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Let  $\pi = \{x_{i,j}\}$ , be the starting plane of indeterminates, and let  $R = Z[x_{i,j}]$  be the polynomial ring with these indeterminates. For each  $n \geq 1$ , let  $x_{i,j}(n)$  be the  $n \times n$  minor with  $x_{i,j}$  in the upper left corner. The  $x_{i,j}(n)$  satisfy the Dodgson recursion: For  $n \geq 3$ ,

$$x_{i+1,j+1}(n-2) \cdot x_{i,j}(n) = x_{i,j}(n-1) \cdot x_{i+1,j+1}(n-1) - x_{i,j+1}(n-1) \cdot x_{i+1,j}(n-1)$$

The position of  $x_{i,j}(n)$  will be designated  $(i, j, n)$ . Suppose for each  $i, j$  and each  $n \geq 3$ , a change is made in the computation of  $x_{i,j}(n)$ ; the computed expressions will be denoted  $X_{i,j}(n)$ , i.e. upper case letters. The computation of  $X_{i,j}(n)$  has the form:

$$X_{i+1,j+1}(n-2) \cdot X_{i,j}(n) = X_{i,j}(n-1) \cdot X_{i+1,j+1}(n-1) \cdot (1+\epsilon) - X_{i,j+1}(n-1) \cdot X_{i+1,j}(n-1)$$

In the following calculations of  $X_{i,j}(n)$ , for each  $n$  we need to consider only a finite number of the  $x_{i,j}$ , so we may assume that  $R$  is finitely generated. We need to construct a ring  $A$  in which the computed expressions lie. For each  $n \geq 3$ , and each position  $\alpha = (i, j, n)$ , there will be a new indeterminate  $\epsilon_\alpha$ . For each such  $\epsilon_\alpha$ , there are four “denominators”, as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} y_{2,2} &= X_{i+1,j+1}(n-2) \\ y_{2,1} &= X_{i+1,j}(n-1) \\ y_{1,2} &= X_{i,j+1}(n-1) \\ y_{1,1} &= X_{i,j}(n) \end{aligned}$$

Finally, let

$$A = R\left[\frac{\epsilon_\alpha}{y}\right]$$

where  $\alpha$  varies over all  $\alpha = (i, j, n)$ , and the  $y$  varies over the four  $y$ 's just defined.

**Conjecture** All the computed expressions  $X_{i,j}(n)$  are in  $A$ .

The calculations and discussion below establish this conjecture for a special case (two steps). That is, assuming a change is made at level  $n$ , we show that the changed expressions at levels  $n+1$  and  $n+2$  are in  $A$ .

Suppose we pass levels  $n-2$ ,  $n-1$ , and the first change is made at level  $n$ . To simplify notation, the variables at level  $n-2$  will be denoted  $\{a_{i,j}\}$ . Similarly for  $\{b_{i,j}\}$ ,  $\{c_{i,j}\}$ ,  $\{d_{i,j}\}$ , and  $\{e_{i,j}\}$  at levels  $n-1$ ,  $n$ ,  $n+1$  and  $n+2$ .

Let  $R = Z[x_{i,j}, \delta]$ . Suppose that the computation of  $C_{1,1}$ , is made as:

$$\begin{aligned} a_{2,2}C_{1,1} &= (1 + \epsilon)b_{1,1}b_{2,2} - b_{1,2}b_{2,1} \\ &= a_{2,2}c_{1,1} + b_{1,1}b_{2,2}\epsilon \\ C_{1,1} &= c_{1,1} + b_{1,1}b_{2,2}\frac{\epsilon}{a_{2,2}} \end{aligned}$$

(Step 1) The elements  $D_{i,j}$  are all in  $A$ .

