# Multiplication of matrices over lattices

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*L* is the *m*-element chain. A matrix *A* over *L* is idempotent  $\iff$  the binary relations corresponding to the cut matrices  $\Gamma_k(A)$  (k = 1, ..., m - 1) form a system of nested pseudo-orders  $\alpha_1 \supseteq \cdots \supseteq \alpha_{m-1}$ .

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If 1 is join-irreducible in a lattice L (or 0 is meet-irreducible), then the only invertible matrices over L are the permutation matrices.



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Theorem **G** does not necessarily remain true without the assumption on the irreducibility of 0.

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- there exists a permutation π ∈ S<sub>n</sub> such that P<sup>-1</sup><sub>π</sub>AP<sub>π</sub> is strictly upper triangular.

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If the lattice L is not distributive, then the multiplication of matrices over L is antiassociative.

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