# On the Factorizations of Rational Matrix Functions with Applications to Integrable Systems and Discrete Painlevé Equations 

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## Theorem

The vectors ( $\mathbf{c}_{2}, \mathbf{d}_{1}^{\dagger} ; \mathbf{a}_{2}, \mathbf{b}_{1}^{\dagger}$ ), considered up to rescaling, are coordinates on the space $\mathcal{M}_{r}^{\mathcal{D}}$. To recover $\mathbf{L}^{ \pm 1}(z)$, consider the function

$$
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Then

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