## GLOBAL DIMENSION OF TRIANGULAR ORDERS OVER A DISCRETE VALUATION RING

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ABSTRACT. We characterize triangular R-orders of finite global dimension in  $n \times n$  matrix rings over the quotient field of DVR R and obtain a precise upper bound for their global dimension, viz. n-1. We also characterize triangular R-orders of highest global dimension.

Introduction. Throughout R is a discrete valuation ring (DVR) with the unique maximal ideal m, generated by t, and quotient field K. An R-order  $\Lambda$  in  $M_n(K)$  is an R-subalgebra of  $M_n(K)$  which is finitely generated as an R-module and spans  $M_n(K)$  over K.  $\Lambda$  is tiled if  $\Lambda$  contains n orthogonal idempotents. After a conjugation, if necessary, we may assume that  $e_{ii} \in \Lambda$ , where  $e_{ij}$  are the usual matrix units in  $M_n(K)$ . Then  $\Lambda$  is of the form  $\Lambda = (m^{\lambda_{ij}})$ , where  $\lambda_{ij} \in Z$ . If  $\lambda_{ij} = 0$  whenever  $i \leq j$  then  $\Lambda$  is called a triangular R-order. We set  $\Omega_n = (m^{\mu_{ij}}) \subseteq M_n(K)$ , where  $\mu_{ij} = 0$  whenever  $i \leq j$  and  $\mu_{ij} = i - j$  otherwise.

The main result of this paper is the following

THEOREM. Given a triangular R-order in  $M_n(K)$ , the following are equivalent: (1) gl. dim.  $\Lambda < \infty$ , (2)  $\Omega_n \subseteq \Lambda$ , (3) gl. dim.  $\Lambda \le n-1$ .

This result was conjectured by R. B. Tarsey [5]. In the same paper, Tarsey constructs a triangular R-order in  $M_n(K)$  of global dimension n-1. Hence the bound in our theorem is best possible. We also give a characterization of triangular R-orders of highest global dimension. Using this we construct examples of successive triangular R-orders in  $M_{2n+1}(K)$  whose global dimensions differ exactly by n. This disproves a conjecture in R. B. Tarsey [5].

The main results of this paper were announced in [1].

After this paper was completed the author received a preprint of [6] from R. B. Tarsey in which he has independently obtained (1) $\Leftrightarrow$ (2) in the above theorem; however, his methods yield a bound 2n-4 rather than n-1.

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The proof of the theorem depends on the following lemmas.

LEMMA 1. If  $\Lambda$  is an R-order in an algebra over the quotient field of DVR R and if  $J(\Lambda)$  is the Jacobson radical of  $\Lambda$ , then gl. dim.  $\Lambda=1+\mathrm{hd}_{\Lambda}J(\Lambda)$ .

PROOF. Silver [4, Corollary 4.6].

LEMMA 2. If  $\Lambda$  is any ring, then rt. gl. dim.  $\Lambda=1+\sup_{I}\{hd\ I\}$  where supremum is taken over right ideals of  $\Lambda$ , unless  $\Lambda$  is semisimple.

Proof. Well known [3].

Henceforth, we shall fix a positive integer n and unless stated otherwise,  $\Lambda = (m^{\lambda_{ij}})$  will denote a triangular R-order in  $M_n(K)$ ;  $P_i$  and  $J_i$  denote the ith row of  $\Lambda$  and its Jacobson radical respectively. We shall always treat  $P_i$  and  $J_i$  as canonical submodules of the first row of  $\Lambda$ . This makes expressions like  $P_i + P_j$  unambiguous. Observe that if  $\lambda_{i,i-1} \geq 0$  for  $2 \leq i \leq n$ , then  $J(\Lambda)$  is obtained from  $\Lambda$  by replacing the diagonal entries R by m.

