ell^4, \dots, F_{3,4}\ell^4\}$ is linearly independent, we have 4-strings of length 5

$$\begin{aligned} &F_{3,1}, F_{3,1}\ell, \dots, F_{3,1}\ell^4, \\ &F_{3,2}, F_{3,2}\ell, \dots, F_{3,2}\ell^4, \\ &F_{3,3}, F_{3,3}\ell, \dots, F_{3,3}\ell^4, \quad \text{and} \\ &F_{3,4}, F_{3,4}\ell, \dots, F_{3,4}\ell^4. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that the Jordan type of $\mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})}$ is

$$J_{\ell} = (9, 7, 7, 6, 6, 6, 5, 5, 5, 5) = \mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})}^{\vee}.$$

Thus, by Lemma 2.2, an Artinian quotient of two linear star-configurations in \mathbb{P}^2 of type 5 and 9 has the SLP, as we wished.

Example 2.6 motivates the following proposition.

Proposition 2.7. *Let \mathbb{X} be a finite set of points in \mathbb{P}^n and let A be an Artinian quotient of the coordinate ring of \mathbb{X} . Assume that $\mathbf{H}_A(i) = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{X}}(i)$ for every $0 \leq i \leq s-2$ with $A_s = 0$, and the Hilbert function of A is of the form*

$$\mathbf{H}_A : h_0 \quad h_1 \quad \cdots \quad h_{\sigma-1} \quad h_{\sigma} \quad \cdots \quad \overset{(s-2)\text{-nd}}{h_{\sigma}} \quad h_{s-1} \quad 0$$

where $h_{\sigma-2} < h_{\sigma-1} = h_{\sigma}$ and $h_{s-1} = 1$. Then an Artinian ring A has the SLP.

Proof. We first define

$$g_i := h_i - h_{i-1} \quad \text{for} \quad i = 1, \dots, \sigma - 1.$$

(a) By Waring decomposition, there is a linear form $\ell \in [A]_1$ such that

$$\ell^{s-1} \in [A]_{s-1}.$$

In other words, there is a string of length s as

$$1, \ell, \dots, \ell^{s-1}.$$

Hence Jordan type of $\mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})}$ is of the form

$$J_{\ell} = (s, \dots).$$

(b) Note that the multiplication map by ℓ^{s-3}

$$[R/I_{\mathbb{X}}]_1 = [A]_1 \xrightarrow{\times \ell^{s-3}} [A]_{s-2} = [R/I_{\mathbb{X}}]_{s-2}$$

is injective, and the multiplication map by ℓ^{s-2}

$$[A]_1 \xrightarrow{\times \ell^{s-2}} [A]_{s-1}$$

is surjective. Then we can choose a basis $\{\ell, F_{1,1}, F_{1,2}, \dots, F_{1,g_1}\}$ for $[A]_1$ such that

$$F_{1,1}\ell^{s-3}, F_{1,2}\ell^{s-3}, \dots, F_{1,g_1}\ell^{s-3} \neq 0, \text{ and } F_{1,1}\ell^{s-2}, F_{1,2}\ell^{s-2}, \dots, F_{1,g_1}\ell^{s-2} = 0.$$

Moreover, since $\{F_{1,1}\ell^{s-3}, F_{1,2}\ell^{s-3}, \dots, F_{1,g_1}\ell^{s-3}\}$ is linearly independent, we have g_1 -strings of length $(s-2)$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} F_{1,1}, F_{1,1}\ell, & \dots, & F_{1,1}\ell^{s-3}, \\ F_{1,2}, F_{1,2}\ell, & \dots, & F_{1,2}\ell^{s-3}, \\ & \vdots & \\ F_{1,g_1-1}, F_{1,g_1-1}\ell, & \dots, & F_{1,g_1-1}\ell^{s-3}, \text{ and} \\ F_{1,g_1}, F_{1,g_1}\ell, & \dots, & F_{1,g_1}\ell^{s-3}. \end{array}$$

This means that Jordan type of $\mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})}$ is of the form

$$J_{\ell} = (s, \underbrace{s-2, \dots, s-2}_{g_1\text{-times}}, \dots).$$

(c) Let $1 \leq i \leq \sigma - 1$. Note that the multiplication map by ℓ^{s-i-2}

$$[R/I_{\mathbb{X}}]_i = [A]_i \xrightarrow{\times \ell^{s-i-2}} [A]_{s-2} = [R/I_{\mathbb{X}}]_{s-2}$$

is injective, and the multiplication map by ℓ^{s-i-1}

$$[R/I_{\mathbb{X}}]_i = [A]_i \xrightarrow{\times \ell^{s-i-1}} [A]_{s-1}$$

is surjective. Then we can choose a basis \mathcal{B}_i

$$\mathcal{B}_i = \left\{ \underbrace{\ell^i, F_{1,1}\ell^{i-1}, \dots, F_{1,g_1}\ell^{i-1}}_{g_1\text{-times}}, \underbrace{F_{2,1}\ell^{i-2}, \dots, F_{2,g_2}\ell^{i-2}}_{g_2\text{-times}}, \dots, \right. \\ \left. \underbrace{F_{i-1,1}\ell, \dots, F_{i-1,g_{i-1}}\ell}_{g_{i-1}\text{-times}}, \underbrace{F_{i,1}, \dots, F_{i,g_i}}_{g_i\text{-times}} \right\}$$

for $[A]_i$ such that

$$F_{i,1}\ell^{s-i-2}, \dots, F_{i,g_i}\ell^{s-i-2} \neq 0, \text{ and } F_{i,1}\ell^{s-i-1}, \dots, F_{i,g_i}\ell^{s-i-1} = 0.$$

