# Multiplication of matrices over lattices 

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L $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\{1,2,3\} \\ -\{1,2\} \\ \{1\} \\ \varnothing\end{array}\right.$

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$L$ is the $m$-element chain. A matrix $A$ over $L$ is idempotent $\Longleftrightarrow$ the binary relations corresponding to the cut matrices
$\Gamma_{k}(A)(k=1, \ldots, m-1)$ form a system of nested pseudo-orders $\alpha_{1} \supseteq \cdots \supseteq \alpha_{m-1}$.

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