$$\begin{aligned} b_{1,1}D_{0,0} &= c_{0,0}C_{1,1} - c_{0,1}c_{1,0} \\ &= c_{0,0}(c_{1,1} + b_{1,1}b_{2,2}\frac{\epsilon}{a_{2,2}}) - c_{0,1}c_{1,0} \\ D_{0,0} &= d_{0,0} + c_{0,0}b_{2,2}\frac{\epsilon}{a_{2,2}} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} D_{1,1} &= d_{1,1} + c_{2,2}b_{1,1}\frac{\epsilon}{a_{2,2}} \\ D_{1,2} &= d_{1,2} - c_{0,2}\frac{b_{1,1}b_{2,2}\epsilon}{b_{1,2}a_{2,2}} \\ D_{2,1} &= d_{1,1} + c_{2,0}\frac{b_{1,1}b_{2,2}\epsilon}{b_{2,1}a_{2,2}} \end{aligned}$$

It would seem that  $D_{0,1}$  involves a fraction that is not in  $A$ , because  $\frac{\epsilon}{b_{1,2}a_{2,2}}$  is not in  $A$ . **BUT**  $\frac{b_{1,1}b_{2,2}\epsilon}{b_{1,2}a_{2,2}}$  **IS** in  $A$ . The ideal  $(a_{2,2}, b_{1,2})$  does not contain 1, but it does contain  $b_{1,1}b_{2,2}$ . This follows from the identity

$$b_{1,1}b_{2,2} = a_{2,2}c_{1,1} + b_{1,2}b_{2,1}$$

This shows that

$$\frac{b_{1,1}b_{2,2}\epsilon}{b_{1,2}a_{2,2}} = c_{1,1}\frac{\epsilon}{b_{1,2}} + b_{2,1}\frac{\epsilon}{a_{2,2}}$$

Thus

$$D_{0,1} = d_{0,1} - c_{0,2}c_{1,1}\frac{\epsilon}{b_{1,2}} - c_{0,2}b_{2,1}\frac{\epsilon}{a_{2,2}}$$

Similarly,

$$D_{1,0} = d_{1,0} - c_{2,0}c_{1,1}\frac{\epsilon}{b_{2,1}} - c_{2,0}b_{1,2}\frac{\epsilon}{a_{2,2}}$$

We see that  $D_{0,1}$  and  $D_{1,0}$  are  $A$ .

For convenience, of notation, let  $F = b_{1,1}b_{2,2}b_{1,2}b_{2,1}$ , and  $\epsilon = b_{1,2}b_{2,1}a_{2,2}\delta$ . Thus  $b_{1,1}b_{2,2}\epsilon = a_{2,2}F\delta$ .

$$\begin{aligned} C_{1,1} &= c_{1,1} + FC_{1,1}\delta \\ D_{1,1} &= d_{1,1} + c_{2,2}\frac{F}{b_{2,2}}\delta \\ D_{0,1} &= d_{0,1} - c_{0,2}\frac{F}{b_{1,2}}\delta \\ D_{1,0} &= d_{1,0} - c_{2,0}\frac{F}{b_{2,1}}\delta \\ D_{0,0} &= d_{0,0} + c_{0,0}\frac{F}{b_{1,1}}\delta \end{aligned}$$

(2) **Step 2**  $E_{0,0}$  is in  $A$

**Proof:** Let  $Y = D_{0,0}D_{1,1} - D_{0,1}D_{1,0}$ . Thus  $E_{0,0} = \frac{Y}{C_{1,1}}$ . Multiply  $Y$  by  $b_{1,1}$ , to get

$$\begin{aligned} b_{1,1}Y &= D_{1,1}(c_{0,0}C_{1,1} - c_{0,1}c_{1,0}) - b_{1,1}D_{0,1}D_{1,0} \\ &= C_{1,1}X_1 - U \end{aligned}$$

where  $X_1 = D_{1,1}c_{0,0}$ , and  $U = c_{0,1}c_{1,0}D_{1,1} + b_{1,1}D_{0,1}D_{1,0}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} b_{2,1}U &= b_{2,1}c_{0,1}c_{1,0}D_{1,1} + b_{2,1}b_{1,1}D_{0,1}D_{1,0} \\ &= b_{2,1}c_{0,1}c_{1,0}D_{1,1} + b_{1,1}D_{0,1}(c_{1,0}c_{2,1} - C_{1,1}c_{2,0}) \\ &= c_{1,0}V - C_{1,1}X_2 \end{aligned}$$