Let  $e=\sum_{i=1}^{n-1}e_{ii}$ , where  $e_{ii}$  are the usual idempotents in  $\Lambda$ . We shall interchangeably treat  $e\Lambda e$  as top  $(n-1)\times (n-1)$  corner of  $\Lambda$  or as a triangular order in  $M_{n-1}(K)$ . Let  $\mathscr{F}: \operatorname{mod}-\Lambda \to \operatorname{mod}-e\Lambda e$  and  $\mathscr{G}: \operatorname{mod}-e\Lambda e \to \operatorname{mod}-\Lambda$  be the functors defined by  $\mathscr{F}(M)=Me$ ,  $M\in \operatorname{mod}-\Lambda$  and  $\mathscr{G}(N)=N\otimes_{e\Lambda e}e\Lambda$  where  $e\Lambda=\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n-1}P_i$ . We shall have repeated occasions to use these functors.

- LEMMA 3. (a)  $\mathscr{F}$  and  $\mathscr{G}$  are exact additive functors.  $\mathscr{F}P_1, \dots, \mathscr{F}P_{n-1}$  are principal projectives of  $e\Lambda e$ .  $e\Lambda$  is a progenerator in  $e\Lambda e$ -mod and  $J(e\Lambda e)$  is canonically isomorphic with  $\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n-1} \mathscr{F}J_i$ .
  - (b)  $\mathscr{GFP}_i \cong P_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ .
  - (c) For every right  $e\Lambda e$ -module N and right  $\Lambda$ -module M, we have,

$$\operatorname{hd}_{\Lambda} \mathscr{G} N \leqq \operatorname{hd}_{e \Lambda e} N, \qquad \operatorname{hd}_{e \Lambda e} \mathscr{F} \mathscr{G} \mathscr{F} M \leqq \operatorname{hd}_{\Lambda} \mathscr{G} \mathscr{F} M.$$

Further, if  $\mathscr{GF}M \cong M$  then  $\operatorname{hd}_{\Lambda} M = \operatorname{hd}_{e\Lambda e} \mathscr{F}M$ .

**PROOF.** The first part is clear. For part (b) we observe that  ${}_{e\Lambda e}e\Lambda$  is projective (hence flat) and  $\mathscr{F}P_i$  is isomorphic to a right ideal of  $e\Lambda e$ , therefore

$$0 \to \mathscr{F}P_i \otimes_{e\Lambda e} e\Lambda \to e\Lambda e \otimes_{e\Lambda e} e\Lambda$$

is exact. Hence  $\mathscr{GF}P_i\cong(\mathscr{F}P_i)e\Lambda$ . The last two entries in  $P_i$  are equal for  $1\leq i\leq n-1$ . So,  $(\mathscr{F}P_i)e\Lambda=P_i$ .

The first inequality in (c) is clear since  $e\Lambda_{\Lambda}$  is projective. Now, suppose  $\mathrm{hd}_{\Lambda}\,\mathscr{GF}M=l<\infty$ . Let

$$\cdots \longrightarrow M_i \xrightarrow{d_i} M_{i-1} \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow M_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} M_0 \xrightarrow{d_0} \mathscr{F}M \longrightarrow 0$$

be a projective resolution of  $\mathcal{F}M$  over  $e\Lambda e$ . Since  $e\Lambda e$  is semiperfect and  $\mathcal{F}P_1, \dots, \mathcal{F}P_{n-1}$  are the only principal projectives of  $e\Lambda e$ , therefore each  $M_i \cong \bigoplus_{j=1}^{n-1} \mathcal{F}P_j^{k_{ij}}$ , where the  $k_{ij}$  are (possibly empty) sets. Clearly,

$$\cdots \longrightarrow \mathscr{G}M_i \xrightarrow{d_i \otimes 1} \mathscr{G}M_{i-1} \xrightarrow{d_{i-1} \otimes 1} \cdots \longrightarrow \mathscr{G}M_1 \xrightarrow{d_1 \otimes 1} \mathscr{G}M_0 \xrightarrow{d_0 \otimes 1} \mathscr{G}\mathscr{F}M \longrightarrow 0$$

