

## Exponent matrices and Frobenius rings

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ABSTRACT. We give a survey of results connecting the exponent matrices with Frobenius rings. In particular, we prove that for any permutation  $\sigma \in S_n$  there exists a countable set of indecomposable Frobenius semidistributive rings  $A_n$  with Nakayama permutation  $\sigma$ .

### 1. Exponent matrices

Let  $M_n(B)$  be the ring of all  $n \times n$  matrices over a ring  $B$ , a  $\mathbb{Z}$  the ring of integers.

An integer matrix  $\mathcal{E} = (\alpha_{ij} \in M(\mathbb{Z}))$  is called an exponent matrix if

$$(a) \quad \alpha_{ij} + \alpha_{jk} \geq \alpha_{ik} \text{ and } \alpha_{ii} = 0 \text{ for all } i, j, k = 1, \dots, n;$$

a reduced exponent matrix if

$$(b) \quad \alpha_{ij} + \alpha_{ji} > 0 \text{ for all } i, j = 1, \dots, n; i \neq j.$$

Let

$$\mathcal{E}^{(1)} = (\beta_{ij}), \text{ where } \beta_{ij} = \begin{cases} \alpha_{ij}, & \text{if } i \neq j \\ 1, & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$$

and

$$\mathcal{E}^{(2)} = (\gamma_{ij}), \text{ where } \gamma_{ij} = \min_{1 \leq k \leq n} (\beta_{ik} + \beta_{kj}).$$

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Consider the matrix  $[Q] = \mathcal{E}^2 - \mathcal{E}^1 = (q_{ij})$ . Let  $\beta_{ik} + \beta_{kj}$  ( $i \neq j$ ) be an integer. If  $k = i$ , then  $\beta_{ii} + \beta_{ij} = \beta_{ii} + \alpha_{ij} = \alpha_{ij} + 1$ .

Therefore  $\min_{1 \leq k \leq n} (\beta_{ik} + \beta_{kj}) \leq \alpha_{ij} + 1$  and  $[Q]$  is  $(0, 1)$ -matrix and it is the adjacency matrix of a simply laced quiver.

**Definition 1.1.** A reduced exponent matrix  $\mathcal{E} = (\alpha_{ij}) \in M_n(\mathbb{Z})$  is called Gorenstein if there exists a permutation  $\sigma$  of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  such that  $\alpha_{ik} + \alpha_{k\sigma(i)} = \alpha_{i\sigma(i)}$  for  $i, k = 1, \dots, n$ .

The permutation  $\sigma$  is denoted by  $\sigma(\mathcal{E})$ . Obviously,  $\sigma(\mathcal{E})$  has no cycles of length 1.

Gorenstein matrices are closely related to the semiperfect semidistributive rings  $A$  with non-zero Jacobson radical and  $inj.dim_A A_A = 1$  [1].

Consider a reduced symmetric exponent matrix  $\mathcal{E} = (\alpha_{ij}) \in M_n(\mathbb{Z})$ . It means  $\alpha_{ij} + \alpha_{ji} > 0$  for  $i \neq j$ , i.e.,  $2\alpha_{ij} > 0$  for  $i \neq j$ . Thus, all nondiagonal elements of the reduced symmetric matrix are positive, and it defines a finite metric space.

**Definition 1.2.** A metric space is a pair  $(M, d)$ , where  $M$  is a set and  $d : M \times M \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a metric, satisfying the following axioms:

- (1)  $d(x, y) = 0$ , if and only if  $x = y$ ;
- (2)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in M$ ;
- (3)  $d(x, y) + d(y, x) \geq d(x, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in M$ .

If  $M$  is finite, then  $M$  is a finite metric space. Denote  $m_{ij} = d(i, j)$ . The matrix  $D(M) = (m_{ij}) \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  is called the distance matrix of  $M$ .

Now we give the examples of Gorenstein matrices.

**Example 1.1.** The following exponent matrix

$$T_{n,\alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \alpha & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \alpha & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \alpha & & \ddots & \alpha & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha & \dots & \dots & \alpha & \alpha & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

is Gorenstein with  $\sigma(T_{n,\alpha}) = (12 \dots n)$ .

**Example 1.2.** The Cayley table of the Klein four-group  $(2) \times (2)$  can be written in the following form:

$$K(4) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$K(4)$  is Gorenstein with  $\sigma(K(4)) = (14)(23)$ .

**Example 1.3.** The Cayley table of the elementary Abelian  $n_2$ -group  $(2) \times (2) \times (2)$  is as following

$$K(8) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & 2 & 5 & 4 & 7 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 6 & 7 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 7 & 6 & 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 4 & 7 & 6 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 6 & 7 & 4 & 5 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 7 & 6 & 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$K(8)$  is Gorenstein with  $\sigma(K(8)) = (18)(27)(36)(45)$ .

The notion of a Latin square was introduced by L. Euler at the end of the XVIII century (see [2] for details).

**Definition 1.3.** A Latin square  $\mathcal{L}_n$  of order  $n$  is a square  $n \times n$  matrix of order  $n$ , such that its rows and columns are permutations of some set  $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$ .

In what follows we shall take  $S = \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ . So,  $\mathcal{L}_n = (\alpha_{ij})$ , where  $\alpha_{ij} \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ .

We say that a Latin square of order  $n$  is normalized if its first row is  $(0, 1, \dots, n-1)$  and the first column is  $(0, 1, \dots, n-1)^T$ , where  $T$  (as exponent index) means transposition. The normalized Latin squares are also called “reduced Latin squares” or “Latin squares of standard form”.

We use the following notations:

$$\Gamma_0 = (0), \quad \Gamma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Gamma_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$U_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in M_n(\mathbb{Z}), \quad X_{k-1} = 2^{k-1}U_{2^{k-1}};$$

$$\Gamma_k = \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_{k-1} & \Gamma_{k-1} + X_{k-1} \\ \Gamma_{k-1} + X_{k-1} & \Gamma_{k-1} \end{pmatrix} \text{ for } k = 1, 2, \dots$$

The matrix  $\Gamma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is the Cayley table of the cyclic group  $G_1$  of order 2 and is a Gorenstein matrix with permutation  $\sigma(\Gamma_1) = (12)$ .

**Proposition 1.4** ([3, §7.6]).  $\Gamma_k$  is an exponent matrix for any natural number  $k$ .

**Proposition 1.5** ([3, §7.6]).  $\Gamma_k$  is the Cayley table of the elementary Abelian group  $G_k$  of order  $2^k$ .

**Proposition 1.6** ([3, §7.6]). The matrix  $\Gamma_k$  is Gorenstein with permutation

$$\sigma(\Gamma_k) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & 2^k - 1 & 2^k \\ 2^k & 2^k - 1 & 2^k - 2 & \dots & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Theorem 1.7** ([4] and [3, §7.6]). Suppose that a Latin square  $\mathcal{L}_n$  with first row and first column  $(0\ 1\ \dots\ n - 1)$  is an exponent matrix. Then  $n = 2^k$  and  $\mathcal{L}_n = \Gamma_k$  is the Cayley table of the direct product of  $k$  copies of the cyclic group of order 2.

Conversely, the Cayley table  $\Gamma_k$  of the elementary Abelian group

$$G_k = \mathbb{Z}/(2) \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}/(2) = (2) \times \dots \times (2)$$

( $k$  factors) of order  $2^k$  is a Latin square and a Gorenstein symmetric matrix with the first row  $(0, 1, \dots, 2^k - 1)$  and permutation

$$\sigma(\Gamma_k) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & 2^k - 1 & 2^k \\ 2^k & 2^k - 1 & 2^k - 2 & \dots & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Now we consider the case when a Latin square  $\mathcal{L}_n$  with first row and first column  $(0\ 1\ \dots\ n - 1)$  is a distance matrix  $D = D(M)$  of a finite metric space  $M = \{m_1, \dots, m_n\}$ . Obviously, if  $\mathcal{L}_n = D(M)$  then  $\mathcal{L}_n$  is an exponent matrix. So we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.8.** *Suppose that a Latin square  $\mathcal{L}_n$  with first row and first column  $(0, 1, \dots, n-1)$  is a distance matrix  $D = D(M)$  of a finite metric space  $M = \{m_1, \dots, m_n\}$ . Then  $n = 2^k$  and  $\mathcal{L}_n = \Gamma_k$  is the Cayley table of the direct product of  $k$  copies of the cyclic group of order 2.*

*Conversely, the Cayley table  $\Gamma_k$  of the elementary Abelian group*

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*( $k$  factors) of order  $2^k$  is a Latin square and the distance matrix  $D = D(M)$  of a finite metric space with  $2^k$  elements.*

## 2. Semiperfect rings

Recall that a ring  $A$  is called local, if it has a unique maximal right ideal  $\mathfrak{M}$ .

An idempotent  $e \in A$  is called local if the ring  $eAe$  is local. Clearly, a local idempotent is always a primitive idempotent. We shall say that idempotents can be lifted modulo an ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  of a ring  $A$  if from the fact that  $g^2 - g \in \mathcal{I}$ , where  $g \in A$ , it follows that there exists an idempotent  $e^2 = e \in A$  such that  $e - g \in \mathcal{I}$  (or that the same  $g - e \in \mathcal{I}$ ).

Show that in a local ring an idempotents can be lifted modulo a unique maximal ideal  $R$ . Consider  $g^2 - g \in R$ . So  $g(g - 1) \in R$ . If  $g \in R$ , then  $g - 0 = g \in R$ . If  $g \notin R$ , then  $g - 1 \in R$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** *Idempotents can be lifted modulo any nil-ideal  $I$  of a ring  $A$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $g^2 - g \in I$ . Set  $r = g^2 - g$ ,  $g_1 = g + r - 2gr$ . Obviously,  $rg = g^3 - g^2 = g(g^2 - g) = gr$ . Calculating  $g_1^2 - g_1$ , we obtain  $g_1^2 = (g + r - 2gr)^2 = (g+r)^2 + 4g^2r^2 - 4gr(g+r) = g^2 + 2gr + r^2 + 4g^2r^2 - 4g^2r - 4gr^2$ . Therefore,  $g_1^2 - g_1 = 2gr + r^2 + 4g^2r^2 - 4g^2r - 4gr^2 + 2gr = r^2 + 4g^2r^2 + 4gr - 4g^2r - 4gr^3 = r^2 - 4r^3 - 4r^2 = r^2(4r - 3)$ .