where  $X_2 = b_{1,1}D_{0,1}c_{2,0}$  and  $V = b_{2,1}D_{1,1}c_{0,1} + b_{1,1}D_{0,1}c_{2,1}$

$$\begin{aligned}
b_{2,2}V &= b_{2,2}b_{2,1}D_{1,1}c_{0,1} + b_{2,2}b_{1,1}D_{0,1}c_{2,1} \\
&= b_{2,1}c_{0,1}(C_{1,1}c_{2,2} - c_{1,2}c_{2,1}) + b_{2,2}b_{1,1}D_{0,1}c_{2,1} \\
&= C_{1,1}X_3 + c_{2,1}W
\end{aligned}$$

where  $X_3 = b_{2,1}c_{0,1}c_{2,2}$  and  $W = -b_{2,1}c_{0,1}c_{1,2} + b_{2,2}b_{1,1}D_{0,1}$

$$\begin{aligned}
b_{1,2}W &= -b_{1,2}b_{2,1}c_{0,1}c_{1,2} + b_{2,2}b_{1,1}b_{1,2}D_{0,1} \\
&= -b_{1,2}b_{2,1}c_{0,1}c_{1,2} + b_{2,2}b_{1,1}(c_{0,1}c_{1,2} - c_{0,2}C_{1,1}) \\
&= -b_{1,1}b_{2,2}c_{0,2}C_{1,1} + c_{0,1}c_{1,2}(-b_{1,2}b_{2,1} + b_{1,1}b_{2,2}) \\
&= -b_{1,1}b_{2,2}c_{0,2}C_{1,1} + c_{0,1}c_{1,2}(a_{2,2}C_{1,1} - b_{1,1}b_{2,2}\epsilon) \\
&= X_4C_{1,1} - c_{0,1}c_{1,2}a_{2,2}F\delta
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
X_4 &= a_{2,2}c_{0,1}c_{1,2} - b_{1,1}b_{2,2}c_{0,2} \\
&= a_{2,2}b_{1,2}d_{0,1} - b_{1,2}b_{2,1}c_{0,2}
\end{aligned}$$

A calculation (reversing the steps above), shows that

$$\begin{aligned}
FY &= b_{1,2}b_{2,2}b_{2,1}C_{1,1}X_1 \\
&- b_{1,2}b_{2,2}C_{1,1}X_2 \\
&- b_{1,2}c_{1,0}C_{1,1}X_3 \\
&- c_{1,0}c_{2,1}C_{1,1}X_4 + c_{1,0}c_{2,1}c_{0,1}c_{1,2}a_{2,2}F\delta \\
&= C_{1,1}(b_{1,2}b_{2,2}b_{2,1}D_{1,1}c_{0,0} \\
&- b_{1,2}b_{2,2}b_{1,1}c_{2,0}D_{0,1} \\
&- b_{1,2}c_{1,0}b_{2,1}c_{0,1}c_{2,2} \\
&- c_{1,0}c_{2,1}X_4) + c_{1,0}c_{2,1}c_{0,1}c_{1,2}a_{2,2}F\delta \\
&= C_{1,1}(b_{1,2}b_{2,2}b_{2,1}c_{0,0}(d_{1,1} + c_{2,2}\frac{F}{b_{2,2}}\delta) \\
&- b_{1,2}b_{2,2}b_{1,1}c_{2,0}(d_{0,1} - c_{0,2}\frac{F}{b_{1,2}}\delta) \\
&- b_{1,2}c_{1,0}b_{2,1}c_{0,1}c_{2,2} - c_{1,0}c_{2,1}c_{0,1}c_{1,2}a_{2,2} + c_{1,0}c_{2,1}b_{1,1}b_{2,2}c_{0,2}) \\
&+ c_{1,0}c_{2,1}c_{0,1}c_{1,2}a_{2,2}F\delta
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
FY &= C_{1,1}(b_{1,2}b_{2,2}b_{2,1}c_{0,0}d_{1,1} - b_{1,2}b_{2,2}b_{1,1}c_{2,0}d_{0,1} \\
&- b_{1,2}c_{1,0}b_{2,1}c_{0,1}c_{2,2} + c_{1,0}c_{2,1}b_{1,1}b_{2,2}c_{0,2} - c_{1,0}c_{2,1}c_{0,1}c_{1,2}a_{2,2}) \\
&+ b_{1,2}b_{2,1}c_{0,0}c_{2,2}F\delta \\
&- b_{1,1}b_{2,2}c_{2,0}c_{0,2}F\delta) \\
&+ c_{1,0}c_{2,1}c_{0,1}c_{1,2}a_{2,2}F\delta \\
&= C_{1,1}p(x_{i,j}) + FZ
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
p(x) &= b_{1,2}b_{2,2}b_{2,1}c_{0,0}d_{1,1} - b_{1,2}b_{2,2}b_{1,1}c_{2,0}d_{0,1} - b_{1,2}c_{1,0}b_{2,1}c_{0,1}c_{2,2} \\
&+ c_{1,0}c_{2,1}b_{1,1}b_{2,2}c_{0,2} - c_{1,0}c_{2,1}c_{0,1}c_{1,2}a_{2,2} \\
Z &= C_{1,1}b_{1,2}b_{2,1}c_{0,0}c_{2,2}\delta \\
&- C_{1,1}b_{1,2}b_{2,1}c_{2,0}c_{0,2}\delta \\
&+ c_{1,0}c_{2,1}c_{0,1}c_{1,2}a_{2,2}\delta - C_{1,1}a_{2,2}c_{1,1}c_{2,0}c_{0,2}\delta
\end{aligned}$$