is a projective resolution of  $\mathscr{GFM}$  over  $\Lambda$ . Since  $\operatorname{hd}_{\Lambda} \mathscr{GFM} = l < \infty$ , therefore  $\mathscr{GM}_{l} \cong \operatorname{Im}(d_{l} \otimes 1) \oplus L$  for some right  $\Lambda$ -module L. Since  $\mathscr{GM}_{l} \cong \bigoplus_{j=1}^{n-1} P_{j}^{k_{lj}}$  and  $\Lambda$  is semiperfect, therefore by the decomposition theorem [2, Theorem 3] and Krull-Schmidt-Azumaya theorem,  $\operatorname{Im}(d_{l} \otimes 1) \cong \bigoplus_{j=1}^{n-1} P_{j}^{k_{lj}}$  for some (possibly empty) sets  $k'_{lj}$ . This shows that  $\mathscr{F}$   $\operatorname{Im}(d_{l} \otimes 1)$  is a right  $e\Lambda e$ -projective module. Now,

$$0 \to \mathscr{F} \operatorname{Im}(d_1 \otimes 1) \to \mathscr{F} \mathscr{G} M_{1-1} \to \cdots \to \mathscr{F} \mathscr{G} M_0 \to \mathscr{F} \mathscr{G} \mathscr{F} M \to 0$$

is a projective resolution of  $\mathcal{FGFM}$  over  $e\Lambda e$ , which yields

$$hd_{AA} \mathcal{FGF} M \leq l$$
.

The last assertion follows from above two inequalities.

LEMMA 4. If  $\lambda_{i,i-1} \geq 0$  for  $2 \leq i \leq n$  and  $\lambda_{n,n-1} = 1$ , then  $\mathscr{GF}J_i \cong J_i$  for  $i \neq n-1$ .

**PROOF.** The proof is similar to that of part (b) of Lemma 3.

LEMMA 5. If gl. dim.  $\Lambda < \infty$ , then  $\lambda_{2,1} \leq 1$  and  $\lambda_{n,n-1} \leq 1$ .

PROOF. Suppose  $\lambda_{2,1} \ge 2$ . We have exact sequences,

$$0 \longrightarrow tP_1 \cap P_2 \xrightarrow{\phi_1} tP_1 \oplus P_2 \xrightarrow{\theta_1} J_1 \longrightarrow 0,$$
  
$$0 \longrightarrow t^{\lambda_2,1^{-1}}P_1 \cap P_2 \xrightarrow{\phi_2} t^{\lambda_2,1^{-1}}P_1 \oplus P_2 \xrightarrow{\theta_2} t^{\lambda_2,1^{-1}}P_1 + P_2 \longrightarrow 0,$$

where  $\phi_i(x) = (x, x)$  and  $\theta_i(x, y) = x - y$  for i = 1, 2. Since  $J_1$  is not projective,  $tP_1 \cap P_2 \cong t^{\lambda_2, 1^{-1}} P_1 + P_2$  and  $t^{\lambda_2, 1^{-1}} P_1 \cap P_2 \cong J_1$ , therefore  $\text{hd}_{\Lambda} J_1 = \infty$ , contrary to our hypothesis. Hence  $\lambda_{2,1} \leq 1$ . Similarly, looking at appropriate left  $\Lambda$ -modules we get  $\lambda_{n,n-1} \leq 1$ .

Lemma 6. (a) If  $\Omega_n \subseteq \Lambda$ , then  $\Omega_{n-1} \subseteq e\Lambda e$ .

(b) If  $\lambda_{l,l-1}=0$  for some l and if  $f=\sum_{i=1;i\neq l}^n e_{ii}$ , then  $\Omega_n\subseteq \Lambda$  iff  $\Omega_{n-1}\subseteq f\Lambda f\subseteq M_{n-1}(K)$ .

**PROOF.** The first part is clear since  $\Omega_{n-1} = e\Omega_n e$ . Now assume  $\Omega_n \subseteq \Lambda$ .

Since

$$\lambda_{i,j} \leq \lambda_{i,l} + \lambda_{l,l-1} + \lambda_{l-1,j} = \lambda_{i,l} + \lambda_{l-1,j},$$

therefore, if  $i \geq l \geq j$  then  $\lambda_{i,j} \leq (i-l) + (l-1-j) = i-1-j$ . It follows that  $\Omega_{n-1} \subseteq f \wedge f$ . The remaining case is similarly dealt with.