Let  $r_1 = r^2(4r - 3) \in I$  and  $g_1 = g_1 + r_1 - 2g_1r_1$ . We obtain that  $r_2 = g_1^2 - g_1 = r_1^2(4r_1 - 3)$ , i.e., in the expression of  $r_2$  the element  $r^4$  enters a factor. Since  $r^k = 0$  for some integer  $k > 0$ , we obtain that  $r_n = 0$  for some  $n$ , i.e.,  $g_n^2 = g_n$ . We have that  $g_1 - g \in I$  and  $g_i - g_{i-1} \in I$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and we obtain  $g_n = e$  is idempotent and  $g - e \in I$   $\square$

**Theorem 2.2** (Hopkins-Levitsky Theorem). *The Jacobson radical  $R$  of a right Artinian ring  $A$  is nilpotent [5], [6].*

Therefore, any right Artinian ring is semiperfect.

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let a ring  $A$  have two decompositions into a direct sum of right ideals:  $A = e_1A \oplus \dots \oplus e_nA = f_1A \oplus \dots \oplus f_nA$  (where  $1 = e_1 + \dots + e_n = f_1 + \dots + f_n$  are two decompositions of  $1 \in A$  into a sum of pairwise orthogonal idempotents), and suppose  $e_iA \simeq f_iA$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ), after renumbering if necessary. Then there is an invertible element  $a \in A$  such that  $f_i = ae_i a^{-1}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi : e_iA \rightarrow f_iA$  be the isomorphism. Then  $\varphi(e_i a) = \varphi(e_i) a$  and  $\varphi(e_i) = \varphi(e_i^2) = \varphi(e_i) e_i$ . We have  $\varphi(e_i) = f_i a$ . So  $\varphi(e_i) = f_i a e_i$  and endomorphism  $\varphi$  is realized by multiplication on the left side by element  $a_i = f_i a e_i$ . Then  $f_i a_i = a_i e_i = a_i$ . Consider the elements  $b_i \in e_i a f_i$  realizing the inverse isomorphisms. We set  $b = b_1 + \dots + b_n$  and  $a = a_1 + \dots + a_n$ . Obviously,  $e_i b = b_i = b f_i$ . Moreover,  $a_i b_i = f_i$ ,  $b_i a_i = e_i$ . Clearly,  $ab = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i = 1$  and  $ba = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i a_i = \sum_{i=1}^n e_i = 1$ , i.e.,  $b = a^{-1}$ . Since  $ae_i = f_i a$ , we have  $f_i = ae_i a^{-1}$ . □

We will use the following notations and definitions.

Let  $M$  be a module over a ring  $A$  with the Jacobson radical  $R$ . Denote by  $\text{rad } M$  the intersection of all its maximal submodules. By convention, if  $M$  does not have maximal submodules we define  $\text{rad } M = M$ . This submodule is called the radical of the module  $M$ .

Recall that a right ideal  $\mathfrak{M}$  in a ring  $A$  is called maximal in  $A$  if there is no right ideal  $J$ , different from  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $A$  such that  $\mathfrak{M} \subset J \subset A$ . In nonzero ring with identity always there exist maximal proper right ideals.

The following proposition is often useful.

**Proposition 2.4.** *Let  $M$  be a right  $A$ -module, and let  $R$  be the Jacobson radical of the ring  $A$ . Then  $MR \subset \text{rad } M$ .*

**Theorem 2.5.** *A ring  $A$  is semiperfect if and only if it can be decomposed into a direct sum of right ideals each of which has exactly one maximal submodule.*

*Proof.* Let  $\bar{A} = A/R = \bar{e}_1 \bar{A} \oplus \dots \oplus \bar{e}_n \bar{A}$  be a decomposition of  $\bar{A}$  into a direct sum of simple  $\bar{A}$ -modules. Write  $\bar{e}_i \bar{A} = U_i$ . Since  $A$  is semiperfect, for each idempotent  $\bar{e}_i$  there is an idempotent  $e_i$  such that  $e_i + R = \bar{e}_i$ . Let  $P_i = e_i A$ . Obviously,  $P_i R = e_i A R \subset R$ . Therefore  $P_i \cap R = P_i R$ . Consequently,  $P_i + R/R \simeq P_i/P_i R \simeq U_i$  and every module  $P_i$  has exactly one maximal submodule  $P_i R$ . Let  $P = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n P_i$ . Obviously, there is an epimorphism  $\varphi : P \rightarrow \bar{A}$ . Denote by  $\pi$  the natural projection  $A \rightarrow \bar{A}$ . Since

the module  $P$  is projective, there exists a homomorphism  $\psi : P \rightarrow A$  such that  $\pi\psi = \varphi$ . Obviously,  $Im\psi + R = A$ . By Nakayama's lemma  $Im\psi = A$ . Since the module  $A$  is projective, we have  $P \simeq Im\psi \oplus Ker\psi = A \oplus Ker\psi$ . We want show that  $X = Ker\psi = 0$ . Consider  $P/PR$ . Then  $P/PR \simeq \bar{A}$  and, on the other hand  $P/PR = \bar{A} \oplus X/XR$ . By the Krull-Schmidt theorem for semisimple modules we obtain that the module  $X/XR$  is equals to zero. By Nakayama's lemma  $X = 0$ , i.e.,  $X$  is finitely generated as the image  $P$ . Therefore  $Ker\psi = 0$  and  $A$  decomposes into a direct sum of right ideals  $\psi(e_i A)$ , each of which has exactly one maximal submodule.

