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#### Abstract

An exponent matrix is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$  over  $\mathbb{N}^0$  satisfying (1)  $a_{ii} = 0$  for all  $i = 1, \ldots, n$  and (2)  $a_{ij} + a_{jk} \ge a_{ik}$  for all pairwise distinct  $i, j, k \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$ . In the present paper we study the set  $\mathcal{E}_n$  of all non-negative  $n \times n$  exponent matrices as an algebra with the operations  $\oplus$  of component-wise maximum and  $\odot$  of component-wise addition. We provide a basis of the algebra  $(\mathcal{E}_n, \oplus, \odot, 0)$ and give a row and a column decompositions of a matrix  $A \in \mathcal{E}_n$  with respect to this basis. This structure result determines all  $n \times n$ -tiled orders over a fixed discrete valuation domain. We also study automorphisms of  $\mathcal{E}_n$  with respect to each of the operations  $\oplus$  and  $\odot$  and prove that  $\operatorname{Aut}(\mathcal{E}_n, \oplus, \odot, 0) \cong \operatorname{Aut}(\mathcal{E}_n, \oplus) \cong$  $\operatorname{Aut}(\mathcal{E}_n, \odot) \cong \mathcal{S}_n \times C_2, n > 2.$ 

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#### 1. Introduction

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Orders over domains is a classical object of study, originated by Dedekind's ideal theory of maximal orders in algebraic number fields. Apart from their own interest as a "noncommutative arithmetic", orders have also great importance to the theory of integral representations and to integer matrices [31]. Orders of tiled form appeared as structural ingredients in the study of hereditary orders [4], [20] (see also [31] and [33]), Bass orders [11] and, more generally, they are used in the context of quasi-Bass orders in [10]. The latter two references witness

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