Moreover, since $\{F_{i,1}\ell^{s-i-2}, \dots, F_{i,g_i}\ell^{s-i-2}\}$ is linearly independent, we have g_i -strings of length $(s-i-1)$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} F_{i,1}, F_{i,1}\ell, & \dots, & F_{i,1}\ell^{s-i-2}, \\ F_{i,2}, F_{i,2}\ell, & \dots, & F_{i,2}\ell^{s-i-2}, \\ & \vdots & \\ F_{i,g_1-1}, F_{i,g_1-1}\ell, & \dots, & F_{i,g_1-1}\ell^{s-i-2}, \text{ and} \\ F_{i,g_i}, F_{i,g_i}\ell, & \dots, & F_{i,g_i}\ell^{s-i-2}. \end{array}$$

Hence Jordan type of $\mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})}$ is of the form

$$J_{\ell} = (s, \underbrace{s-2, s-2, \dots, s-2}_{g_1\text{-times}}, \dots, \underbrace{s-i-1, s-i-1, \dots, s-i-1}_{g_i\text{-times}}, \dots)$$

for such i .

It is from (a) \sim (c) that the Jordan type J_ℓ of $\mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})}$ is

$$\begin{aligned} J_\ell &= \mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})}^\vee \\ &= \left(\underbrace{s, s-2, s-2, \dots, s-2}_{g_1\text{-times}}, \dots, \underbrace{s-i-1, s-i-1, \dots, s-i-1}_{g_i\text{-times}}, \dots, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \underbrace{s-\sigma, s-\sigma, \dots, s-\sigma}_{g_{\sigma-1}\text{-times}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by Lemma 2.2, an Artinian ring $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ has the SLP, as we wished. \square

The following two corollaries are immediate from Proposition 2.7.

Corollary 2.8. *Let \mathbb{X} and \mathbb{Y} be finite sets of general points in \mathbb{P}^n with $n \geq 2$ and $s \geq t \geq n$. Assume that*

$$\binom{s}{n} \leq \deg(\mathbb{X}) < \binom{s+1}{n}, \quad \binom{t}{n} \leq \deg(\mathbb{Y}) < \binom{t+1}{n},$$

and

$$\deg(\mathbb{X}) + \deg(\mathbb{Y}) = \binom{s+1}{n} + 1.$$

Then an Artinian ring $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ has the SLP.

Proof. Since \mathbb{X} and \mathbb{Y} are finite sets of general points in \mathbb{P}^n , we get that the Hilbert functions of $R/I_{\mathbb{X}}$, $R/I_{\mathbb{Y}}$, and $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} \cap I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ are

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}_{R/I_{\mathbb{X}}} &: 1 \quad \binom{1+n}{n} \quad \dots \quad \binom{t-n}{n}\text{-th} \quad \binom{t+1}{n} \quad \dots \quad \binom{s-n}{n}\text{-th} \quad \deg(\mathbb{X}) \quad \rightarrow, \\ \mathbf{H}_{R/I_{\mathbb{Y}}} &: 1 \quad \binom{1+n}{n} \quad \dots \quad \binom{t-n}{n}\text{-th} \quad \deg(\mathbb{Y}) \quad \dots \quad \deg(\mathbb{Y}) \quad \deg(\mathbb{Y}) \quad \rightarrow, \\ \mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} \cap I_{\mathbb{Y}})} &: 1 \quad \binom{1+n}{n} \quad \dots \quad \binom{t-n}{n}\text{-th} \quad \binom{t+1}{n} \quad \dots \quad \binom{s-n}{n}\text{-th} \quad \binom{s+1}{n} = [\deg(\mathbb{X}) + \deg(\mathbb{Y})] - 1 \quad \rightarrow, \end{aligned}$$

respectively. Using the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} \cap I_{\mathbb{Y}}) \rightarrow R/I_{\mathbb{X}} \oplus R/I_{\mathbb{Y}} \rightarrow R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}}) \rightarrow 0,$$

the Hilbert function of $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ is

$$\mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})} : 1 \quad 3 \quad \dots \quad \binom{t-n}{n}\text{-th} \quad \deg(\mathbb{Y}) \quad \dots \quad \binom{s-n}{n}\text{-th} \quad \deg(\mathbb{Y}) \quad 1 \quad \rightarrow,$$

and so by Proposition 2.7, an Artinian ring $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ has the SLP, which completes the proof. \square

Corollary 2.9. *Let \mathbb{X} and \mathbb{Y} be linear star-configurations in \mathbb{P}^2 of type s and t with $s \geq \binom{t}{2} - 1$ and $t \geq 3$. Then an Artinian linear star-configuration quotient $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ has the SLP.*

Proof. By Proposition 2.5, it holds for $s \geq \binom{t}{2}$. So we assume that $s = \binom{t}{2} - 1$. First note that

$$\begin{aligned} [\deg(\mathbb{X}) + \deg(\mathbb{Y})] - \binom{s+1}{2} &= \left[\binom{s}{2} + \binom{t}{2} \right] - \binom{s+1}{2} \\ &= \left[\binom{s}{2} + s + 1 \right] - \binom{s+1}{2} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the Hilbert functions of $R/I_{\mathbb{X}}$, $R/I_{\mathbb{Y}}$, and $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} \cap I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ (see Proposition 2.3) are