Conversely, let  $A_A = P_1 \oplus \dots \oplus P_n$  be a decomposition of right regular  $A$ -module  $A$  into a direct sum of right  $A$ -modules, each of which has exactly one maximal submodule  $rad P_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ). Consequently,  $R = rad P_1 \oplus \dots \oplus rad P_n$  and  $\bar{A} = A/R$  is a right semisimple ring. Let  $1 = f_1 + \dots + f_n$  be a decomposition of the identity of the ring  $A$  into a sum of pairwise orthogonal idempotents such that  $P_i = f_i A$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ).  $\square$

We shall show that for any idempotent  $\bar{e}^2 = \bar{e} \in \bar{A}$  there is an idempotent  $e \in A$  such that  $e + R = \bar{e}$ . The right ideal  $\bar{e}\bar{A}$  is semisimple as  $\bar{A}$ -submodule of the semisimple module  $\bar{A}$ . Therefore there is a decomposition of  $\bar{1} \in \bar{A}$  into a sum of pairwise orthogonal idempotents  $\bar{1} = \bar{e}_1 + \dots + \bar{e}_s + \dots + \bar{e}_n$  such that  $\bar{e} = \bar{e}_1 + \dots + \bar{e}_s$  and all modules  $\bar{e}_i \bar{A}$  are simple. On the other hand, let  $\bar{1} = \bar{f}_1 + \dots + \bar{f}_n$  be a decomposition of  $\bar{1} \in \bar{A}$  into a sum of pairwise orthogonal idempotents such that the modules  $\bar{f}_i \bar{A}$  are simple. By Krull-Schmidt theorem for semisimple modules for an appropriate renumeration we have  $\bar{e}_i \bar{A} \simeq \bar{f}_i \bar{A}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ). By lemma 2.3 there exists an element  $\bar{a} \in \bar{A}$  such that  $\bar{e}_i = \bar{a}^{-1} \bar{f}_i \bar{a}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ). Let  $\bar{a}$  be the image of  $a$  and  $\bar{a}^{-1}$  be the image of  $b = a^{-1}$ . Obviously,  $ab = 1 + r$ , where  $r \in R$ . Since  $(1+r)x = 1$  we have  $x = 1 - r_1$ , where  $r_1 \in R$ . Therefore,  $b(1 - r_1) = bx = 1$ . So,  $bx = a^{-1}$ .  $bx = b - br_1$  and the image of the element  $a^{-1}$  under the epimorphism  $\pi$  coincides with  $\bar{a}^{-1}$ . Then  $\pi(e) = \sum \pi(a^{-1} f_i a) = \sum \bar{a}^{-1} \bar{f}_i \bar{a} = \bar{e}$ . The theorem is proved.

**Theorem 2.6** (B. J. Mueller). *A ring  $A$  is semiperfect if and only if  $1 \in A$  can be decomposed into a sum of a finite number of pairwise orthogonal local idempotents.*

*Proof.* Let a ring  $A$  be semiperfect. By previous theorem  $A = e_1 A \oplus \dots \oplus e_n A$ , where  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  are idempotents and each right ideal  $P_i = e_i A$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) has exactly one maximal submodule. Then  $Hom(P_i, P_i) \simeq e_i A e_i$  and for any  $\psi : P_i \rightarrow P_i$  either  $Im\psi = P_i$  or  $Im\psi \subset P_i R$ . In the first

case, since  $Im \psi \simeq P_i$  is projective we have  $P_i \simeq Im \psi \oplus Ker \psi$ , which implies  $Ker \psi = 0$  and so  $\psi$  is an automorphism. In the second case,  $\psi$  is noninvertible element and, obviously, all noninvertible elements form an ideal. Therefore, the ring  $e_i A e_i$  is local for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

Conversely, let  $\pi : A \rightarrow \bar{A}$  be the natural projection of the ring  $A$  on the ring  $\bar{A} = A/R$ . ( $R$  is the Jacobson radical of the ring  $A$ ). Let  $\pi(a) = \bar{a}$  and  $e$  be a local idempotent of the ring  $A$ . We shall show that the module  $\pi(eA) = \bar{e}\bar{A}$  is simple. We may consider that the ring  $A$  is not local (a local ring is semiperfect). Consider  $(\bar{1} - \bar{e})\bar{A}$ . Since it is a proper right ideal in the ring  $\bar{A}$ , it is contained in a maximal right ideal  $\tilde{I}$  of the ring  $\bar{A}$ . We shall show that  $\bar{e}\bar{A} \cap \tilde{I} = 0$ . If  $(\bar{e}\bar{A} \cap \tilde{I}) \neq 0$ , then  $(\bar{e}\bar{A} \cap \tilde{I})^2 \neq 0$ . The ring  $A/R$  is semiprimitive ring and therefore it has no nilpotent right ideals. Then there is an element  $\bar{e}\bar{a} \in \tilde{I}$  and  $\bar{e}\bar{a}\bar{e}\bar{a} \neq 0$ . So  $\bar{e}\bar{a}\bar{e} \neq 0$ . Since  $eAe$  is a local ring and  $rad(eAe) = eRe$ , we conclude that the ring  $\bar{e}\bar{A}\bar{e}$  is a division ring. Therefore, there is an element  $\bar{e}\bar{x}\bar{e} \in \bar{e}\bar{A}\bar{e}$  such that  $\bar{e}\bar{a}\bar{e}\bar{x}\bar{e} = \bar{e}$  and  $\bar{e} \in \tilde{I}$ . Thus  $\bar{1} \in \tilde{I}$ , a contradiction. We obtain, that  $\bar{e}\bar{A} \cap \tilde{I} = 0$  and  $\bar{A} = \bar{e}\bar{A} \oplus \tilde{I}$ . Since  $\tilde{I}$  is the maximal ideal in the ring  $A$ , the module  $\bar{e}\bar{A}$  is simple. The theorem is proved.  $\square$