PROPOSITION 1. If  $\lambda_{i,i-1} \neq 0$  for  $2 \leq i \leq n$  and if  $\lambda_{n,n-1} = 1$ , then gl. dim.  $\Lambda < \infty$  if and only if gl. dim.  $e\Lambda e < \infty$ . Further, if gl. dim.  $\Lambda = \alpha < \infty$  and if gl. dim  $e\Lambda e = \beta < \infty$  then  $\beta \leq \alpha \leq \beta + 1$ .

PROOF. By Lemma 4,  $J_i \cong \mathscr{GF} J_i$  for  $i \neq n-1$ . Clearly,  $\mathscr{FGF} J_{n-1} \cong \mathscr{F} J_{n-1}$ . Therefore, by Lemma 3,

$$\operatorname{hd}_{\Lambda} J_{i} = \operatorname{hd}_{e\Lambda e} \mathscr{F} J_{i}$$
 for  $i \neq n-1$ 

and  $\operatorname{hd}_{\Lambda}(\mathscr{F}J_{n-1})e\Lambda = \operatorname{hd}_{\Lambda}\mathscr{G}\mathscr{F}J_{n-1} = \operatorname{hd}_{e\Lambda e}\mathscr{F}J_{n-1}$ . Clearly,  $(\mathscr{F}J_{n-1})e\Lambda + P_n = J_{n-1}$ ,  $(\mathscr{F}J_{n-1})e\Lambda \cap P_n = J_n$ . Hence,

$$(*) 0 \longrightarrow J_n \xrightarrow{\phi} (\mathscr{F}J_{n-1})e\Lambda \oplus P_n \xrightarrow{\theta} J_{n-1} \longrightarrow 0$$

is exact where  $\phi(x)=(x, x)$  and  $\theta(x, y)=x-y$ . Since  $\mathcal{F}J_n$  and  $(\mathcal{F}J_{n-1})e\Lambda$  are isomorphic to right ideals of  $e\Lambda e$  and  $\Lambda$  respectively, therefore Lemmas 1 and 2 complete the proof.

THEOREM 1. Let  $\Lambda = (m^{\lambda_{ij}})$  be a triangular order in  $M_n(K)$ . Then the following are equivalent: (1) gl. dim.  $\Lambda < \infty$ , (2)  $\Omega_n \subseteq \Lambda$ , (3) gl. dim.  $\Lambda \le n-1$ .

PROOF. (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2). Proceed by induction on n. For n=2, the result is trivial and known [5]. Assume n>2. If  $\lambda_{i,i-1} \not\geq 0$  for  $2 \leq i \leq n$  then, by Lemma 5,  $\lambda_{n,n-1}=1$ . So, Proposition 1 shows that gl. dim.  $e\Lambda e < \infty$ . Hence by induction hypothesis  $\Omega_{n-1} \subseteq e\Lambda e$ . Since  $\lambda_{n,n-1}=1$ , therefore  $\Omega_n \subseteq \Lambda$ . If  $\lambda_{l,l-1}=0$  for some l, then  $\Lambda$  is Morita equivalent to  $f\Lambda f$ , where  $f=\sum_{i=1;i\neq l}^n e_{ii}$ . By induction hypothesis  $\Omega_{n-1}\subseteq f\Lambda f\subseteq M_{n-1}(K)$ , so  $\Omega_n\subseteq \Lambda$  by Lemma 6.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3). Again we put an induction on n. For n=2, the result is true and trivial [5]. Let n>2. If  $\lambda_{i,i-1} \not\geq 0$  for  $2 \leq i \leq n$ , then Lemma 6 and the induction hypothesis show that gl. dim.  $e \wedge e \leq n-2$ . By Proposition 1, gl. dim.  $\Lambda \leq n-1$ . If  $\lambda_{i,i-1}=0$  for some l, then  $\Lambda$  is Morita equivalent to  $f \wedge f$ . By Lemma 6,  $\Omega_{n-1} \subseteq f \wedge f \subseteq M_{n-1}(K)$ , so, by induction hypothesis, gl. dim.  $\Lambda = gl$ . dim.  $f \wedge f \leq n-2$ .