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}_{R/I_{\mathbb{X}}} &: 1 \quad 3 \quad \cdots \quad \binom{t-2}{2}\text{-nd} \quad \binom{t+1}{2} \quad \cdots \quad \binom{s-2}{2}\text{-nd} \quad \binom{s}{2} \quad \rightarrow, \\ \mathbf{H}_{R/I_{\mathbb{Y}}} &: 1 \quad 3 \quad \cdots \quad \binom{t-2}{2}\text{-nd} \quad \binom{t}{2} \quad \cdots \quad \binom{t}{2} \quad \binom{t}{2} \quad \rightarrow, \\ \mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} \cap I_{\mathbb{Y}})} &: 1 \quad 3 \quad \cdots \quad \binom{t-2}{2}\text{-nd} \quad \binom{t+1}{2} \quad \cdots \quad \binom{s-2}{2}\text{-nd} \quad \binom{s+1}{2} = \binom{s-1}{2}\text{-st} \quad \left[\binom{s}{2} + \binom{t}{2} \right] - 1 \quad \rightarrow, \end{aligned}$$

respectively. Using the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} \cap I_{\mathbb{Y}}) \rightarrow R/I_{\mathbb{X}} \oplus R/I_{\mathbb{Y}} \rightarrow R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}}) \rightarrow 0,$$

the Hilbert function of $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ is

$$\mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})} : 1 \quad 3 \quad \cdots \quad \binom{t-2}{2}\text{-nd} \quad \binom{t}{2} \quad \cdots \quad \binom{s-2}{2}\text{-nd} \quad \binom{t}{2} \quad 1 \quad \rightarrow,$$

and so by Proposition 2.7, an Artinian linear star-configuration quotient $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ has the SLP, as we wished. \square

3. Artinian \mathbb{k} -configuration quotients in \mathbb{P}^2

In this section, we shall introduce another Artinian quotient having the SLP. We first recall a definition of a \mathbb{k} -configuration in \mathbb{P}^2 and some preliminary result.

Definition 3.1. A \mathbb{k} -configuration of points in \mathbb{P}^2 is a finite set \mathbb{X} of points in \mathbb{P}^2 which satisfy the following conditions: there exist integers $1 \leq d_1 < \cdots < d_m$, and subsets $\mathbb{X}_1, \dots, \mathbb{X}_m$ of \mathbb{X} , and distinct lines $\mathbb{L}_1, \dots, \mathbb{L}_m \subseteq \mathbb{P}^2$ such that

- (a) $\mathbb{X} = \bigcup_{i=1}^m \mathbb{X}_i$,
- (b) $|\mathbb{X}_i| = d_i$ and $\mathbb{X}_i \subset \mathbb{L}_i$ for each $i = 1, \dots, m$, and
- (c) \mathbb{L}_i ($1 < i \leq m$) does not contain any points of \mathbb{X}_j for all $j < i$.

In this case, the \mathbb{k} -configuration in \mathbb{P}^2 is said to be of type (d_1, \dots, d_m) .

Recall that a finite complete intersection set of points \mathbb{Z} in \mathbb{P}^n is said to be a *basic configuration* in \mathbb{P}^n (see [11, 12]) if there exist integers r_1, \dots, r_n and distinct hyperplanes \mathbb{L}_{ij} ($1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq r_i$) such that

$$\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{H}_1 \cap \cdots \cap \mathbb{H}_n \text{ as schemes, where } \mathbb{H}_i = \mathbb{L}_{i1} \cup \cdots \cup \mathbb{L}_{ir_i}.$$

In this case \mathbb{Z} is said to be of type (r_1, \dots, r_n) .

Before we prove our main theorem, we first introduce two lemmas.

Lemma 3.2. *Let \mathbb{X} be a \mathbb{k} -configuration in \mathbb{P}^2 of type $(1, 2, \dots, d)$ (see Figure 1), and let \mathbb{L}_i and \mathbb{M}_j be lines in \mathbb{P}^2 defined by linear forms $x_0 - (i-1)x_2$ and $x_1 - (j-1)x_2$ for $1 \leq i, j \leq d-1$, respectively. Then the multiplication map by $L_1 := x_0$*

$$[R/I_{\mathbb{X}}]_i \xrightarrow{\times L_1} [R/I_{\mathbb{X}}]_{i+1}$$

is injective for $i \geq 0$. In particular, for $j \geq 1$, the multiplication map by L_1^j

$$[R/I_{\mathbb{X}}]_i \xrightarrow{\times L_1^j} [R/I_{\mathbb{X}}]_{i+j}$$

is injective for every $i \geq 0$.

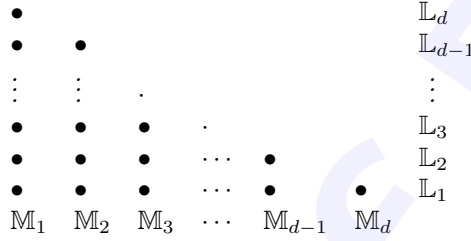


FIGURE 1

Proof. If $d = 1$, then \mathbb{X} is a set of a single point in \mathbb{P}^2 , so it is immediate. Hence we assume that $d > 1$.

