

# Non-very ample configurations arising from contingency tables

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**Abstract** In this paper, it is proved that, if a toric ideal possesses a fundamental binomial none of whose monomials is squarefree, then the corresponding semigroup ring is not very ample. Moreover, very ample semigroup rings of Lawrence type are discussed. As an application, we study very ampleness of configurations arising from contingency tables.

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