 $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$ . Clear. This completes the proof.

PROPOSITION 1'. If  $\lambda_{i,i-1} \geq 0$  for  $2 \leq i \leq n$  and if  $\lambda_{2,1} = 1$  then gl. dim.  $\Lambda < \infty$  if and only if gl. dim.  $e' \Lambda e' < \infty$  where  $e' = \sum_{i=2}^{n} e_{ii}$ . Further, if gl. dim.  $\Lambda = \alpha < \infty$ , gl. dim.  $e' \Lambda e' = \gamma < \infty$ , then  $\gamma \leq \alpha \leq \gamma + 1$ .

PROOF. Similar to Proposition 1.

We now look at the triangular orders in  $M_n(K)$  with global dimension n-1.

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LEMMA 7. Let  $\Lambda = (m^{\lambda_{ij}})$  be a triangular order in  $M_n(K)$ ,  $n \ge 3$ . If gl. dim.  $\Lambda = n-1$  then  $\operatorname{hd}_{\Lambda} J_i = i-1$  for  $1 \le i \le n-1$  and  $\operatorname{hd}_{\Lambda} J_n = n-3$ .

PROOF. By induction on n. For n=3, the only triangular order of global dimension two is  $\Omega_3$ , for which the assertion is trivial. Let  $n \geq 3$ . Since gl. dim.  $\Lambda = n-1$ , therefore by Theorem 1,  $\lambda_{i,i-1} = 1$  for  $2 \leq i \leq n$ . Hence, by Proposition 1 and Theorem 1, gl. dim.  $e\Lambda e = n-2$ . As seen in Lemma 3 and Proposition 1,  $J(e\Lambda e) \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n-1} \mathscr{F} J_i$ ,  $\operatorname{hd}_{\Lambda} J_i = \operatorname{hd}_{e\Lambda e} \mathscr{F} J_i$  if  $i \neq n-1$  and  $\operatorname{hd}_{\Lambda} (\mathscr{F} J_{n-1}) e\Lambda = \operatorname{hd}_{e\Lambda e} \mathscr{F} J_{n-1}$ ; by induction hypothesis,  $\operatorname{hd}_{\Lambda} J_i = \operatorname{hd}_{e\Lambda e} \mathscr{F} J_i = i-1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n-2$ ,  $\operatorname{hd}_{\Lambda} (\mathscr{F} J_{n-1}) e\Lambda = \operatorname{hd}_{e\Lambda e} \mathscr{F} J_{n-1} = n-4$ . Since  $\mathscr{F} J_n$  is isomorphic to a right ideal of  $e\Lambda e$ , therefore  $\operatorname{hd}_{\Lambda} J_n = \operatorname{hd}_{e\Lambda e} \mathscr{F} J_n \leq n-3$ , by Lemma 2. By hypothesis gl. dim.  $\Lambda = n-1$ . Hence, by Lemma 1,  $\operatorname{hd}_{\Lambda} J_{n-1} = n-2$ . So, by (\*) in Proposition 1,  $\operatorname{hd}_{\Lambda} J_n = n-3$ . This completes the proof.

THEOREM 2. Let  $\Lambda = (m^{\lambda_{ij}})$  be a triangular order in  $M_n(K)$ , where  $n \ge 4$ . Then gl. dim.  $\Lambda = n - 1$  if and only if  $\lambda_{i,i-1} = 1$ ,  $\lambda_{i,i-2} = 2 = \lambda_{i,i-3}$  for  $2 \le i \le n$ .

