# On Semigroup of Permutation Factor Circulant Boolean Matrices 

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#### Abstract

Let $P M_{n}(B)$ denote the set of all $n \times n$ permutation factor circulant matrices over the Boolean algebra $B=\{0,1\}$ ，then $P M_{n}(B)$ forms a semigroup under the usual matrix product．In this paper，all idempotents in $P M_{n}(B)$ are characterized，the Euler－Fermat theorem for the semigroup $P M_{n}(B)$ is also established．


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## 1 Introduction and preliminaries

As an important class of special matrices，circulant matrices have a wide range of interesting applica－ tions ${ }^{[1-2]}$ ．The circulant matrices have in recent years been extended in many directions ${ }^{[1-9]}$ ．The permutation factor circulant matrices are another natural extension of this well－studied class，and can be found in［8－9］．Let $B=\{0,1\}$ be the Boolean algebra．We denote by $M_{n}(B)$ the set of all $n \times n$ matrices over $B$ ．Clearly， $M_{n}(B)$ forms a semigroup under the usual matrix product．We call $M_{n}(B)$ the Boolean matrix semigroup． Let $A=\left(a_{i j}\right), B=\left(b_{i j}\right) \in M_{n}(B)$ ．Define $A \leqslant B$ by $a_{i j} \leqslant$ $b_{i j}$ for all $i, j=1,2, \cdots, n$ ．

Let $C=\left(c_{i j}\right) \in M_{n}(B)$ by $c_{1 n}=1=c_{i i+1}(i \neq n)$ and $c_{i j}=0$ for all other $i$ and $j$ ．Let

$$
C_{n}(B)=\left\{A \mid A=a_{0} E+a_{1} C+\cdots+a_{n-1} C^{n-1} \in M_{n}(B)\right\},
$$ where $E$ is the unit matrix in $M_{n}(B)$ ．Then $C_{n}(B)$ is a commutative subsemigroup of $M_{n}(B)$ ．For $A \in C_{n}(B)$ ， $A$ is called a circulant Boolean matrix．$C_{n}(B)$ is called the semigroup of circulant Boolean matrices．K－Hang K et al studied the semigroup $C_{n}(B)$ in［10－11］．Chao C Y et al studied the semigroup of generalized－circulant

Boolean matrices in［5－7］．In this paper，we shall study the semigroup of the following permutation factor Boolean matrices．

Definition $1^{[9]}$ An $n \times n$ permutation matrix $P$ over $B$ is called a basic permutation factor circulant Boolean matrix if and only if

$$
\begin{equation*}
P^{n}=E, \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

$n$ is the smallest positive integer which satisfies the above equation（1）．

Definition $2^{[9]} \quad$ An $n \times n$ matrix $A$ over $B$ is called a permutation factor circulant Boolean matrix if

$$
\begin{equation*}
A=a_{0} E+a_{1} P+\cdots+a_{n-1} P^{n-1} . \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

In view of the structure of the powers of the basic permutation factor circulant Boolean matrix $P$ in $M_{n}(B)$ and Definition 1，it is clear that $A$ is a per－ mutation factor circulant Boolean matrix in $M_{n}(B)$ if and only if $A$ commutes with $P$ ，that is，$A P=P A$ ．Let $Z_{n}=\{\overline{0}, \overline{1}, \cdots, \overline{n-1}\}$ be the residue classes additive group module $n$ ．Write

$$
\operatorname{Supp}(A)=\left\{\bar{i} \mid a_{i}=1\right\} \subseteq Z_{n},
$$

Then，$A$ can be denoted by

$$
\begin{equation*}
A=\sum_{\bar{i} \in S u p p(A)} P^{i} . \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

The set of all permutation factor circulant

Boolean matrix in $M_{n}(B)$ is denoted by $P M_{n}(B)$. Then, $P M_{n}(B)$ is also a commutative subsemigroup of $M_{n}(B)$. If $P=C, P M_{n}(B)=C_{n}(B)$. Therefore, the permutation factor circulant Boolean matrix is a generalized of the circulant Boolean matrix.

Definition 3 Let $A \in M_{n}(B)$. $A$ is said to be an idempotent Boolean matrix if $A^{2}=A$.

