# The generalized corona problem 

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If $\left\{f_{1}, \ldots, f_{m}\right\}$ is another set of generators for $I$, then $m \geq N+1$; that is $N+1$ is the minimal number of generators for $l$.

## Proposition

Let $f, g \in H^{\infty}$ have no common factor. Suppose that $Z^{\infty}(f) \cap Z^{\infty}(g) \neq \emptyset$. Then
$l\left(f^{N}, f^{N-1} g, \ldots, f g^{N-1}, g^{N}\right) \neq J\left(f^{N}, f^{N-1} g, \ldots, f g^{N-1}, g^{N}\right)$