(1) If we set  $\delta$  to 0, then  $Y$  becomes  $y = d_{0,0}d_{1,1} - d_{0,1}d_{1,0}$ , and we have

$$b_{1,1}b_{2,2}b_{1,2}b_{2,1}y = c_{1,1}p(x)$$

Each of these expressions  $(b_{1,1}b_{2,2}b_{1,2}b_{2,1}, y, c_{1,1}, p(x))$  is a polynomial in the original ring,  $Z[x_{i,j}]$ , and  $c_{1,1}$  is indecomposable. Therefore

$$\frac{p(x)}{F} = \frac{y}{c_{1,1}} = e_{0,0}$$

(2) The expression for  $Z$  must now be divided by  $C_{1,1}$ . The first and second terms are easy:

$$\begin{aligned}
b_{1,2}b_{2,1}c_{0,0}c_{2,2}\delta &= c_{0,0}c_{2,2}\frac{\epsilon}{a_{2,2}} \\
b_{1,2}b_{2,1}c_{2,0}c_{0,2}\delta &= c_{2,0}c_{0,2}\frac{\epsilon}{a_{2,2}}
\end{aligned}$$

(3) Let  $P = (c_{1,0}c_{2,1}c_{0,1}c_{1,2} - C_{1,1}c_{1,1}c_{2,0}c_{0,2})a_{2,2}\delta$ . Using

$$c_{1,0}c_{2,1} = b_{2,1}D_{1,0} + c_{2,0}C_{1,1}$$

$$c_{0,1}c_{1,2} = b_{1,2}D_{0,1} + c_{0,2}C_{1,1},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
P &= \left( (b_{2,1}D_{1,0} + c_{2,0} \cdot (b_{1,2}D_{0,1} + c_{0,2}C_{1,1})) - C_{1,1}c_{1,1}c_{2,0}c_{0,2} \right) a_{2,2}C_{1,1}\delta \\
&= b_{2,1}b_{1,2}D_{1,0}D_{0,1}a_{2,2}\delta \\
&+ b_{2,1}D_{1,0}c_{0,2}C_{1,1}a_{2,2}\delta \\
&+ c_{2,0}b_{1,2}D_{0,1}C_{1,1}a_{2,2}\delta \\
&+ \left( c_{2,0}C_{1,1}c_{0,2}C_{1,1} - C_{1,1}c_{1,1}c_{2,0}c_{0,2} \right) a_{2,2}\delta \\
&= D_{1,0}D_{0,1}\epsilon \\
&+ D_{1,0}c_{0,2}C_{1,1}\frac{\epsilon}{b_{1,2}} \\
&+ c_{2,0}D_{0,1}C_{1,1}\frac{\epsilon}{b_{2,1}} \\
&+ C_{1,1}c_{2,0}c_{0,2} \cdot (C_{1,1} - c_{1,1}) \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{b_{1,2}b_{2,1}}
\end{aligned}$$

