

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 2-x & 0 \\ 1 & 2-x \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2-x \\ 2-x & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2-x \\ 0 & -(2-x)^2 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & (2-x)^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

If  $\gcd(a,b)=1$   $1=sa+tb$  then

$$\frac{R}{\langle a \rangle} \oplus \frac{R}{\langle b \rangle} \cong \frac{R}{\langle ab \rangle} \quad \text{via} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} R/\langle a \rangle & \xrightarrow{t \cdot b} & R/\langle ab \rangle \\ \oplus & \nearrow s \cdot a & \searrow 1 \\ R/\langle b \rangle & & R/\langle b \rangle \end{array} \begin{array}{ccc} & & \xrightarrow{1} R/\langle a \rangle \\ & & \oplus \\ & & \xrightarrow{1} R/\langle b \rangle \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R^r \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} R^g & & \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} \\ \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} a-b & \\ t & s \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ t & s \end{pmatrix} \\ R^r \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & ab \end{pmatrix} R^g & & \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ t & s \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ tab & sab \end{pmatrix} \quad \checkmark \quad \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} \\ & & \begin{pmatrix} s-t & as-tb \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} as & -tb \\ ab & ab \end{pmatrix} \\ & & \begin{pmatrix} as & -tb \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ & & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & ab \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} as & -tb \\ ab & ab \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

**Theorem.** If  $(b,c)=1$  &  $(a,c)=1$  then  $(ab,c)=1$

**Proof.**  $sb+tc=1, ua+vc=1 \Rightarrow sb(ua+vc)+tc=1$   
 so  $us \cdot ab + (sbv+tc)c = 1$  } conceptual meaning?

$$x-\lambda, x-\mu \quad \frac{1}{\mu-\lambda}(x-\lambda) - \frac{1}{\mu-\lambda}(x-\mu) = 1 \quad \text{so} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\mu-\lambda} & \frac{1}{\lambda-\mu} \\ x-\lambda & x-\mu \end{pmatrix} \text{ is invertible.}$$

Question Assume for invertible  $P, Q \in M_{n \times n}(R)$ ,  
 $P(Ix-A)Q = Ix-B$  ( $B$  diagonal, distinct entries)

Does it follow that  $P=Q \in M_{n \times n}(F)$  and  $PQ=I$ ?  
 Probably not, but it should be possible to replace  $P, Q$  with  $P', Q'$  that do have this property.

Problem Consider  $(x-\lambda_i), i=1, \dots, n, \lambda_i$  distinct. Find an invertible . . . . .

$$\begin{pmatrix} x-\lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & x-\lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x-\lambda_1 & x-\lambda_2 \\ 0 & x-\lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_2-\lambda_1 & x-\lambda_2 \\ \lambda_2-x & x-\lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

↳

Claim  $\frac{R}{\langle (x-\lambda_1) \cdots (x-\lambda_n) \rangle} \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \frac{R}{\langle x-\lambda_i \rangle} \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^n F$

$[F] \mapsto ([F], [F], \dots, [F]) \rightarrow (F(\lambda_1), \dots, F(\lambda_n))$

$[\sum c_i l_i(x)] := \left[ \sum c_i \frac{\prod_{j \neq i} (x-\lambda_j)}{\prod_{j \neq i} (\lambda_i - \lambda_j)} \right] \longleftarrow (c_1, \dots, c_n)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R^1 \xrightarrow{\cdot \prod (x-\lambda_i) = \Delta} R^1 & \longrightarrow & M \longrightarrow 0 \\ \uparrow \psi & \searrow h & \downarrow \phi \\ R^n \xrightarrow{\cdot \prod (x-\lambda_i) = \Delta} R^n & \longrightarrow & M \longrightarrow 0 \\ \text{=} \begin{pmatrix} x-\lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & x-\lambda_n \end{pmatrix} & & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R^r & \longrightarrow & R^g & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ \downarrow & \swarrow & \downarrow & & & & \\ R^{r'} & \longrightarrow & R^{g'} & \longrightarrow & M & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

$\phi: f \mapsto (f(\lambda_1), \dots, f(\lambda_n))$

$\psi: (g_1, \dots, g_n) \mapsto \sum g_i l_i \quad \psi_1(g_1, \dots, g_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{g_i}{\prod_{j \neq i} (\lambda_i - \lambda_j)}$

$h(g_1, \dots, g_n) = \left( \frac{g_1(x) - g_1(\lambda_1)}{x - \lambda_1}, \dots, \frac{g_n(x) - g_n(\lambda_n)}{x - \lambda_n} \right)$

Question When and how can a "homotopy isomorphism" be upgraded to a "change of basis isomorphism"?

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R^1 \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix}} R^n & \longrightarrow & M \longrightarrow 0 \\ & \searrow \phi & \downarrow \psi \\ R^n \xrightarrow{\cdot \prod (x-\lambda_i) = \Delta} R^n & \longrightarrow & M \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

$\phi: (f_1, \dots, f_n) \mapsto (f_1 + (x-\lambda_1)f_1, \dots, f_n + (x-\lambda_n)f_n, f_n) \quad \times$

Aside Which linear combination of  $\Delta_{n-1} = \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} (x-\lambda_i)$  and  $(x-\lambda_n)$  is 1?

Sol'n  $\frac{1}{\Delta_{n-1}(\lambda_n)} \left[ \Delta_{n-1}(x) - \frac{\Delta_{n-1}(x) - \Delta_{n-1}(\lambda_n)}{x - \lambda_n} (x - \lambda_n) \right] = 1$

$$D_{n-1}(\lambda) \sim \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & & \\ & \lambda & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & & \lambda \end{pmatrix} \quad x - \lambda \quad \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & & \\ & \lambda & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & & \lambda \end{pmatrix} \dots$$

Aside  $A = \begin{pmatrix} p & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & p & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & p \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & p & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & p \\ p & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & p & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & p \\ 0 & -p^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & p \\ 0 & p^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & p \\ 0 & 0 & -p^3 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & p^3 \end{pmatrix} = B$$

(Better to see abstractly that the module with presentation matrix  $A$  is isomorphic to the module with presentation matrix  $B$ ).

Claim The quotients

$$\langle x_1, \dots, x_s \mid px_i = x_{i+1}, px_s = 0 \rangle \quad \& \quad \langle y_1, \dots, y_s \mid y_i = 0 \quad i < s, py_s = 0 \rangle$$

are "ambient isomorphic".

Proof

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_s \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} y_s \\ py_s - y_1 \\ p^2 y_s - y_2 - py_1 \\ \vdots \\ p^{s-1} y_s \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ \vdots \\ y_s \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} px_1 - x_2 \\ px_2 - x_3 \\ px_3 - x_4 \\ \vdots \\ px_{s-1} - x_s \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix}$$