We shall characterize all idempotents in $P M_{n}(B)$, and also establish the Euler-Fermat theorem for the semigroup $P M_{n}(B)$. All results in this paper are generalizations of results in [10-11].

## 2 The idempotents in $P M_{n}(B)$

Theorem 1 Let $A=\sum_{\bar{i} \in \operatorname{Sump}(A)} P^{i}$. Then $A$ is an idempotent in $P M_{n}(B)$ if and only if $D=\operatorname{Suup}(A)$ is a subgroup of $Z_{n}$. Thus, if $A \neq E, A$ takes the following form:

$$
\begin{equation*}
A=E+P^{d}+\cdots+P^{(n / d-1) d}, \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $d$ is some positive factor of $n$.
Proof Necessity. Since $A^{2}=A$ and
$A^{2}=\sum_{\bar{i} \in D} P^{i} \sum_{\bar{j} \in D} P^{j}=\sum_{\bar{i}, \bar{j} \in D} P^{i+j}=\sum_{\bar{k} \in D+D} P^{k}=A=\sum_{i \in D} P^{i}$,
$D+D=\operatorname{Suup}\left(A^{2}\right)=\operatorname{Suup}(A)=D$. Therefore, the subset $D=\operatorname{Suup}(A)$ of $Z_{n}$ is a subgroup of the residue classes additive group $Z_{n}$.

Sufficiency. Since $D=\operatorname{Suup}(A)$ is a subgroup of the residue classes additive group $Z_{n}, D+D=D$. Then we have
$A^{2}=\sum_{\bar{i}, \bar{j} \in D} P^{i+j}=\sum_{\bar{k} \in D+D} P^{k}=\sum_{\bar{k} \in D} P^{k}=A$.
Therefore, $A$ is an idempotent in $P M_{n}(B)$.
Also, if $A=\sum_{\bar{i} \in \operatorname{Supp}(A)} P^{i}$ is an idempotent in, $D=\operatorname{Suup}(A)$ is a subgroup of $Z_{n}$. Thus, if $D \neq 0$, there exist a positive factor $d$ of $n$ such that

$$
D=\langle\bar{d}>=\{\overline{0}, \bar{d}, \cdots, \overline{(n / d-1) d}\} .
$$

Then
$A=E+P^{d}+\cdots+P^{(n / d-1) d}$.
This proves the theorem.
Theorem 2 The number of idempotent in $P M_{n}(B)$ is the number of subgroup of the residue classes additive group $Z_{n}$, that is, $D(n)+1$ where $D(n)$
denotes the number of positive factor of $n$.
Proof By Theorem 1, $A$ is an idempotent in $P M_{n}(B)$ if and only if $D=\operatorname{Suup}(A)$ is a subgroup of $Z_{n}$. For a subgroup $D$ of $Z_{n}$, if $D \neq 0$, there exist a positive factor $d$ of $n$ such that $D=\langle\bar{d}>$.

Conversely, for a positive factor $d$ of $n$, there exist only subgroup $D$ of $Z_{n}$ such that $D=\langle\bar{d}\rangle$. Thus, Theorem 2 holds.

## 3 Euler-Fermat theorem for the semigroup $P M_{n}(B)$

In [11], Schwarz studied the Euler-Fermat theorem for the semigroup $C_{n}(B)$ of circulant Boolean matrices, and obtained the following result.

Theorem $3^{[11]}$ For any $A \in C_{n}(B)$, we have $A^{n-1}=A^{2 n-1}$. This result is the best possible, i.e., none of the exponents can be replaced by a smaller number.

The purpose of this section is to generalize this result in the semigroup $P M_{n}(B)$. We need the following lemma.

Lemma $1^{[12]}$ Let $n$ be a positive integer. Then for any $2 n-1$ integers, there exist $n$ integers such that their sum is a multiple of $n$.

Theorem 4 For any $A \in P M_{n}(B)$, we have $A^{n-1}=A^{2 n-1}$. This result is the best possible, i.e., none of the exponents can be replaced by a smaller number.