**(3a)** After dividing by  $C_{1,1}$ , the first term becomes  $D_{1,0}D_{0,1}\frac{\epsilon}{C_{1,1}}$ , which is in  $A$ .  
(After expanding the definitions of  $D_{1,0}, D_{0,1}$ , this will involve some quadratic and cubic terms in  $\epsilon$ .)

**(3b)** After dividing by  $C_{1,1}$ , the second term becomes  $D_{1,0}c_{0,2}\frac{\epsilon}{b_{1,2}}$ , which is in  $A$ .

**(3c)** After dividing by  $C_{1,1}$ , the third term becomes  $c_{2,0}D_{0,1}\frac{\epsilon}{b_{2,1}}$ , which is in  $A$ .

**(3d)** After dividing by  $C_{1,1}$ , and using  $C_{1,1} - c_{1,1} = \frac{b_{1,1}b_{2,2}\epsilon}{a_{2,2}}$ , the fourth term becomes

$$c_{2,0}c_{0,2} \cdot \frac{b_{1,1}b_{2,2}\epsilon}{a_{2,2}} \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{b_{1,2}b_{2,1}}.$$

Using the identity:

$$\frac{b_{1,1}b_{2,2}\epsilon}{b_{1,2}a_{2,2}} = c_{1,1}\frac{\epsilon}{b_{1,2}} + b_{2,1}\frac{\epsilon}{a_{2,2}}$$

this becomes

$$c_{2,0}c_{0,2} \cdot \left( c_{1,1}\frac{\epsilon}{b_{1,2}} + b_{2,1}\frac{\epsilon}{a_{2,2}} \right) \frac{\epsilon}{b_{2,1}}$$

which is in  $A$ . (Some terms quadratic in  $\epsilon$  appear.)

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To summarize and clarify the situation, this calculation shows that

$$FY = C_{1,1}p(x) + C_{1,1}FZ_1 + FD_{1,0}D_{0,1} \cdot \epsilon,$$

where

(1)  $p(x)$  is the polynomial in  $Z[x_{i,j}]$  that results if  $\epsilon$  is set to 0, and  $\frac{p(x)}{F} = e_{0,0}$ .

(2)  $Z_1 = \frac{Z}{C_{1,1}}$  is demonstrably in  $R[\frac{\epsilon}{a_{2,2}}, \frac{\epsilon}{b_{1,2}}, \frac{\epsilon}{b_{2,2}}]$

(3)  $\frac{\epsilon}{C_{1,1}}$  is the fraction adjoined to  $A$  at this stage. Therefore,

$$E_{0,0} = \frac{Y}{C_{1,1}} = e_{0,0} + Z_1 + D_{1,0}D_{0,1}\frac{\epsilon}{C_{1,1}} \text{ is in } A.$$

**Step 3**  $E_{0,1}$  is in  $A$

**Proof:** Let  $Y = D_{0,1}D_{1,2} - D_{0,2}D_{1,1}$ . We must show that  $Y$  is divisible by  $C_{1,2}$ , and thus  $E_{0,1} = \frac{Y}{C_{1,2}}$ . Multiply  $Y$  by  $b_{1,2}$ , to get

$$\begin{aligned} b_{1,2}Y &= D_{1,2}(c_{0,1}c_{1,2} - c_{0,2}C_{1,1}) - b_{1,2}d_{0,2}D_{1,1} \\ &= c_{1,2}X_1 - U \end{aligned}$$