### 3. Distributive modules

Recall that a module  $M$  is called distributive if for all submodules  $K, L, N$  of  $M$  we have  $K \cap (L + N) = K \cap L + K \cap N$ . Clearly, a submodule and a quotient module of a distributive module is distributive. A module is called semidistributive if it is a direct sum of distributive modules. A ring  $A$  is called right (left) semidistributive if the right (left) regular module  $A_A$  ( ${}_A A$ ) is semidistributive. A right and left semidistributive ring is called semidistributive. Obviously, every uniserial module is a distributive module and every serial module is a semidistributive module.

**Example 3.1.** Let  $D$  be a division ring and

$$A = \left\{ \left( \begin{array}{ccc} d_{11} & d_{12} & d_{13} \\ 0 & d_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_{33} \end{array} \right) \mid d_{ij} \in D \right\}.$$

Obviously,  $A$  is the semidistributive ring, which is left serial, but not right serial.

We write *SPSD*-ring for semiperfect semidistributive ring.



#### 4. Semiprime right Noetherian *SPSD*-rings

**Definition 4.1.** A ring  $A$  is called *semimaximal* if it is a semiperfect semiprime right Noetherian ring such that for each local idempotent  $e \in A$  the ring  $eAe$  is a discrete valuation ring (not necessary commutative), i.e., all principal endomorphism rings of  $A$  are discrete valuation rings.

The following is a decomposition theorem for semiprime right Noetherian *SPSD*-rings.

**Theorem 4.2.** The following conditions for a semiperfect semiprime right Noetherian ring  $A$  are equivalent:

- (a) the ring  $A$  is semidistributive;
- (b) the ring  $A$  is a direct product of a semisimple Artinian ring and a semimaximal rings.

**Theorem 4.3.** Each semimaximal ring is isomorphic to a finite direct product of prime rings of the following form:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{O} & \pi^{\alpha_{12}}\mathcal{O} & \dots & \pi^{\alpha_{1n}}\mathcal{O} \\ \pi^{\alpha_{21}}\mathcal{O} & \mathcal{O} & \dots & \pi^{\alpha_{2n}}\mathcal{O} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \pi^{\alpha_{n1}}\mathcal{O} & \pi^{\alpha_{n2}}\mathcal{O} & \dots & \mathcal{O} \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\mathcal{O}$  is a discrete valuation ring with a prime element  $\pi$ , and the  $\alpha_{ij}$  are integers such that  $\alpha_{ij} + \alpha_{jk} \geq \alpha_{ik}$  for all  $i, j, k$  ( $\alpha_{ii} = 0$  for any  $i$ ).

**Definition 4.4.** A ring  $A$  is called a *tilted order* if it is a prime Noetherian *SPSD*-ring with nonzero Jacobson radical.

Our definition of a tilted order is a generalization of the definition of a tilted order over a discrete valuation ring in the sense V. A. Jategaonkar [7], [8].

We'll use the following notation  $A = \{\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{E}(A)\}$ , where  $\mathcal{E}(A) = (\alpha_{ij})$  is the exponent matrix of a ring  $A$ , i.e.,  $A = \sum_{i,j=1}^n e_{ij}\pi^{\alpha_{ij}}\mathcal{O}$ , where the  $e_{ij}$  are the matrix units. If a tilted order  $A$  is reduced, i.e.,  $A/R$  is a direct product of division rings, then the matrix  $\mathcal{E}(A)$  also reduced, i.e.,  $\alpha_{ij} + \alpha_{ji} > 0$  for  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$  ( $i \neq j$ ).

It is well-known the following proposition.

**Proposition 4.5** ([9, vol II, proposition 22.1.A]). *Let  $P$  be nonzero projective  $A$ -module and  $rad A$  be the Jacobson radical of  $A$ . Then  $rad P = Prad A \neq P$ .*

Using this proposition and Muller’s theorem, we obtain the description of projective modules over a semiperfect ring.

**Theorem 4.6.** *Any indecomposable projective module over a semiperfect ring  $A$  is finitely generated, and has exactly one maximal submodule. There is one-to-one correspondence between pairwise nonisomorphic indecomposable projective  $A$ -modules  $P_1, \dots, P_s$  and mutually nonisomorphic simple  $A$ -modules? which are given by the following correspondence:  $P_i \rightarrow P_i/P_iR = U_i$  and  $U_i \rightarrow P(U_i)$ .*

**Remark.** A submodule  $N$  of a module  $M$  is called small if the equality  $N + X = M$  implies  $X = M$  for any submodule  $X$  of  $M$ .