Proof Let $A=\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_{i} P^{i} \in P M_{n}(B)$ and $A^{k}=$ $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_{i}^{(k)} P^{i} \in P M_{n}(B)$, where $k$ is any positive integer. Then, for any $i, a_{i}^{(k)}$ is a sum of terms $Q$ of the form:

$$
Q=a_{i_{1}} a_{i_{2}} \cdots a_{i_{k}},
$$

with $k$ indices $i_{1}, i_{2}, \cdots, i_{k}$ such that $\overline{i_{1}}+\overline{i_{2}}+\cdots+\overline{i_{k}}=\bar{i}$, i.e.,

$$
a_{i}^{(k)}=\sum_{\bar{i}_{1}+\bar{i}_{2}+\cdots+\bar{i}_{k}=\bar{i}} a_{i_{1}} a_{i_{2}} \cdots a_{i_{k}},
$$

Since for any $h$, $n \bar{h}=\overline{0}$. Therefore, for any $i$, we have

$$
a_{i}^{(n-1)}=\sum_{\bar{i}_{1}+\bar{i}_{2}+\cdots+\bar{i}_{n_{-1}}=\bar{i}} a_{i_{1}} a_{i_{2}} \cdots a_{i_{n-1}}=
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{\overline{i_{1}}+\overline{i_{2}}+\cdots+\overline{i_{n-1}}+\overline{i_{n-1}}=\bar{i}} a_{i_{1}} a_{i_{2}} \cdots a_{i_{n_{12}}}\left(a_{i_{n-1}}\right)^{n} \leqslant \\
& \bar{i}_{i_{1}+\overline{i_{2}}+\cdots+\overline{i_{n-1}}+\overline{i_{n}}+\cdots+\overline{i_{n-1}}=\bar{i}} a_{i_{1}} a_{i_{2}} \cdots a_{i_{n-1}} a_{i_{n}} \cdots a_{i_{2 n-1}}=a_{i}^{(2 n-1)},
\end{aligned}
$$ hence，$A^{n-1} \leqslant A^{2 n-1}$ ．

Conversely，for any term $Q=a_{i_{1}} a_{i_{2}} \cdots a_{i_{k}} a_{i_{k+1}} \cdots$ $a_{i_{n n-1}}$ of $a_{i}^{(2 n-1)}$ ，by Lemma 1，we can select $n$ elements from indices $\overline{i_{1}}, \overline{i_{2}}, \cdots, \overline{i_{2 n-1}}$ such that their sum is $\overline{0}$ ． We can assume without loss of generality that the $n$ integers are $i_{n}, \cdots, i_{2 n-1}$ ．Then

$$
\begin{gathered}
a_{i}^{(2 n-1)}=\sum_{i_{i_{1}+\overline{i_{2}}+\cdots+i_{n-1}+\bar{i}_{n}+\cdots+\overline{i_{n-1}}}=\bar{i}} a_{i_{1}} a_{i_{2}} \cdots a_{i_{n-1}} a_{i_{n}} \cdots a_{i_{2 n-1}}= \\
\quad \sum_{\overline{i_{1}+i_{2}+\cdots+\overline{i_{n-1}}}=\bar{i}} a_{i_{1}} a_{i_{2}} \cdots a_{i_{n-1}} a_{i_{n}} \cdots a_{i_{2 n-1}} \leqslant \\
\quad \sum_{\overline{i_{1}+i_{2}}+\cdots+\overline{i_{n-1}}=\bar{i}} a_{i_{1}} a_{i_{2}} \cdots a_{i_{n-1}}=a_{i}^{(n-1)} .
\end{gathered}
$$

Hence，$A^{2 n-1} \leqslant A^{n-1}$ ，and we have $A^{n-1}=A^{2 n-1}$ ． When $P=C, \quad P M_{n}(B)=C_{n}(B)$ ，by Theorem 3，we can see that this result is the best possible，i．e．，none of the exponents can be replaced by a smaller number． This proves the theorem．

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# 关于置换因子循环布尔矩阵半群 

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摘要：$P M_{n}(B)$ 表示布尔代数 $B=\{0,1\}$ 上的所有 $n \times n$ 置换因子循环矩阵组成的集合．$P M_{n}(B)$ 对于矩阵乘法成为一个半群。刻画了 $P M_{n}(B)$ 中的幂等元，并给出了半群 $P M_{n}(B)$ 中的 Euler－Fermat 定理。
关键词：布尔代数；置换因子循环矩阵；半群；幂等元；Euler－Fermat 定理