where  $X_1 = d_{1,2}c_{0,1}$ , and  $U = c_{0,2}C_{1,1}d_{1,2} + b_{1,2}d_{0,2}D_{1,1}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} b_{2,2}U &= b_{2,2}c_{0,2}C_{1,1}d_{1,2} + b_{2,2}b_{1,2}d_{0,2}D_{1,1} \\ &= b_{2,2}c_{0,2}C_{1,1}d_{1,2} + b_{1,2}d_{0,2}(C_{1,1}c_{2,2} - c_{1,2}c_{2,1}) \\ &= C_{1,1}V - c_{1,2}X_2 \end{aligned}$$

where  $X_2 = b_{1,2}d_{0,2}c_{2,1}$  and  $V = b_{2,2}c_{0,2}d_{1,2} + b_{1,2}d_{0,2}c_{2,2}$

$$\begin{aligned} b_{2,3}V &= b_{2,3}b_{2,2}d_{1,2}c_{0,2} + b_{2,3}b_{1,2}d_{0,2}c_{2,2} \\ &= b_{2,2}c_{0,2}(c_{1,2}c_{2,3} - c_{1,3}c_{2,2}) + b_{2,3}b_{1,2}d_{0,2}c_{2,2} \\ &= c_{1,2}X_3 + c_{2,2}W \end{aligned}$$

where  $X_3 = b_{2,2}c_{0,2}c_{2,3}$  and  $W = -b_{2,2}c_{0,2}c_{1,3} + b_{2,3}b_{1,2}d_{0,2}$

$$\begin{aligned} b_{1,3}W &= -b_{1,3}b_{2,2}c_{0,2}c_{1,3} + b_{2,3}b_{1,2}b_{1,3}d_{0,2} \\ &= -b_{1,3}b_{2,2}c_{0,2}c_{1,3} + b_{2,3}b_{1,2}(c_{0,2}c_{1,3} - c_{0,3}c_{1,2}) \\ &= -b_{1,2}b_{2,3}c_{0,3}c_{1,2} + c_{0,2}c_{1,3}(-b_{1,3}b_{2,2} + b_{1,2}b_{2,3}) \\ &= -b_{1,2}b_{2,3}c_{0,3}c_{1,2} + c_{0,2}c_{1,3}(a_{2,3}c_{1,2}) \\ &= X_4c_{1,2} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} X_4 &= a_{2,3}c_{0,2}c_{1,3} - b_{1,2}b_{2,3}c_{0,3} \\ &= a_{2,3}b_{1,3}d_{0,2} - b_{1,3}b_{2,2}c_{0,3} \\ W &= (a_{2,3}d_{0,2} - b_{2,2}c_{0,3})c_{1,2} = X_5c_{1,2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b_{2,3}V &= c_{1,2}(X_3 + c_{2,2}X_5) \\ &= c_{1,2}(b_{2,2}c_{0,2}c_{2,3} + c_{2,2}(a_{2,3}d_{0,2} - b_{2,2}c_{0,3})) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
b_{1,3}b_{2,3}b_{2,2}b_{1,2}Y &= b_{1,3}b_{2,3}b_{2,2}C_{1,2}X_1 \\
&- b_{1,3}b_{2,3}C_{1,2}X_2 \\
&- b_{1,3}c_{1,1}C_{1,2}X_3 \\
&- c_{1,1}c_{2,2}C_{1,2}X_4 \\
&= C_{1,2}(b_{1,3}b_{2,3}b_{2,2}D_{1,2}c_{0,1} \\
&- b_{1,3}b_{2,3}b_{1,2}c_{2,1}D_{0,2} \\
&- b_{1,3}c_{1,1}b_{2,2}c_{0,2}c_{2,3} \\
&- c_{1,1}c_{2,2}X_4)
\end{aligned}$$

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**Lemma** Let  $R$  be a UFD, and  $A, B, C,$  and  $D$  be four planes of elements of  $R$ . Assume that for every Sylvester diamond, the Sylvester recurrence is true. That is,

$$\begin{aligned}
a_{i+1,j+1}c_{i,j} &= b_{i,j}b_{i+1,j+1} - b_{i,j+1}b_{i+1,j} \\
b_{i+1,j+1}d_{i,j} &= c_{i,j}c_{i+1,j+1} - c_{i,j+1}c_{i+1,j}
\end{aligned}$$

Then  $d_{i,j} \cdot d_{i+1,j+1} - d_{i,j+1} \cdot d_{i+1,j}$  is divisible by  $c_{i+1,j+1}$  in  $R$ .

