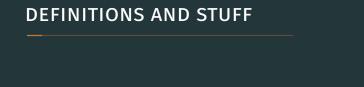
# THE SEARCH FOR INDECOMPOSABLE MODULES

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#### MY FAVORITE EXAMPLE

The R-module  $M=R/(\bar{z})$  has Hilbert function  $H_M=(1,2,0)=(1,2)$ :

$$\begin{split} M_2 &= \langle \overline{x^2} \rangle = \langle \overline{Z^2} \rangle = 0 \\ M_1 &= \langle \overline{x} \rangle \oplus \langle \overline{y} \rangle, \\ M_0 &= \langle \overline{1} \rangle. \end{split}$$

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Note that  $R \oplus (\overline{z})$  has Hilbert function (1, 4, 2).

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Fact 2. Suppose

$$0 \to I \to R \to F^1 \to F^2 \to \cdots \to F^n \to M \to 0$$

is an exact sequence of R-modules, where F<sup>i</sup> is a free R-module for each i. Then M is called the n-th **cosyzygy of I**, Cosyz<sup>n</sup>(I), and M is indecomposable.

# BACKGROUND

Recall, R = 
$$\mathbb{k}[x, y, z]/(x^2 - y^2, x^2 - z^2, xy, xz, yz)$$
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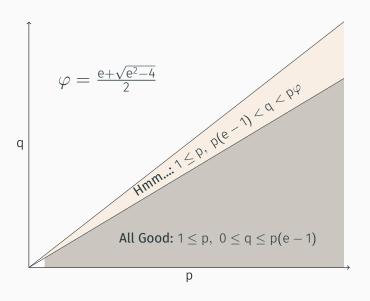
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Furthermore, given

$$1 \le p$$
 and  $0 \le q \le p(e-1)$ ,

there exists a Koszul R-module M where  $H_M = (p, q)$ .

## BUT HERE'S HOW TO REALLY THINK ABOUT IT



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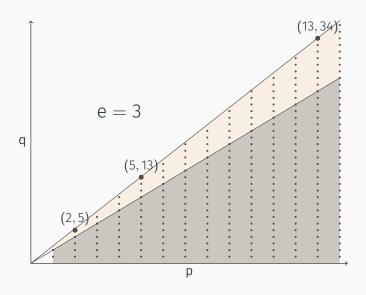
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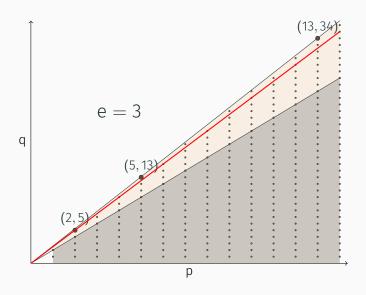
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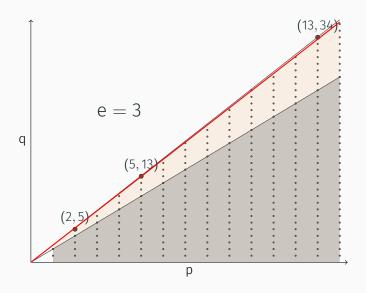
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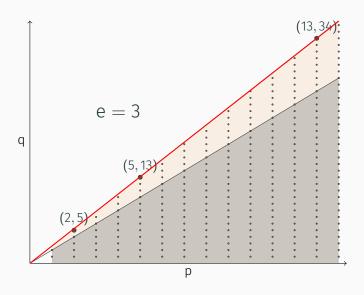
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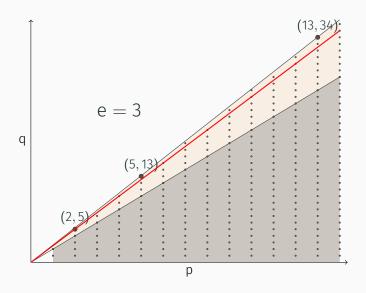
Geometrically, that means it's enough to find modules with the Hilbert functions

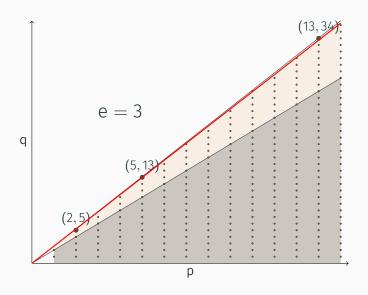


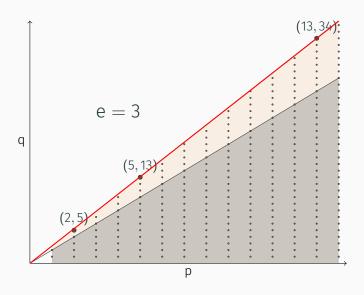


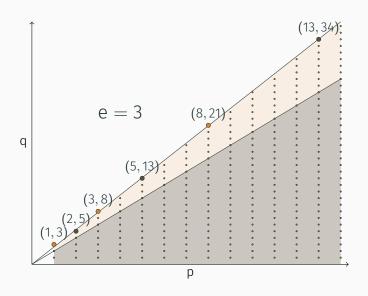












## Recap:

Fact 1. Hilbert function - additive on S.E.S.

Fact 2. There's an S.E.S.

$$0 \to \mathsf{Cosyz}_{n-1}(I) \to F^n \to \mathsf{Cosyz}_n(I) \to 0$$

(and  $Cosyz_n(I)$  is indecomposable).

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Repeating this trick,

$$H_{Cosyz_3(1)} = (5, 15, 5) - (0, 2, 5) = (5, 13).$$

# THEOREM (AVRAMOV-GIBBONS-WIEGAND)

Let R be a S.G.R. with  $e \ge 3$ . Then there exists a Koszul R-module M with Hilbert function (p,q) if and only if

$$1 \le p$$
 and  $0 \le q \le p \frac{e + \sqrt{e^2 - 4}}{2}$ .



**Definition.** An R-module M is said to be **Koszul** provided M is generated in degree 0, has no nonzero free summand, and has a linear free resolution.

In our setting, if  $H_M = (p, q)$ , then:

$$\beta(M) = \begin{bmatrix} & & & \vdots & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & & \cdots \\ p & ep - q & \cdots & (e\beta_{n-1} - \beta_{n-2}) & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & & \cdots \end{bmatrix}.$$

# THOSE OTHER ORDERED PAIRS? (1,3), (3,8), ...

The only indecomposable non-Koszul R-modules have the form  $\operatorname{Cosyz}_n(\overline{x_1},\ldots,\overline{x_e})$ , and their Hilbert functions use the odd Fibonacci numbers.

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