A projective module  $P$  is called a projective cover of  $M$  and it is denoted by  $P(M)$  if there is an epimorphism  $\varphi : P \rightarrow M$  such that  $Ker \varphi$  is a small submodule in  $P$ . The following is a method of constructing a projective cover for an arbitrary finitely generated module  $M$  over a semiperfect ring  $A$ . Let  $M$  - be a finitely generated  $A$ -module. Clearly,  $M/MR$  is a module over the semisimple Artinian ring  $\bar{A} = A/R$ . Therefore  $M/MR \simeq \bigoplus_{j=1}^s U_j^{m_j}$ , where  $U_1, \dots, U_s$  are mutually nonisomorphic simple  $\bar{A}$ -modules. Lifting the idempotents we obtain that  $U_j = e_jA/e_jR$ , where  $e_j^2 = e_j$ . Denote  $P_j = e_jA$ . Then the projective cover  $P(M)$  of  $M$  is  $P(M) = \bigoplus_{j=1}^s P_j^{m_j}$ .

### 5. Quiver of a semiperfect ring

Let  $A_A = P_1^{n_1} \oplus \dots \oplus P_s^{n_s}$  be the decomposition of a semiperfect ring  $A$  into a direct sum of pairwise nonisomorphic indecomposable projectives. Let  $P = P_1 \oplus \dots \oplus P_s$  and  $B = End_A P$ . By the Morita theorem, the category of right  $A$ -modules is equivalent to the category of right  $B$ -modules. Obviously,  $B/rad B$  is a direct product of division rings. The ring  $B$  is called the basic ring of the ring  $A$ .

Let  $A$  be a semiperfect right Noetherian ring and  $A_A = P_1^{n_1} \oplus \dots \oplus P_s^{n_s}$  be the decomposition  $A$  as above. Let  $P_iR$  is the unique maximal

submodule of  $P_i$ . Consider the projective cover  $P(P_iR)$  of  $P_iR$ . Let  $P(P_iR) = \bigoplus_{j=1}^s P_j^{t_{ij}}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, s$ ). We assign to the modules  $P_1, \dots, P_s$  points  $1, \dots, s$  on the plane and join point  $i$  with  $j$  by  $t_{ij}$  arrows. The so constructed graph is called the right quiver of the semiperfect right Noetherian ring  $A$  and will be denoted by  $Q(A)$ .

Analogously, one can define the left quiver  $Q'(A)$  of a left Noetherian semiperfect ring.

Note, that the quiver of a semiperfect right Noetherian ring does not change by switching to its basic ring and  $Q(A) = Q(A/R^2)$ .

**Definition 5.1.** *Let  $A$  be a semiperfect ring such that  $A/R^2$  is a right Artinian ring. The quiver of the ring  $A/R^2$  is the quiver of the ring  $A$  and is denoted by  $Q(A)$ .*

The following proposition gives the description of the Jacobson radical of semiperfect ring  $A$  (see [10, Chapter 11]).

**Proposition 5.2.** *Let  $A = P_1^{n_1} \oplus \dots \oplus P_s^{n_s}$  be the decomposition of a semiperfect ring  $A$  into a direct sum of principal right  $A$ -modules and let  $1 = f_1 + \dots + f_s$  be a corresponding decomposition of the identity of  $A$  into a sum of pairwise orthogonal idempotents, i.e.,  $f_i A = P_i^{n_i}$ . Then the Jacobson radical of the ring  $A$  has a two-sided Peirce decomposition of the following form:*

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} R_{11} & A_{12} & \dots & A_{1n} \\ A_{21} & R_{22} & \dots & A_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{n1} & A_{n2} & \dots & R_{nn} \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $R_{ii} = \text{rad}(f_i A f_i)$ ,  $A_{ij} = f_i A f_j$  for  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ .

**Lemma 5.3** (Annihilation lemma). *Let  $1 = f_1 + \dots + f_s$  be a canonical decomposition of  $1 \in A$ . For every simple right  $A$ -module  $U_i$  and for each  $f_j$  we have  $U_i f_j = \delta_{ij} U_i$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, s$ . Similarly, for every simple left  $A$ -module  $V_i$  and for each  $f_j$ ,  $f_j V_i = \delta_{ij} V_i$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, s$ .*

**Lemma 5.4** ( $Q$ -Lemma). *The simple module  $U_k$  (resp.  $V_k$ ) appears in the direct sum decomposition of the module  $e_i R / e_i R^2$  (resp.  $R e_i / R^2 e_i$ ) if and only if  $e_i R^2 e_k$  (resp.  $e_k R^2 e_i$ ) is strictly contained in  $e_i R e_k$  (resp.  $e_k R e_i$ ).*

### 6. Quasi-Frobenius rings

**Definition 6.1.** *Let  $M$  be a right  $A$ -module. The socle of  $M$  ( $\text{soc } M$ ) is the sum of all simple right submodules of  $M$ . If there are no such submodules, then  $\text{Soc } M = 0$ .*

If  $M = A_A$ , then  $\text{soc } A_A$  is the sum of all minimal right ideals of  $A$  and it is a right ideal of  $A$ . If  $\mathcal{J}$  a minimal right ideal in  $A$ , then for any  $x \in A$  either  $x\mathcal{J} = 0$  or  $x\mathcal{J}$  is a minimal right ideal in  $A$ . Therefore,  $\text{soc } A_A$  is a two-sided ideal in  $A$ . Analogously we can consider  $\text{soc}_A A$ . However  $\text{soc } A_A \neq \text{soc}_A A$  in general. Let  $A = T_2(k) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ 0 & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \mid \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in k \right\}$ , where  $k$  is a field. Obviously,  $\text{soc } A_A = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \beta \\ 0 & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  and  $\text{soc}_A A = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ . For semisimple module  $M$  we have  $\text{soc } M = M$ .

