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On the Reduction of Hankel Determinantal Ideals

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The generic Hankel matrix is the "super"-symmetric matrix of the following form. This type of matrix is the main member of the family of 1-generic matrices

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_{m-1} & x_m \\ x_2 & x_3 & \dots & x_m & x_{m+1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \\ x_{m-1} & x_m & \dots & x_{2m-3} & x_{2m-2} \\ x_m & x_{m+1} & \dots & x_{2m-2} & x_{2m-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

The main question that we address is: A minimal reduction of sub-maximal minors of H is the gradient ideal of the determinant. We also determine the reduction number associated to gradient ideal, which is $m-2$. We leave an open question regarding reduction ideals of degenerations of these ideals. By degeneration of the Hankel matrix we mean to set all last r variables zero, whenever $1 \leq r < m - 1$.

Throughout one deals with the effect of the degenerateness on the numerical invariants and ideal theoretic properties of the gradient ideal of f and submaximal minors. We show that in the degenerated case the gradient ideal is never a minimal reduction and when $r = m - 2$ is of linear type.

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