

# On a Class of Telescopic Numerical Semigroups

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## Abstract

In this paper, we give some results on the class  $S = \langle a, a + 2, 2a + 1 \rangle$  telescopic numerical semigroups where  $a > 2$  and  $a$  is even integer number.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n, \dots\}$  and  $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ .  $S$  is called a numerical semigroup if  $S$  is sub-semigroup of  $(\mathbb{N}, +)$  with  $0 \in S$ . It is known that every numerical semigroup is finitely generated, i.e. there exist elements of  $S$ , say  $n_0, n_1, \dots, n_p$  such that  $n_0 < n_1 < \dots < n_p$  and

$$S = \langle n_0, n_1, \dots, n_p \rangle = \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^p k_i n_i \quad : k_i \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$

and

$$G.C.D.(n_0, n_1, \dots, n_p) = 1 \Leftrightarrow Card(\mathbb{N} \setminus S) < \infty$$

by [1]. For  $S$  numerical semigroup, we define the following:

$g(S) = \max\{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \notin S\}$  is called the Frobenius number of  $S$ , where  $\mathbb{Z}$  is the integer set. Thus,  $S$  numerical semigroup is  $S = \{0, n_0, n_1, \dots, g(S) + 1 \rightarrow \dots\}$  (The arrow " $\rightarrow$ " means that every integer which is greater than  $g(S) + 1$  belongs to  $S$ ).

We say that a numerical semigroup is symmetric if for every  $x \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus S$ , we have  $g(S) - x \in S$ . by [2] For  $n \in S \setminus \{0\}$ , we define the Apéry set of the element  $n$  as the set

$$Ap(S, n) = \{s \in S : s - n \notin S\}.$$

It can easily be proved that  $Ap(S, n)$  is formed by the smallest elements of  $S$  belonging to the different congruence classes  $mod n$ . Thus,  $\sharp(Ap(S, n)) = n$  and  $g(S) = \max(Ap(S, n)) - n$ , where  $\sharp(A)$  stands for *cardinality*( $A$ ) by [2].

The elements of  $\mathbb{N} \setminus S$ , denoted by  $H(S)$ , are called as gaps of  $S$ . A gap  $x$  of a numerical semigroup  $S$  is fundamental if  $\{2x, 3x\} \subset S$ . We denote by  $FH(S)$  the set of fundamental gaps of  $S$  by [4]. Let  $S = \langle s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n \rangle$  be a numerical semigroup where  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$  and  $s_k \leq u$ . Then,  $u \in \langle s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{n-1} \rangle$  is called the corner of  $Ap(S, s_n)$  if  $u \notin Ap(S, s_n)$  and  $(u - s_i) \in Ap(S, s_n)$  by [3]. Finally, numerical semigroup  $S = \langle s_1, s_2, s_3 \rangle$  is called as triply-generated telescopic semigroup if  $s_3 \in \langle \frac{s_1}{d}, \frac{s_2}{d} \rangle$ , where  $d = g.c.d\{s_1, s_2\}$  by [5].

## 2. Main results

In this section, we give some results for numerical semigroup  $S = \langle a, a+2, 2a+1 \rangle$ , where  $a > 2$  and  $a$  is even integer number.

**Theorem 1:** Let  $S = \langle a, a+2, 2a+1 \rangle$ . Then,  $S$  is a telescopic numerical semigroup, where  $a > 2$  and  $a$  is even integer number.

**Proof:** Since  $a > 2$  and  $a$  is even integer numbers,  $d = g.c.d\{a, a+2\} = 2$ . Therefore, because of  $2a+1 = \frac{4a}{2} + \frac{a}{2} - \frac{a}{2} + 1 = 3(\frac{a}{2}) + 1\frac{a+2}{2}$ , we obtain  $(2a+1) \in \langle \frac{a}{2}, \frac{a+2}{2} \rangle$ .

**Theorem 2:** The Frobenius number of the telescopic numerical semigroup  $S = \langle a, a+2, 2a+1 \rangle$  is  $g(S) = \frac{a^2}{2} + a - 1$  and  $g(S)$  is odd, where  $a > 2$  and  $a$  is even integer number.

**Proof :** Putting  $a_1 = a, a_2 = a+2$  and  $d = 2$  from [5, proposition 2.2], we write  $g(S) = \frac{a^2}{2} + a - 1$ . On the other hand, if we get  $a = 2k, k > 1$ , we obtain that  $g(S) = 2k^2 + 2k - 1$  and  $g(S)$  is odd.

**Theorem 3:** Let  $S = \langle a, a+2, 2a+1 \rangle$ . Telescopic numerical semigroup  $S$  is symmetric and the corner of  $Ap(S, 2a+1)$  is  $4a+2$ , where  $a > 2$  and  $a$  is even integer number.

**Proof :** It is clear that telescopic numerical semigroup  $S$  is symmetric from [5]. For  $S = \langle a, a+2, 2a+1 \rangle$ . and  $u \in \langle a, a+2 \rangle$ , we will show that the number which satisfies the following conditions is  $u = 4a+2$ :

(i)  $u \notin Ap(S, 2a+1)$  since  $(4a+2) - (2a+1) = (2a+1) \in S$  and  $(2a+1) - (2a+1) = 0 \in S$ .

(ii)  $(u - a) \in Ap(S, 2a+1)$  since  $(4a+2) - (a) = (3a+2) \in S$  and  $(3a+2) - (2a+1) = (a+1) \notin S$ .

(iii)  $(u - (a + 2)) \in Ap(S, 2a + 1)$  since  $(4a + 2) - (a + 2) = (3a) \in S$  and  $(3a) - (2a + 1) = (a - 1) \notin S$ .

**Example:** Let  $a = 4$ . In this case, we write  $S = \langle 4, 6, 9 \rangle = \{0, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, \dots\}$ .  $S$  is telescopic numerical semigroup since  $d = g.c.d\{4, 6\} = 2$  and  $9 \in \langle \frac{4}{2}, \frac{6}{2} \rangle = \langle 2, 3 \rangle$ . On the other hand, we obtain  $g(S) = \frac{a^2}{2} + a - 1 = 11$ , and the corner of  $Ap(S, 9) = \{s \in S : (s - 9) \notin S\} = \{0, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20\}$  is 18. Finally, we find that  $H(S) = \{1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 11\}$  and  $FH(S) = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11\}$ .

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