**Proof:** By a shift of indices, it is sufficient to prove the assertion when  $i, j = 0, 0$ . That is, let  $Y = d_{0,0}d_{1,1} - d_{0,1}d_{1,0}$ . We must show that  $Y$  is divisible by  $c_{1,1}$ , and that the quotient is in  $R$ . Multiply  $Y$  by  $b_{1,1}$ , to get

$$\begin{aligned}
b_{1,1}Y &= d_{1,1}(c_{0,0}c_{1,1} - c_{0,1}c_{1,0}) - b_{1,1}d_{0,1}d_{1,0} \\
&= c_{1,1}X_1 - U
\end{aligned}$$

where  $X_1 = d_{1,1}c_{0,0}$ , and  $U = c_{0,1}c_{1,0}d_{1,1} + b_{1,1}d_{0,1}d_{1,0}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
b_{2,1}U &= b_{2,1}c_{0,1}c_{1,0}d_{1,1} + b_{2,1}b_{1,1}d_{0,1}d_{1,0} \\
&= b_{2,1}c_{0,1}c_{1,0}d_{1,1} + b_{1,1}d_{0,1}(c_{1,0}c_{2,1} - c_{1,1}c_{2,0}) \\
&= c_{1,0}V - c_{1,1}X_2
\end{aligned}$$

where  $X_2 = b_{1,1}d_{0,1}c_{2,0}$  and  $V = b_{2,1}d_{1,1}c_{0,1} + b_{1,1}d_{0,1}c_{2,1}$

$$\begin{aligned}
b_{2,2}V &= b_{2,2}b_{2,1}d_{1,1}c_{0,1} + b_{2,2}b_{1,1}d_{0,1}c_{2,1} \\
&= b_{2,1}c_{0,1}(c_{1,1}c_{2,2} - c_{1,2}c_{2,1}) + b_{2,2}b_{1,1}d_{0,1}c_{2,1} \\
&= c_{1,1}X_3 + c_{2,1}W
\end{aligned}$$

where  $X_3 = b_{2,1}c_{0,1}c_{2,2}$  and  $W = -b_{2,1}c_{0,1}c_{1,2} + b_{2,2}b_{1,1}d_{0,1}$

$$\begin{aligned}
b_{1,2}W &= -b_{1,2}b_{2,1}c_{0,1}c_{1,2} + b_{2,2}b_{1,1}(c_{0,1}c_{1,2} - c_{0,2}c_{1,1}) \\
&= -b_{1,1}b_{2,2}c_{0,2}c_{1,1} + c_{0,1}c_{1,2}(-b_{1,2}b_{2,1} + b_{1,1}b_{2,2}) \\
&= -b_{1,1}b_{2,2}c_{0,2}c_{1,1} + c_{0,1}c_{1,2}(a_{2,2}c_{1,1}) \\
&= (a_{2,2}c_{0,1}c_{1,2} - b_{1,1}b_{2,2}c_{0,2})c_{1,1} \\
&= (a_{2,2}d_{0,1} - b_{1,2}c_{0,2})b_{1,2}c_{1,1}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $W$  is divisible by  $c_{1,1}$ , then  $V$ , then  $U$ , and finally  $Y$  is divisible by  $c_{1,1}$ .

The quotient  $\frac{Y}{c_{1,1}}$  will be called  $e_{0,0}$ . By a shift of indices,  $e_{i,j}$  may be defined in  $R$  for all  $i, j$ . In this way, the planes are continued indefinitely  $E, F, G, \dots$ . Similarly the planes can be continued in the other direction  $B, A, Z, Y, \dots$ .