PROOF. For the "only if" part, we proceed by induction on n. Let n=4. Since gl. dim.  $\Lambda=3$ , therefore by Theorem 1,  $\lambda_{i,i-1}=1$  for  $2 \le i \le 4$ . By Propositions 1, 1' and Theorem 1, gl. dim.  $e \land e = \text{gl.}$  dim.  $e' \land e' = 2$ . Hence  $\lambda_{3,1}=2=\lambda_{4,2}, \lambda_{4,1}=2$  or 3. But gl. dim.  $\Omega_4=2$  [5]; so, we must have  $\lambda_{4,1}=2$ . Now let  $n \ge 4$ . Since gl. dim.  $\Lambda=n-1$ , therefore by Theorem 1 and Propositions 1, 1', gl. dim.  $e \land e = \text{gl.}$  dim.  $e' \land e' = n-2$ . Now the induction hypothesis completes the proof.

For the "if" part again we put induction on n. The assertion is easily seen to be true for n=4. Now let  $n \ge 4$ . By induction hypothesis, we have gl. dim.  $e\Lambda e = n-2$ . So, Lemma 7 and its proof yield  $\mathrm{hd}_{\Lambda} J_i = i-1$  for  $1 \le i \le n-2$ ,  $\mathrm{hd}_{\Lambda} J_n \le n-3$  and  $\mathrm{hd}_{\Lambda} (\mathscr{F} J_{n-1}) e\Lambda = n-4$ . Hence, by the exact sequence (\*) it is enough to prove that  $\mathrm{hd}_{\Lambda} J_n = n-3$ .

Let M be the right  $\Lambda$ -module obtained from  $P_n$  by replacing the last two entries by  $m^2$ . By hypothesis  $\lambda_{n,n-2}=2=\lambda_{n,n-3}$ . So the last four entries in M are equal, viz.  $m^2$ . Clearly, as in Lemma 3(b),  $\mathscr{GF}M\cong M$ , so by Lemma 3,  $\mathrm{hd}_{\Lambda}M=\mathrm{hd}_{e\Lambda e}\mathscr{F}M\leqq n-3$ . The last inequality follows by observing that  $\mathscr{F}M$  is isomorphic to a right ideal of  $e\Lambda e$ . Repeating this two more times, we get  $\mathrm{hd}_{\Lambda}M\leqq n-5$ . Clearly  $M+tP_{n-1}=J_n$  and  $M\cap tP_{n-1}\cong (\mathscr{F}J_{n-1})e\Lambda$ . By the above,  $\mathrm{hd}_{\Lambda}(\mathscr{F}J_{n-1})e\Lambda=n-4$ . Hence,  $\mathrm{hd}_{J_n}=n-3$ . This completes the proof.

Now, we give examples of successive triangular orders in  $M_{2n+1}(K)$  whose dimensions differ exactly by n. This disproves a conjecture of R. B.

Tarsey [5]. We define two families  $\Lambda_{2n+1}$  and  $\Gamma_{2n+1}$ ,  $n \ge 1$ , of triangular orders in  $M_{2n+1}(K)$  such that  $\Lambda_{2n+1}$  and  $\Gamma_{2n+1}$  are successive, gl. dim.  $\Lambda_{2n+1} = n$  and gl. dim.  $\Gamma_{2n+1} = 2n$ .

For n=1,

$$\Lambda_3 = \begin{pmatrix} R & R & R \\ m & R & R \\ m & m & R \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \Gamma_3 = \begin{pmatrix} R & R & R \\ m & R & R \\ m^2 & m & R \end{pmatrix}.$$

For n=2

$$\Lambda_{5} = \begin{pmatrix} R & R & R & R & R \\ m_{i} & R & R & R & R \\ m_{i}^{2} & m_{i} & R & R & R \\ m_{i}^{2} & m_{i} & m_{i} & R & R \\ m_{i}^{3} & m_{i}^{2} & m_{i}^{2} & m_{i} & R \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \Gamma_{5} = \begin{pmatrix} R & R & R & R & R \\ m_{i} & R & R & R & R \\ m_{i}^{2} & m_{i} & R & R & R \\ m_{i}^{2} & m_{i}^{2} & m_{i} & R & R \\ m_{i}^{3} & m_{i}^{2} & m_{i}^{2} & m_{i} & R \end{pmatrix}.$$

It is easy to see that gl. dim.  $\Lambda_3=1$ , gl. dim.  $\Gamma_3=2$ , gl. dim.  $\Lambda_5=2$ , gl. dim.  $\Gamma_5=4$ ,  $\Lambda_3$  and  $\Gamma_3$  are successive and  $\Lambda_5$  and  $\Gamma_5$  are successive.

