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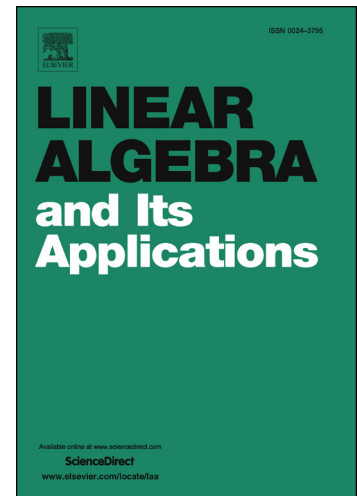
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# On the permanents of circulant and degenerate Schur matrices

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## Abstract

We communicate three formulas for the permanents of degenerate Schur and circulant matrices. These combinatorial and integral formulas are intended for the analytical and asymptotic evaluation of the permanents as well as for the solution of three-dimensional Ising model. The paper's goal is to draw attention to the open fundamental problem of finding the permanents' asymptotics. A solution to this problem would be tremendously important for physics of many-body systems and critical phenomena, as well as for quantum field theory.

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## 1. Introduction. Significance and complexity of permanents

The permanent,  $\text{per}A$ , and the determinant,  $\det A$ , of a  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  correspond to two major operations - the symmetrization and the anti-symmetrization, respectively. This fact predetermines their fundamental role in the quantum theory of many-body systems which are either bosonic (symmetric) or fermionic (anti-symmetric). The permanents are well-known in mathematical physics, especially, in quantum computing science and quantum field theory of interacting Bose fields [5, 36, 26, 1, 28, 8]. However, compared to the determinants, the permanents are much more difficult to compute and they account for much more complicated many-body phenomena, such as the critical phenomena in phase transitions. In particular, the exact general solution of a long-standing three-dimensional (3D) Ising model has been found recently in terms of the permanents [18, 19, 20]. This solution includes a remarkable compact formula for

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