

Weyman's generic ring for free resolutions of length three

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If $d_i \otimes k = 0$ for all i , then \mathbb{F} is *minimal*, and $b_i := f_i$ are the (ordinary) *Betti numbers* of S/I . The *projective dimension* $\text{pdim } S/I$ is then equal to c .

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In this case, \mathbb{F}^* resolves the canonical module $\text{Ext}^c(S/I, S)$. The minimal number of generators of this module is b_c , which is called the (Cohen-Macaulay) *type* of S/I .

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Every grade 2 perfect ideal is generated by the $(n-1) \times (n-1)$ minors of a $(n-1) \times n$ matrix.

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Watanabe's procedure is a special case of what is now known as *linkage*. (Details omitted—not the focus of this talk.)

$$I = I_0 \sim I_1 \sim I_2 \sim I_3 \sim \dots \sim K = \text{complete intersection}$$

Recurring theme in various later works: translate properties from K , which is well-understood, back to the original ideal I .

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Note that this is not quite analogous to Hilbert-Burch:

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- ▶ The specialization is only up to isomorphism, and not unique

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This group turns out to be closely related to a parabolic subgroup of an even larger group.

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An arbitrary minimal free resolution of S/I certainly won't have this form. The skew matrix only appears after F_2 is identified with F_1^* using a choice of multiplication $F_1 \otimes F_2 \rightarrow F_3$.

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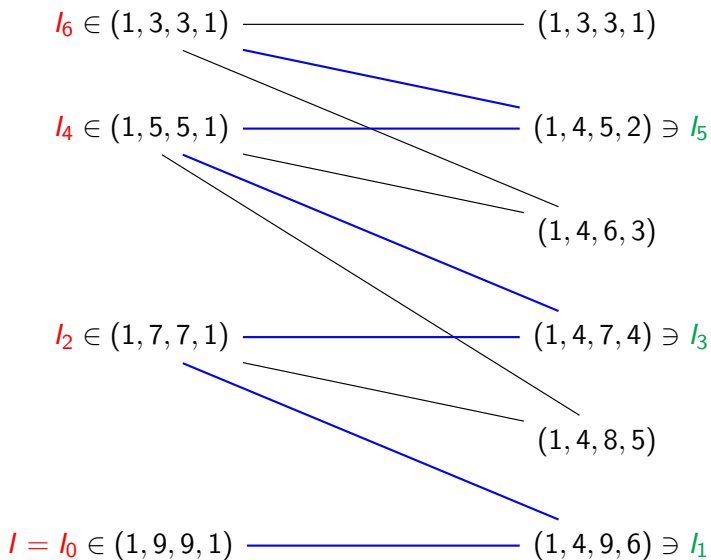
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