For  $n \ge 3$ , let  $U_n$  be a triangular order in  $M_n(K)$  in which all the entries on the main subdiagonal are m and all the entries below the main subdiagonal are  $m^2$ . Let  $V_{n,n+1} = (m^{\theta_{ij}})$ , where  $\theta_{ij}$  are as specified below:

- (a)  $\theta_{1,n} = \theta_{1,n+1} = 1$ ;  $\theta_{i,n} = \theta_{i,n+1} = 2$  for  $2 \le i \le n$ .
- (b)  $\theta_{1,n-1}=2$ ;  $\theta_{i,n-1}=3$  for  $2 \le i \le n$ .
- (c)  $\theta_{1,j}=3$  for  $1 \leq j \leq n-2$ .
- (d) All the remaining  $\theta_{i,j} = 4$ .

Let

$$\Lambda_{2n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{n+1} & M_{n+1,n}(R) \\ V_{n,n+1} & U_n \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $\Gamma_{2n+1}$  is obtained from  $\Lambda_{2n+1}$  by replacing (n+2, n)th entry m by  $m^2$ . Trivially,  $\Lambda_{2n+1}$  and  $\Gamma_{2n+1}$  are successive.

By Theorem 2, gl. dim.  $\Gamma_{2n+1}=2n$ . We claim gl. dim.  $\Lambda_{2n+1}=n$ . Let  $P_i$  and  $J_i$  denote the *i*th row of  $\Lambda_{2n+1}$  and its Jacobson radical. Clearly,  $J_1 \cong P_2$ . Hence, hd  $J_1=0$ . Since

(#) 
$$tP_{i-1} + P_{i+1} = J_i$$
,  $tP_{i-1} \cap P_{i+1} \cong J_{i-1}$  for  $2 \le i \le n$ ,

therefore, by induction it follows that  $\operatorname{hd} J_i = i-1$  for  $2 \le i \le n$ . Since  $tP_n + P_{n+3} = J_{n+2}$ ,  $tP_n \cap P_{n+3} \cong P_{n+2}$ , therefore  $\operatorname{hd} J_{n+2} = 1$ . Now observing that (#) holds for  $n+3 \le i \le 2n$ , we get, by induction,  $\operatorname{hd} J_i = i-n-1$  for  $n+3 \le i \le 2n$ .

Let  $M_i = tP_1 + P_{i+1}$  for  $2 \le i \le n-1$ . Clearly  $tP_1 \cap P_{i+1} \cong M_{i-1}$  for  $3 \le i \le n-1$  and  $M_2 = J_2$ . Hence, by induction, hd  $M_i = i-1$  for  $2 \le i \le n-1$ . But  $tM_{n-1} + P_{n+2} = J_{n+1}$  and  $tM_{n-1} \cap P_{n+2} \cong P_n$ . Therefore, hd  $J_{n+1} = n-2$ .

Let  $N_i = tP_n + P_{n+i}$  for  $3 \le i \le n$ . It is easy to see that  $tP_n \cap P_{n+i} \cong N_{i-1}$  for  $4 \le i \le n$  and  $N_3 = J_{n+2}$ . Therefore, by induction, hd  $N_i = i-2$  for  $3 \le i \le n$ . Since  $J_{2n+1} \cong N_n$ , therefore hd  $J_{2n+1} = n-2$ . Hence, hd  $J(\Lambda_{2n+1}) = n-1$ . Therefore, by Lemma 1, gl. dim.  $\Lambda_{2n+1} = n$ . This completes the proof of our claim.

REMARK. Using the usual arguments about localization and completion, it is easy to see that our results hold when R is a Dedekind domain rather than DVR.; cf. [5].

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