Note that

$I_{\mathbb{X}} = (L_1 \cdots L_d, M_1 L_2 \cdots L_d, M_1 M_2 L_3 \cdots L_d, \dots, M_1 \cdots M_{d-1} L_d, M_1 M_2 \cdots M_d)$
(see [9, 11]) and the Hilbert function of $R/I_{\mathbb{X}}$ is

$$\mathbf{H}_{\mathbb{X}} : 1 \quad \binom{1+2}{2} \quad \cdots \quad \binom{(d-1)\text{-st}}{(d-1)+2}{2} \quad \binom{d+1}{2} \quad \rightarrow,$$

(see Theorems 2.7 and 3.6 in [9]).

First, it is obvious that the multiplication map by $L_1 := x_0$

$$[R/I_{\mathbb{X}}]_i \xrightarrow{\times L_1} [R/I_{\mathbb{X}}]_{i+1}$$

is injective for $0 \leq i \leq d-2$.

Let $i = d-1 = j_1 + j_2 + j_3$ with $0 \leq j_1, j_2, j_3 \leq d$.

(i) Assume $j_2 = 0$ and

$$x_0^{j_1} x_2^{j_3} L_1 \in [I_{\mathbb{X}}]_d = \langle L_1 \cdots L_d, M_1 L_2 \cdots L_d, M_1 M_2 L_3 \cdots L_d, \dots, \\ M_1 \cdots M_{d-1} L_d, M_1 M_2 \cdots M_d \rangle,$$

that is,

$$x_0^{j_1} x_2^{j_3} L_1 = \alpha_1 L_1 \cdots L_d + \alpha_2 M_1 L_2 \cdots L_d + \alpha_3 M_1 M_2 L_3 \cdots L_d + \cdots$$

$$+ \alpha_d M_1 \cdots M_{d-1} L_d + \alpha_{d+1} M_1 M_2 \cdots M_d$$

for some $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{k}$. Let $\wp_{i,j}$ be a point defined by two linear forms L_i and M_j . Since two linear forms L_1 and M_2 vanish on a point $\wp_{1,2}$, we get that

$$\alpha_2 = 0.$$

Moreover, since two forms L_1 and M_3 vanish on a point $\wp_{1,3}$, we have

$$\alpha_3 = 0.$$

By continuing this procedure, one can show that

$$\alpha_2 = \cdots = \alpha_d = 0.$$

Hence

$$x_0^{j_1} x_2^{j_3} L_1 = \alpha_1 L_1 \cdots L_d + \alpha_{d+1} M_1 M_2 \cdots M_d,$$

that is,

$$L_1 \mid \alpha_{d+1} M_1 M_2 \cdots M_d \quad \text{and so,} \quad \alpha_{d+1} = 0.$$

It follows that

$$x_0^{j_1} x_2^{j_3} L_1 = \alpha_1 L_1 \cdots L_d, \quad \text{and thus,} \quad \alpha_1 = 0.$$

(ii) Assume $j_2 > 0$ and

$$\begin{aligned} x_0^{j_1} x_1^{j_2} x_2^{j_3} L_1 &= \alpha_1 L_1 \cdots L_d + \alpha_2 M_1 L_2 \cdots L_d + \alpha_3 M_1 M_2 L_3 \cdots L_d \\ &\quad + \cdots + \alpha_d M_1 \cdots M_{d-1} L_d + \alpha_{d+1} M_1 M_2 \cdots M_d \end{aligned}$$

for some $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{k}$. Recall that $M_1 := x_1$. Thus

$$M_1 \mid \alpha_1 L_1 \cdots L_d, \quad \text{and hence,} \quad \alpha_1 = 0.$$

By the analogous argument as in (i), one can show that

$$\alpha_2 = \cdots = \alpha_d = \alpha_{d+1} = 0.$$

It is from (i) and (ii) that

$$x_0^{j_1} x_1^{j_2} x_2^{j_3} L_1 \notin [I_{\mathbb{X}}]_d,$$

which means that the multiplication map by L_1

$$[R/I_{\mathbb{X}}]_{d-1} \xrightarrow{\times L_1} [R/I_{\mathbb{X}}]_d$$

is injective, and surjective as well. Thus the multiplication map by L_1

$$[R/I_{\mathbb{X}}]_i \xrightarrow{\times L_1} [R/I_{\mathbb{X}}]_{i+1}$$

is injective and surjective for every $i \geq d-1$, as we wished.

So it follows that the multiplication map by L_1^j

$$[R/I_{\mathbb{X}}]_i \xrightarrow{\times L_1^j} [R/I_{\mathbb{X}}]_{i+j}$$

is injective for every $i \geq 0$. This completes the proof. \square

The following lemma is immediate from Proposition 2.7. But we introduce another elementary proof here.

Lemma 3.3. *Let \mathbb{X} be a \mathbb{k} -configuration in \mathbb{P}^2 of type $(1, 2)$ in a basic configuration \mathbb{Z} in \mathbb{P}^2 of type $(a, 2)$ with $a \geq 2$, and let $\mathbb{Y} := \mathbb{Z} - \mathbb{X}$, (\mathbb{X} is a set of solid 3-points in \mathbb{Z} in Figure 2). Then an Artinian \mathbb{k} -configuration quotient $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ has the SLP.*

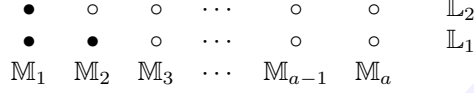


FIGURE 2

Proof. First, if $a = 2$, then the Hilbert function of $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ is

$$\mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})} : 1 \quad 1 \quad 0,$$

(see [12, Theorem 2.1]) and so it follows that $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ has the SLP.

