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## Artinian Gorenstein rings and homogeneous polynomials that “split” additively

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A homogeneous polynomial  $f$  decomposes or “splits” additively if it is possible to write  $f = g+h$  where  $g$  and  $h$  are polynomials in independent sets of variables, up to base change. All splittings  $f = g_1 + \dots + g_n$  can be computed from a set  $M_f$  of matrices associated to  $f$ . When  $\deg f \geq 3$  there is a unique maximal splitting, a consequence of  $M_f$  being a commutative matrix algebra when  $\deg f \geq 3$ . The “splitting” properties of a polynomial  $f$  has consequences for the graded Artinian Gorenstein quotient  $R/\text{ann}(f)$ . Indeed, we can compute its minimal free resolution in terms of the minimal free resolutions  $R/\text{ann}(g_i)$  of its additive components. This leads to simple formulae for the Hilbert function  $H$  and the graded Betti numbers of  $R/\text{ann}(f)$ . We can even compute the dimension of a “splitting subfamily” of the parameter space  $PGor(H)$ , and the dimension of the tangent space to  $PGor(H)$  at the point corresponding to an  $f$  that splits.

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