# Vector invariants in arbitrary characteristic 

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- Thus, if the maximal degree of the generators for ${ }^{H} k\left[M_{n, d}\right]$ increases with d, then $G L_{d}{ }^{H}{ }^{H}\left[M_{n, n}\right] \nsubseteq{ }^{H} k\left[M_{n, d}\right]$ when $d$ is sufficiently large.


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