Now suppose $a \geq 3$ and assume that \mathbb{L}_i and \mathbb{M}_j are lines defined by linear forms $L_i = x_0 - (i-1)x_2$ and $M_j = x_1 - (j-1)x_2$ for i and j , respectively. Let $\wp_{i,j}$ be a point defined by two linear forms L_i and M_j . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{\mathbb{X}} &= (L_1L_2, L_1M_1, M_1M_2), \\
 I_{\mathbb{Y}} &= (L_1L_2, L_2M_3M_4 \cdots M_a, M_2M_3M_4 \cdots M_a)
 \end{aligned}$$

(see [9, 11]) and an ideal $I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}}$ has 5-minimal generators, i.e.,

$$I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}} = (L_1L_2, L_1M_1, M_1M_2, L_2M_3M_4 \cdots M_a, M_2M_3M_4 \cdots M_a).$$

By [12, Theorem 2.1], the Hilbert function of $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ is

$$\mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})} : 1 \quad 3 \quad 3 \quad \cdots \quad \overset{(a-2)\text{-nd}}{3} \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad \rightarrow.$$

Note that

$$\mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})}(i) = \mathbf{H}_{R/I_{\mathbb{X}}}(i)$$

for $0 \leq i \leq a-2$.

(i) Assume $x_0L_1^{a-2} = L_1^{a-1} \in [I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}}]_{a-1}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_0L_1^{a-2} = L_1^{a-1} &= F_1L_1L_2 + F_2L_1M_1 + F_3M_1M_2 + \beta_1L_2M_3M_4 \cdots M_a \\
 &\quad + \beta_2M_2M_3M_4 \cdots M_a
 \end{aligned}$$

for some $F_i \in R_{a-3}$ and $\beta_j \in \mathbb{k}$. Since two linear forms L_1 and M_2 vanish on a point $\wp_{1,2}$, we get that $\beta_1 = 0$. Similarly, we have $\beta_2 = 0$ as well. This means that

$$x_0L_1^{a-2} = L_1^{a-1} = F_1L_1L_2 + F_2L_1M_1 + F_3M_1M_2 \in [I_{\mathbb{X}}]_{a-1},$$

which is a contradiction (see Lemma 3.2). Hence the Jordan type of $\mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})}$ is of the form

$$J_{L_1} = (a, \dots).$$

(ii) Similarly, it is from Lemma 3.2 that

$$x_1L_1^{a-3}, x_2L_1^{a-3} \notin [I_{\mathbb{X}}]_{a-2} = [I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}}]_{a-2}.$$

Furthermore, it is obvious that two forms $x_1L_1^{a-3}, x_2L_1^{a-3}$ are linearly independent in $[R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})]_{a-2} = [R/I_{\mathbb{X}}]_{a-2}$. So it is from (i) and (ii) that the Jordan type J_{L_1} of $\mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})}$ is

$$J_{L_1} = \mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})}^{\vee} = (a, a - 2, a - 2).$$

Therefore, by Lemma 2.2, an Artinian \mathbb{k} -configuration quotient $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ has the SLP. \square

The following proposition can be obtained using Proposition 2.7. However, we also introduce a different proof here.

Proposition 3.4. *Let \mathbb{X} be a \mathbb{k} -configuration of type $(1, 2)$ contained in a basic configuration \mathbb{Z} in \mathbb{P}^2 of type (a, b) with $2 \leq b \leq a$. Define $\mathbb{Y} := \mathbb{Z} - \mathbb{X}$, (\mathbb{X} is a set of solid 3-points in Figure 3). Then an Artinian \mathbb{k} -configuration quotient $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ has the SLP.*

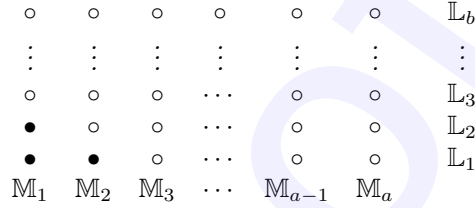


FIGURE 3

Proof. First, if $a = b = 2$, then it is immediate. If $a \geq 3$ and $b = 2$, by Lemma 3.3 it holds.

Now suppose $a \geq b \geq 3$ and assume that L_i is a line defined by a linear form $L_i = x_0 - (i - 1)x_2$ and M_j is a line defined by a linear form $M_j = x_1 - (j - 1)x_2$ for i and j . Let $\wp_{i,j}$ be a point defined by two linear forms L_i and M_j . Then it is from [9, 11] that

$$I_{\mathbb{X}} = (L_1L_2, L_1M_1, M_1M_2), \quad \text{and}$$

$$I_{\mathbb{Y}} = (L_1L_2 \cdots L_b, L_2L_3 \cdots L_bM_3 \cdots M_a, L_3 \cdots L_bM_2M_3 \cdots M_a, M_1M_2 \cdots M_a).$$

Then an ideal $I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}}$ has 5-minimal generators, i.e.,

$$I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}} = (L_1L_2, L_1M_1, M_1M_2, L_2L_3 \cdots L_bM_3 \cdots M_a, L_3 \cdots L_bM_2M_3 \cdots M_a),$$

and by [12, Theorem 2.1] the Hilbert function of $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ is

$$\mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})} : 1 \quad 3 \quad 3 \quad \cdots \quad 3 \quad \overset{(a+b-4)\text{-st}}{3} \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad \rightarrow .$$

