

# Reduction to diagonal

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In  $M_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{Q}[x])$  let

$$L_1(c) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ c & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad U_1(c) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & c & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Y_1(c) = \begin{pmatrix} c & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$L_2(c) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & c & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad U_2(c) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad Y_2(c) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

These matrices have determinant  $\neq 1$  and are in  $GL_3(\mathbb{Q}[x])$ . Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2-x & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1-x & 9 \\ 0 & -1 & 5-x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2-x & -3 \\ -1-x & 0 & 9 \\ -1 & 0 & 5-x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 \\ -1-x & (1+x)/(1-x) & 9 \\ -1 & 2-x & 5-x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2-x & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} Y_1(0)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 \\ -1-x & 9 & (1+x)/(2-x) \\ -1 & 5-x & 2-x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} U_1(2-x) Y_1(0)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1-x & 6-3x & (1+x)(2-x) \\ -1 & 2-x & 2-x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} Y_2(0) U_1(2-x) Y_1(0)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1-x & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6-3x & (1+x)(2-x) \\ -1 & 2-x & 2-x \end{pmatrix} U_1(-3) Y_2(0) U_1(2-x) Y_1(0)$$

$$= L_1(-1-x) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2-x & 2-x \\ 0 & 3/(2-x) & (4x)/(2-x) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\cdot u_1(-3) y_2(0) u_1(2-x) y_1(0)$$

$$= L_1(-1-x) y_2(0) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2-x & 2-x \\ 0 & 3/(2-x) & (4x)/(2-x) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\cdot u_1(-3) y_2(0) u_1(2-x) y_1(0)$$

$$= L_1(-1-x) y_2(0) L_1(-1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2-x & 0 \\ 0 & 3/(2-x) & (-2+x)/(2-x) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\cdot u_1(-3) y_2(0) u_1(2-x) y_1(0)$$

$$= L_1(-1-x) y_2(0) L_1(-1) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2-x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(2-x)^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\cdot u_2(1) u_1(-3) u_1(2-x) y_1(0)$$

Let  $P = L_1(-1-x) y_2(0) L_1(-1) u_2(1)$  and

$Q = u_1(-3) u_1(2-x) y_1(0)$ .

Then  $P, Q \in GL_3(\mathbb{Q}[x])$  and

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2-x & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & -1-x & 9 \\ 0 & -1 & 5-x \end{pmatrix} = P \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2-x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(2-x)^2 \end{pmatrix} Q.$$

Theorem Let  $s, t \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ ,  $k = \min\{s, t\}$ . Algebra lect. 8  
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(a) Let  $A \in M_{t \times s}(\mathbb{Z})$ . Then there exist

$$P \in GL_t(\mathbb{Z}) \text{ and } Q \in GL_s(\mathbb{Z}) \text{ and}$$

$$d_1, \dots, d_k \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ with } d_1 \mathbb{Z} \supseteq d_2 \mathbb{Z} \supseteq \dots \supseteq d_k \mathbb{Z}$$

such that

$$A = P D Q \text{ with } D = \text{diag}(d_1, \dots, d_k)$$

(b) Let  $A \in M_{t \times s}(\mathbb{Q}[x])$ . Then there exist

$$P \in GL_t(\mathbb{Q}[x]), Q \in GL_s(\mathbb{Q}[x]) \text{ and}$$

$$d_1, \dots, d_k \in \mathbb{Q}[x] \text{ with } d_1 \mathbb{Q}[x] \supseteq \dots \supseteq d_k \mathbb{Q}[x]$$

such that

$$A = P D Q \text{ with } D = \text{diag}(d_1, \dots, d_k)$$

(c) Let  $R$  be a PID and  $A \in M_{t \times s}(R)$ . Then there exist

$$P \in GL_t(R), Q \in GL_s(R) \text{ and}$$

$$d_1, \dots, d_k \in R \text{ with } d_1 R \supseteq \dots \supseteq d_k R$$

such that

$$A = P D Q \text{ with } D = \text{diag}(d_1, \dots, d_k).$$

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A PID, or principal ideal domain, Algebra Lect 8  
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is a commutative ring  $A$  that satisfies

- (a) (Cancellation Law) If  $a, b, c \in A$  and  $c \neq 0$  and  $ac = bc$  then  $a = b$ .
- (b) (Principal ideal) If  $I$  is an ideal of  $A$  then there exists  $m \in A$  such that  
 $I = mA = A\text{-span}\{m\}$ .

An ideal of  $A$  is an  $A$ -submodule of  $A$ .

The group of units of  $A$  is

$$A^\times = \{a \in A \mid \text{there exists } b \in A \text{ with } \left. \begin{array}{l} ba = ab = 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

The group of units of  $M_{\text{ext}}(A)$  is

$$GL_{\text{ext}}(A) = \left\{ P \in M_{\text{ext}}(A) \mid \text{there exists } S \in M_{\text{ext}}(A) \text{ with } \left. \begin{array}{l} PS = I \text{ and } SP = I \end{array} \right\}$$

Let  $s, t \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  and  $k = \text{m.m.l.}(t, s)$ .

$E_{ij} \in M_{t \times s}(A)$  is the  $s \times t$  matrix with  
1, in the  $(i, j)$  entry and  
0, elsewhere.

Let  $d_1, \dots, d_k \in R$ .

$$\text{diag}(d_1, \dots, d_k) = d_1 E_{11} + \dots + d_k E_{kk}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & & & 0 \\ & d_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & d_k \end{pmatrix} \in M_{k \times k}(R).$$

The group  $R^\times$  acts on the set  $R$ .

The  $R^\times$ -orbits are the sets

$$dR^\times = \{ d\alpha \mid \alpha \in R^\times \} \quad \text{and}$$

$$R/R^\times = \{ dR^\times \mid d \in R \}$$

is the set of  $R^\times$ -orbits.

Proposition Let  $R$  be a PID

The map

$$\{\text{ideals of } R\} \longleftrightarrow R/R^\times$$

$$dR \longleftrightarrow dR^\times$$

is a bijection.

Favourite examples:

- (1)  $R = \mathbb{Z}$
- (2)  $R = \mathbb{F}[x]$ , where  $\mathbb{F}$  is a field
- (3)  $R = \mathbb{F}$ , where  $\mathbb{F}$  is a field.