Let  $A$  be an Artinian ring and  $A_A = P_1^{n_1} \oplus \dots \oplus P_s^{n_s}$  (resp.  ${}_A A = Q_1^{n_1} \oplus \dots \oplus Q_s^{n_s}$ ) be the canonical decomposition of  $A$  into a direct product of right (left) principal modules.

Let  $M$  be a right  $A$ -module and  $N$  be a left  $A$ -module. We set  $\text{top } M = M/MR$  and  $\text{top } N = N/RN$ . Now we give a definition of a Nakayama permutation.

**Definition 6.2.** *We say that a two-sided Artinian ring  $A$  admits a Nakayama permutation  $\nu(A) : i \rightarrow \nu(i)$  of  $\{1, \dots, s\}$  if the following conditions are satisfied*

- (1)  $\text{soc } P_k = \text{top } P_{\nu(k)}$
- (2)  $\text{soc } Q_{\nu(k)} = \text{top } Q_k$

**Definition 6.3.** *A two-sided Artinian ring  $A$  is called quasi-Frobenius, if  $A$  admits a Nakayama permutation  $\nu(A)$  of  $\{1, \dots, s\}$ . A quasi-Frobenius ring is called Frobenius if  $n_{\nu(i)} = n_i$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, s$ .*

The following theorem is a variant of the Morita theorem for semiperfect rings.

**Theorem 6.4.** *Let  $A$  be a semiperfect ring and  $A_A = P_1^{n_1} \oplus \dots \oplus P_s^{n_s}$  be a decomposition of  $A_A$  into a direct sum of pairwise nonisomorphic right ideals. Let  $B = \text{End}(P_1 \oplus \dots \oplus P_s)$  be the ring of endomorphisms of the module  $P = P_1 + \dots + P_s$ . Then the categories of  $A$ -modules and  $B$ -modules are equivalent.*

Denote by  $\text{rad } B$  the Jacobson radical of the ring  $B$ . Obviously,  $B/\text{rad } B$  is a direct product of skew-fields. The ring  $B$  is called a basic ring of the ring  $A$ . If a ring  $A$  is quasi-Frobenius,  $B$  is Frobenius.

**Definition 6.5.** *An indecomposable projective right module over a semi-perfect ring  $A$  is called principal right module. Analogously, a principal left module can be defined.*

## 7. Examples

### 7.1.

**Definition 7.1.** *An  $A$ -lattice  $M$  is said to be relatively injective if  $M \simeq_A P^*$ , where  ${}_A P$  is a finitely generated projective left  $A$ -module. An  $A$ -lattice  $M$  is called completely decomposable if it is a direct sum of irreducible  $A$ -lattices.*

Denote by  $\Delta$  the completely decomposable left  $A$ -lattice  $A_A^*$ .

Let  $A = \{\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{E}(A)\}$ , where  $\mathcal{E}(A) = (\alpha_{ij})$  be a reduced exponent matrix.

Let

$$\mathcal{E}(A) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \alpha_{12} & \dots & \alpha_{1n} \\ \alpha_{21} & 0 & \dots & \alpha_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \alpha_{n1} & \alpha_{n2} & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Lemma 7.2.** *A completely decomposable left  $A$ -lattice  $\Delta$  is complete decomposable right  $A$ -lattice, and*

$$\mathcal{E}(\Delta) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\alpha_{21} & \dots & -\alpha_{n1} \\ -\alpha_{12} & 0 & \dots & -\alpha_{n2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -\alpha_{1n} & -\alpha_{2n} & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let us show that the  $k$ -th row  $(-\alpha_{1k}, -\alpha_{2k}, \dots, -\alpha_{nk})$  of the matrix  $\mathcal{E}(\Delta)$  defines an irreducible right  $A$ -lattice. Let  $\beta_i = -\alpha_{ik}$ . We can rewrite the inequality  $\alpha_{ij} + \alpha_{jk} \geq \alpha_{ik}$  in the form  $-\alpha_{ik} + \alpha_{ij} \geq -\alpha_{jk}$ , i.e.,  $\beta_i + \alpha_{ij} \geq \beta_j$ , which implies the assertion of the lemma.

**Corollary 7.3.** *A fractional ideal  $\Delta$  is a relatively injective right and a relatively injective left  $A$ -lattice.*

Let  $A$  be a reduced tiled order and  $R = \text{rad } A$ . Then

$$\mathcal{E}(R) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha_{12} & \dots & \alpha_{1n} \\ \alpha_{21} & 1 & \dots & \alpha_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{n1} & \alpha_{n2} & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\mathcal{E}(R_A^*) = \mathcal{E}({}_A R^*) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -\alpha_{12} & \dots & -\alpha_{1n} \\ -\alpha_{21} & -1 & \dots & -\alpha_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -\alpha_{n1} & -\alpha_{n2} & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

write  $X = {}_A R^*$ ,  $\Delta = (A_A)^*$ .

