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## Some uses of the Frobenius skew polynomial ring in tight closure theory

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This lecture is concerned with tight closure in a commutative Noetherian ring R of prime characteristic p. The Frobenius homomorphism  $f : R \longrightarrow R$  raises each element of R to its pth power. The Frobenius skew polynomial ring over R is the skew polynomial ring R[x; f] associated to R and f in the indeterminate x over R.

The lecture will begin with a review of some basic definitions, ideas and examples from tight closure theory, but the main focus will be on the use of left R[x; f]modules to prove existence theorems about tight closure test elements. One could take the view that the lecture is about an application of non-commutative ring theory to commutative algebra. Particularly important will be the production of a suitable structure, as a left R[x; f]-module, on the injective envelope of the simple R-module in the case where R is local (and satisfies additional conditions).