(i) Assume $x_0 L_1^{a+b-4} = L_1^{a+b-3} \in [I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}}]_{a+b-3}$. Then

$$x_0 L_1^{a+b-4} = L_1^{a+b-3} = F_1 L_1 L_2 + F_2 L_1 M_1 + F_3 M_1 M_2 \\ + \beta_1 L_2 L_3 \cdots L_b M_3 \cdots M_a + \beta_2 L_3 \cdots L_b M_2 M_3 \cdots M_a$$

for some $F_i \in R_{a+b-5}$ and $\beta_j \in \mathbb{k}$. Since two linear forms L_1 and M_2 vanish on a point $\wp_{1,2}$, we get that $\beta_1 = 0$. Similarly, we have $\beta_2 = 0$ as well. This means that

$$x_0 L_1^{a+b-4} = L_1^{a+b-3} = F_1 L_1 L_2 + F_2 L_1 M_1 + F_3 M_1 M_2 \in [I_{\mathbb{X}}]_{a+b-3},$$

which is a contradiction (see Lemma 3.2). Hence the Jordan type of $\mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})}$ is of the form

$$J_{L_1} = (a+b-2, \dots).$$

(ii) Similarly, it is from Lemma 3.2 that the following 3-forms

$$x_0 L_1^{a+b-5}, x_1 L_1^{a+b-5}, x_2 L_1^{a+b-5}$$

are linearly independent. In particular, the following 2-forms

$$x_1 L_1^{a+b-5}, x_2 L_1^{a+b-5}$$

are linearly independent. Hence the Jordan type of $\mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})}$ is

$$J_{L_1} = \mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})}^{\vee} = (a+b-2, a+b-4, a+b-4).$$

It is from (i) and (ii) with Lemma 2.2 that an Artinian \mathbb{k} -configuration quotient $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ has the SLP, which completes the proof. \square

We now slightly extend the previous result.

Lemma 3.5. *Let \mathbb{X} be a \mathbb{k} -configuration of type $(1, 2, 3)$ in a basic configuration \mathbb{Z} in \mathbb{P}^2 of type $(a, 3)$ with $a \geq 3$ such that $\mathbb{Y} := \mathbb{Z} - \mathbb{X}$, (\mathbb{X} is a set of solid 6-points in Figure 4). Then an Artinian \mathbb{k} -configuration quotient $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ has the SLP.*

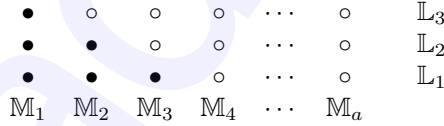


FIGURE 4

Proof. If $a = 3$, then in Proposition 3.4, \mathbb{Z} is a basic configuration of type $(3, 3)$ and hence, \mathbb{Y} is a set of 6 points, Lemma holds. So we suppose that $a > 3$. First note that the Hilbert function of $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ is

$$\mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})} : 1 \quad 3 \quad 6 \quad \cdots \quad \overset{(a-2)\text{-nd}}{6} \quad 3 \quad 1 \quad 0.$$

We assume that L_i is a line defined by a linear form $L_i = x_0 - (i-1)x_2$ and M_j is a line defined by a linear form $M_j = x_1 - (j-1)x_2$ for i and j . Let $\wp_{i,j}$ be a point defined by two linear forms L_i and M_j . Then

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\mathbb{X}} &= (L_1L_2L_3, L_1L_2M_1, L_1M_1M_2, M_1M_2M_3), \quad \text{and} \\ I_{\mathbb{Y}} &= (L_1L_2L_3, L_2L_3M_4 \cdots M_a, L_3M_3M_4 \cdots M_a, M_2M_3 \cdots M_a). \end{aligned}$$

So an ideal $I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}}$ has 7-minimal generators, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}} &= (L_1L_2L_3, L_1L_2M_1, L_1M_1M_2, M_1M_2M_3, \\ &\quad L_2L_3M_4 \cdots M_a, L_3M_3M_4 \cdots M_a, M_2M_3 \cdots M_a). \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})}(i) = \mathbf{H}_{R/I_{\mathbb{X}}}(i)$$

for $0 \leq i \leq a-2$.

(i) Assume $x_0L_1^{a-1} = L_1^a \in [I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}}]_a$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} x_0L_1^{a-1} = L_1^a &= F_1L_1L_2L_3 + F_2L_1L_2M_1 + F_3L_1M_1M_2 + F_4M_1M_2M_3 \\ &\quad + \beta_1L_2L_3M_4 \cdots M_a + \beta_2L_3M_3M_4 \cdots M_a + \beta_3M_2M_3 \cdots M_a \end{aligned}$$

for some $F_i \in R_{a-3}$ and $\beta_j \in \mathbb{k}$. Since two linear forms L_1 and M_3 vanish on a point $\wp_{1,3}$, we get that $\beta_1 = 0$. Similarly, we have $\beta_2 = \beta_3 = 0$ as well. This means that

$$x_0L_1^{a-1} = L_1^a = F_1L_1L_2L_3 + F_2L_1L_2M_1 + F_3L_1M_1M_2 + F_4M_1M_2M_3 \in [I_{\mathbb{X}}]_a,$$

which is a contradiction (see Lemma 3.2). Hence the Jordan type of $\mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})}$ is of the form

$$J_{L_1} = (a+1, \dots).$$

(ii) By the analogous argument as in (i), one can show that

$$x_1L_1^{a-2}, x_2L_1^{a-2} \notin [I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}}]_{a-1}.$$