It is true the following lemma.

**Lemma 7.4.** *For  $i = 1, \dots, n$  we have that  $e_{ii}X(Xe_{ii})$  is the unique minimal overmodule of  $e_{ii}A(\Delta e_{ii})$  and  $e_{ii}X/e_{ii}\Delta = U_i$ ,  $Xe_{ii}/\Delta e_{ii} = V_i$ , where  $U_i$  is simple right  $A$ -module and  $V_i$  is a simple left  $A$ -module.*

**Lemma 7.5.** *Every relatively injective irreducible  $A$ -lattice  $Q$  has only one minimal overmodule. Let  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  be relatively injective irreducible  $A$ -lattices and let  $X_1 \supset Q$  and  $X_2 \supset Q_2$  be the unique minimal overmodules of  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  respectively. Then the simple  $A$ -modules  $X_1/Q_1$  and  $X_2/Q_2$  are isomorphic if and only if  $Q_1 \simeq Q_2$ .*

**Proposition 7.6.** *An irreducible  $A$ -lattice is relatively injective if and only if it has exactly one minimal overmodule.*

Consider the tiled order

$$H_n(\mathcal{O}) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{O} & \mathcal{O} & \dots & \mathcal{O} \\ \pi\mathcal{O} & \mathcal{O} & \dots & \mathcal{O} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \pi\mathcal{O} & \pi\mathcal{O} & \dots & \mathcal{O} \end{pmatrix},$$

i.e.,  $H = H_n(\mathcal{O}) = \{\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{E}(H_n(\mathcal{O}))\}$ , where

$$\mathcal{E}(H_n(\mathcal{O})) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

i.e.,  $\alpha_{ij} = 0$  for  $i \leq j$  and  $\alpha_{ij} = 1$  for  $i > j$ ;  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ .

Let  $\Delta = H_H^*$ . Obviously,

$$\mathcal{E}(\Delta) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & \dots & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

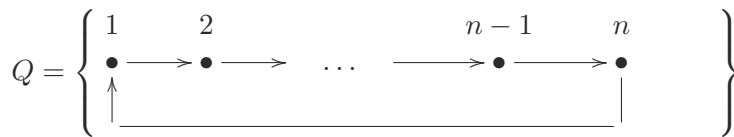
Let  $M_n(\mathbb{Z})$  be the ring of  $n \times n$ -matrices over the ring of integers

$\mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $U_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in M_n(\mathbb{Z})$  and all elements of  $U_n$  are  $1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Consider

$$\mathcal{E}(\Delta) + U_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Obviously,  $\mathcal{E}(\Delta) + U_n$  is the serial ring with the quiver



The quiver  $Q$  is the simple cycle  $(1\ 2 \dots n)$  and the adjacency matrix  $[Q]$  is the permutation matrix which corresponds to the simple cycle  $(1\ 2 \dots n)$ . Obviously,  $(1\ 2 \dots n) = \sigma^{-2}$ , where  $\sigma$  is the permutation for Gorenstein matrix  $\mathcal{E}(H_n(\mathcal{O}))$ . Moreover, the quotient ring  $H_n/R^2$  is the Frobenius ring with Nakayama permutation  $\nu = (1\ 2 \dots n)$  (the simple cycle  $\sigma^{-1}$ ).

**7.2.**

Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be a discrete valuation ring with the unique maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{M} = \pi\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}\pi$  and let

$$K_n = K_n(\mathcal{O}) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{O} & \mathfrak{M} & \dots & \mathfrak{M} & \mathfrak{M} \\ \mathfrak{M} & \mathcal{O} & \dots & \mathfrak{M} & \mathfrak{M} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \mathcal{O} & \mathfrak{M} \\ \mathfrak{M} & \mathfrak{M} & \dots & \mathfrak{M} & \mathcal{O} \end{pmatrix}$$

be a tiled order. Obviously,

$$\mathcal{E}_n = \mathcal{E}(K_n K_n^*) = \mathcal{E}(K_n^* K_n) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & \dots & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & \dots & -1 & -1 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ -1 & -1 & \dots & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$U_n + \mathcal{E}_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Denote  $e_i = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$  (1 is on the  $i$ -th place). By lemmas 7.4 and 7.5 irreducible  $A$ -lattices  $Q_i$  with  $\mathcal{O}$ -basis  $(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}, \dots, \mathcal{O}, \pi\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}, \dots, \mathcal{O})$  ( $\pi\mathcal{O}$  is on the  $i$ -th place) are relatively injective and has exactly one minimal overmodule  $(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}, \dots, \mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}, \dots, \mathcal{O})$ . Let  $\sigma : i \rightarrow \sigma(i)$  be a permutation of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Denote by  $I_{n,m} = (\mathfrak{M}^{m_{ij}})$  the two-sided ideal of  $K_n(\mathcal{O})$ , where  $w_{i\sigma(i)} = m + 1$ ,  $w_{ij} = m$ ,  $j \neq \sigma(i)$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ .

Obviously,  $I_{m,n}$  is relatively injective right and left  $A$ -lattice and Nakayama permutation of Frobenius quotient ring  $K_n(\mathcal{O})/I_{m,n}$  coincides with  $\sigma$ .

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