We now suppose that

$$\alpha x_1L_1^{a-2} + \beta x_2L_1^{a-2} \in [I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}}]_{a-1}$$

for some $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{k}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} &\alpha x_1L_1^{a-2} + \beta x_2L_1^{a-2} \\ &= F_1L_1L_2L_3 + F_2L_1L_2M_1 + F_3L_1M_1M_2 + F_4M_1M_2M_3 \\ &\quad + \beta_1L_2L_3M_4 \cdots M_a + \beta_2L_3M_3M_4 \cdots M_a + \beta_3M_2M_3 \cdots M_a \end{aligned}$$

for some $F_i \in R_{a-3}$ and $\beta_j \in \mathbb{k}$. Since two linear forms L_1 and M_3 vanish on a point $\wp_{1,3}$, we get that $\beta_1 = 0$. Similarly, we have $\beta_2 = \beta_3 = 0$ as well. This means that

$$\begin{aligned} &\alpha x_1L_1^{a-2} + \beta x_2L_1^{a-2} \\ &= F_1L_1L_2L_3 + F_2L_1L_2M_1 + F_3L_1M_1M_2 + F_4M_1M_2M_3 \in [I_{\mathbb{X}}]_{a-1}. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.2, we get that

$$\alpha x_1 + \beta x_2 = 0, \quad \text{i.e.,} \quad \alpha = \beta = 0,$$

which implies that two forms

$$x_1 L_1^{a-2}, x_2 L_1^{a-2}$$

are linearly independent. Hence the Jordan type of $\mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})}$ is of the form

$$J_{L_1} = (a+1, a-1, a-1, \dots).$$

(iii) It is from Lemma 3.2 that

$$x_1^2 L_1^{a-4}, x_1 x_2 L_1^{a-4}, x_2^2 L_1^{a-4} \notin [I_{\mathbb{X}}]_{a-2} = [I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}}]_{a-2}$$

and the following set of 6-forms

$$\begin{aligned} & \{x_0 L_1^{a-3}, x_1 L_1^{a-3}, x_2 L_1^{a-3}, x_1^2 L_1^{a-4}, x_1 x_2 L_1^{a-4}, x_2^2 L_1^{a-4}\} \\ &= \{x_0^2 L_1^{a-4}, x_0 x_1 L_1^{a-4}, x_0 x_2 L_1^{a-4}, x_1^2 L_1^{a-4}, x_1 x_2 L_1^{a-4}, x_2^2 L_1^{a-4}\} \end{aligned}$$

is linearly independent. In particular, the 3-forms

$$x_1^2 L_1^{a-4}, x_1 x_2 L_1^{a-4}, x_2^2 L_1^{a-4}$$

are linearly independent. Hence the Jordan type of $\mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})}$ is of the form

$$J_{L_1} = (a+1, a-1, a-1, a-3, a-3, a-3).$$

It is from (i) ~ (iii) that the Jordan type J_{L_1} is

$$J_{L_1} = \mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})}^{\vee} = (a+1, a-1, a-1, a-3, a-3, a-3).$$

Therefore, by Lemma 2.2, an Artinian \mathbb{k} -configuration quotient $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ has the SLP. \square

Theorem 3.6. *Let \mathbb{X} be a \mathbb{k} -configuration of type $(1, 2, 3)$ in a basic configuration \mathbb{Z} in \mathbb{P}^2 of type (a, b) with $a \geq 4$ and $b \geq 3$, and let $\mathbb{Y} := \mathbb{Z} - \mathbb{X}$, (\mathbb{X} is a set of solid 6-points in Figure 5). Then an Artinian ring $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ has the SLP.*

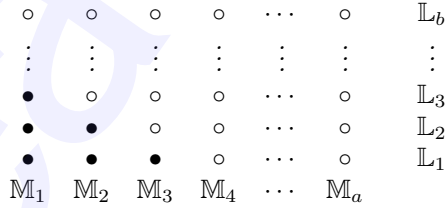


FIGURE 5

Proof. If $b = 3$, then, by Lemma 3.5, it holds. So we suppose that $b > 3$. Note that, by [12, Theorem 2.1], the Hilbert function of $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ is

$$\mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})} : 1 \quad 3 \quad 6 \quad \cdots \quad \overset{(a+b-5)\text{-nd}}{6} \quad 3 \quad 1 \quad 0.$$

We assume that \mathbb{L}_i is a line defined by a linear form $L_i = x_0 - (i-1)x_2$ and \mathbb{M}_j is a line defined by a linear form $M_j = x_1 - (j-1)x_2$ for i and j . Let $\wp_{i,j}$ be a point defined by two linear forms L_i and M_j . Then

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\mathbb{X}} &= (L_1L_2L_3, L_1L_2M_1, L_1M_1M_2, M_1M_2M_3), \quad \text{and} \\ I_{\mathbb{Y}} &= (L_1L_2 \cdots L_b, L_2 \cdots L_bM_4 \cdots M_a, L_3 \cdots L_bM_3 \cdots M_a, \\ &\quad L_4 \cdots L_bM_2 \cdots M_a, M_1M_2M_3 \cdots M_a). \end{aligned}$$

So an ideal $I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}}$ has 7-minimal generators, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}} &= (L_1L_2L_3, L_1L_2M_1, L_1M_1M_2, M_1M_2M_3, \\ &\quad L_2 \cdots L_bM_4 \cdots M_a, L_3 \cdots L_bM_3 \cdots M_a, L_4 \cdots L_bM_2 \cdots M_a). \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})}(i) = \mathbf{H}_{R/I_{\mathbb{X}}}(i)$$

for $0 \leq i \leq a+b-5$.

(i) Assume $x_0L_1^{a+b-4} = L_1^{a+b-3} \in [I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}}]_{a+b-3}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} x_0L_1^{a+b-4} = L_1^{a+b-3} &= F_1L_1L_2L_3 + F_2L_1L_2M_1 + F_3L_1M_1M_2 + F_4M_1M_2M_3 \\ &\quad + \beta_1L_2 \cdots L_bM_4 \cdots M_a + \beta_2L_3 \cdots L_bM_3 \cdots M_a \\ &\quad + \beta_3L_4 \cdots L_bM_2 \cdots M_a \end{aligned}$$

for some $F_i \in R_{a+b-6}$ and $\beta_j \in \mathbb{k}$. Since two linear forms L_1 and M_3 vanish on a point $\wp_{1,3}$, we get that $\beta_1 = 0$. Similarly, we have $\beta_2 = \beta_3 = 0$ as well. This means that

$$\begin{aligned} x_0L_1^{a+b-4} = L_1^{a+b-3} &= F_1L_1L_2L_3 + F_2L_1L_2M_1 + F_3L_1M_1M_2 + F_4M_1M_2M_3 \in [I_{\mathbb{X}}]_{a+b-3}, \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction (see Lemma 3.2). Hence the Jordan type of $\mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})}$ is of the form

$$J_{L_1} = (a+b-2, \dots).$$

(ii) By the analogous argument as in (i), one can show that

$$x_1L_1^{a+b-5}, x_2L_1^{a+b-5} \notin [I_{\mathbb{X}}]_{a+b-4} = [I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}}]_{a+b-4}.$$

We now suppose that the following 3-forms

$$\alpha x_0L_1^{a+b-5} + \beta x_1L_1^{a+b-5} + \gamma x_2L_1^{a+b-5} \in [I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}}]_{a+b-4}$$

for some $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{k}$, that is,

$$\begin{aligned} &\alpha x_0L_1^{a+b-5} + \beta x_1L_1^{a+b-5} + \gamma x_2L_1^{a+b-5} \\ &= F_1L_1L_2L_3 + F_2L_1L_2M_1 + F_3L_1M_1M_2 + F_4M_1M_2M_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \beta_1 L_2 \cdots L_b M_4 \cdots M_a + \beta_2 L_3 \cdots L_b M_3 \cdots M_a + \beta_3 L_4 \cdots L_b M_2 \cdots M_a$$

for some $F_i \in R_{a+b-6}$ and $\beta_j \in \mathbb{k}$. Since two linear forms L_1 and M_3 vanish on a point $\wp_{1,3}$, we get that $\beta_1 = 0$. Similarly, we have $\beta_2 = \beta_3 = 0$ as well. This means that

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha x_0 L_1^{a+b-5} + \beta x_1 L_1^{a+b-5} + \beta x_2 L_1^{a+b-5} \\ &= F_1 L_1 L_2 L_3 + F_2 L_1 L_2 M_1 + F_3 L_1 M_1 M_2 + F_4 M_1 M_2 M_3 \in [I_{\mathbb{X}}]_{a+b-4}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, Lemma 3.2, $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 0$, as we wished. This implies that the 3-forms

$$x_0 L_1^{a+b-5}, x_1 L_1^{a+b-5}, x_2 L_1^{a+b-5}$$

are linearly independent. In particular, the 2-forms

$$x_1 L_1^{a+b-5}, x_2 L_1^{a+b-5}$$

are linearly independent. Hence the Jordan type of $\mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})}$ is of the form

$$J_{L_1} = (a+b-2, a+b-4, a+b-4, \dots).$$

(iii) It is from Lemma 3.2 that the following 6-forms

$$x_0^2 L_1^{a+b-7}, x_0 x_1 L_1^{a+b-7}, x_0 x_2 L_1^{a+b-7}, x_1^2 L_1^{a+b-7}, x_1 x_2 L_1^{a+b-7}, x_2^2 L_1^{a+b-7}$$

are linearly independent. In particular, the following 3-forms

$$x_1^2 L_1^{a+b-7}, x_1 x_2 L_1^{a+b-7}, x_2^2 L_1^{a+b-7}$$

are linearly independent. Hence the Jordan type of $\mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})}$ is of the form

$$J_{L_1} = (a+b-2, a+b-4, a+b-4, a+b-6, a+b-6, a+b-6).$$

It is from (i) \sim (iii) that the Jordan type J_{L_1} is

$$\mathbf{H}_{R/(I_{\mathbb{X}}+I_{\mathbb{Y}})}^{\vee} = (a+b-2, a+b-4, a+b-4, a+b-6, a+b-6, a+b-6).$$

Therefore, by Lemma 2.2, an Artinian \mathbb{k} -configuration quotient $R/(I_{\mathbb{X}} + I_{\mathbb{Y}})$ has the SLP, which completes the proof of this theorem. \square

Remark 3.7. Theorem 3.6 has been proved if \mathbb{X} is a \mathbb{k} -configuration in \mathbb{P}^2 of type $(1, 2)$ or $(1, 2, 3)$ in a basic configuration in \mathbb{P}^2 . However, if \mathbb{X} is a \mathbb{k} -configuration in \mathbb{P}^2 of type $(1, 2, \dots, d)$ in a basic configuration in \mathbb{P}^2 with $d \geq 4$, then it cannot be proved by the same method as in the proof of Theorem 3.6.

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