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## Invertible Ideals in Orders. (\*\*)

### 1. - Introduction.

This paper will consider the problem of classifying invertible ideals in orders. Sections 1 and 2 lay the groundwork and give the basic definitions. In Section 3 we give several conditions for invertibility and show that invertible ideals in orders behave much the same way as invertible ideals in DEDEKIND domains. In Section 4, it is seen that in division algebras over the quotient field of a complete discrete valuation ring, invertibility is equivalent to projectivity. We consider the structure theory of invertible ideals in Section 5. We end with two example illustrating points made in the paper.

### 2. - Preliminaries.

Let  $D$  be a DEDEKIND domain,  $K$  its quotient field and  $\Sigma$  a central simple  $K$ -algebra. A  $D$ -order in  $\Sigma$  is a subring  $A$  of  $\Sigma$  which is a finitely generated  $D$ -module, contains  $D$  and spans  $\Sigma$  over  $K$ , i.e.,  $A \otimes_D K \cong \Sigma$ . It is clear that orders are two-sided Noetherian rings. A  $D$ -order  $I$  in  $\Sigma$  is maximal if it is not contained in any other  $D$ -order in  $\Sigma$ . It is known that maximal  $D$ -orders always exist [1].

We will assume that to say «an ideal in an order» means a fractionary ideal in the order, and assume that all ideals (one-sided or two-sided) are full in the sense that  $I \otimes_D K \cong A \otimes_D K$ . Finally, we assume that all  $A$ -modules considered are  $D$ -torsion free.

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Now let  $A$  be a  $D$ -order in  $\Sigma$  and let  $M$  be a left  $A$ -module which is  $D$ -torsion free. Define the left order of  $M$  in  $\Sigma$ ,  $\theta_l(M)$ , by

$$\theta_l(M) = \{x \in \Sigma : xM \subseteq M\}.$$

If  $N$  is a right  $A$ -module, the right order of  $N$  in  $\Sigma$ ,  $\theta_r(N)$ , is defined by

$$\theta_r(N) = \{x \in \Sigma : Nx \subseteq N\}.$$

It is clear that  $\theta_l(M)$  is a  $D$ -order in  $\Sigma$ ,  $\theta_l(M) \supseteq A$ , and that  $\theta_l(M)$  is the largest  $D$ -order in  $\Sigma$  having  $M$  as a left module.

If  $I$  is a full left ideal of  $A$ , define  $\theta_r(I)$  by

$$\theta_r(I) = \{x \in \Sigma :Ix \subseteq I\}.$$

Clearly,  $\theta_r(I)$  is a  $D$ -order in  $\Sigma$  but will not contain  $A$  unless  $I$  is also a right  $A$ -ideal.

We will use the following notation:

$$(A : I)_r = \{x \in \Sigma :Ix \subseteq A\},$$

$$(A : I)_l = \{x \in \Sigma :xI \subseteq A\}.$$

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $I$  be a full left ideal of the  $D$ -order  $A$ . Then there are natural isomorphisms*

$$\theta_r(I) \cong \text{Hom}_A(I, I)$$

and

$$(A : I)_r \cong \text{Hom}_A(I, A).$$

**Proof.** Let  $f$  be an element of  $\text{Hom}_A(I, A)$ . Since  $K \otimes_D I \cong K \otimes_D A \cong \Sigma$ , let  $f'$  denote the unique extension of  $f$  to  $K \otimes_D \text{Hom}_A(I, A) \cong \text{Hom}_\Sigma(\Sigma, \Sigma)$ , ([1], lemma 2.4). Since  $f(x) = xf'(1)$ ,  $f'(1)$  is an element of  $(A : I)_r$ . Define

$$\mu : \text{Hom}_A(I, A) \rightarrow (A : I)_r,$$

by  $\mu(f) = f'(1)$  for  $f$  in  $\text{Hom}_A(I, A)$ ;  $\mu$  is easily seen to be a  $A$ -isomorphism.

The  $A$ -isomorphism

$$V : \text{Hom}_A(I, I) \rightarrow \theta_r(I)$$

is defined similarly.

Lemma 2. Let  $A$  be a  $D$ -order in  $\Sigma$  and let  $I$  be a full left  $A$ -ideal. In order that  $I$  be left  $A$ -projective, it is necessary and sufficient that there be a set of elements  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m\}$  in  $(A:I)_r$  and a set of elements  $\{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$  in  $I$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i x_i = 1.$$

Proof. From ([4], Proposition 3.1, p. 132) it is seen that  $I$  is  $A$ -projective if and only if there is a set  $\{f_i\}$  in  $\text{Hom}_A(I, A)$  and a set  $\{x_i\}$  in  $I$  such that  $\sum_i f_i(x)x_i = x$  for all  $x$  in  $I$  and such that  $f_i(x) = 0$  for all but a finite number of values of the index  $i$ . Let  $f_i$  denote the unique extension of  $f_i$  to  $\text{Hom}_\Sigma(\Sigma, \Sigma)$ , for all  $i$ . Then using the isomorphism  $\mu$  of Lemma 1 to identify  $f'_i(1)$  with  $\alpha_i$  in  $(A:I)_r$ , and using the fact that  $I$  is full, we have the desired conclusion.

Lemma 3. Let  $A, \Gamma \supseteq A$  be two  $D$ -orders in  $\Sigma$  and let  $M$  be a left  $A$ -module. If  $M$  is  $A$ -projective, then  $\Gamma M$  (the smallest left  $\Gamma$ -module containing  $M$ ) is  $\Gamma$ -projective.

Proof. It is sufficient to consider the case where  $M$  is free, and for this it is enough to look at the case where  $M = A$ . But then  $\Gamma M = \Gamma$ , so the result is clear.

### 3. - Invertible ideals.

Let  $I$  be a two-sided  $A$ -ideal. Say  $I$  is  $A$ -invertible if there is a two-sided  $A$ -module  $J$  such that  $IJ = JI = A$ .

First we remark that Example 11 will show that a full two-sided  $A$ -ideal may be both right and left  $A$ -projective but not invertible. However, we do have the following result.

Proposition 4. Let  $D$  be a Dedekind domain,  $A$  a  $D$ -order in  $\Sigma$  and  $I$  a full two-sided  $A$ -ideal. Then  $I$  is  $A$ -invertible if and only if  $I$  is both right and left  $A$ -projective and  $(A:I)_l = (A:I)_r$ .

Proof. Let  $I$  be  $A$ -invertible by  $J$ . Since  $J \subseteq (A:I)_r$  and  $(A:I)_r = JI(A:I)_r \subseteq JA = J$ , we have that  $J = (A:I)_r$ . Similarly,  $J = (A:I)_l$ . Hence  $I$  is an element of  $(A:I)_r I$  and of  $I(A:I)_l$ , so Lemma 2 and its counterpart for right ideals imply that  $I$  is both right and left  $A$ -projective.

Conversely, if  $I$  is left  $A$ -projective, we have from Lemma 2 that  $(A:I)_r I$  contains 1, so  $(A:I)_r I \supseteq A$ . Also,  $(A:I)_r I = (A:I)_l I \subseteq A$ , so  $(A:I)_r I = A$ . In the same way,  $I(A:I)_l = A$  and  $I$  is invertible by  $(A:I)_r = (A:I)_l$ .

When  $A$  is a  $D$ -order contained in  $\Gamma$ , a maximal  $D$ -order, Example 11 shows that an ideal  $I$  can be  $\Gamma$ -invertible but not  $A$ -invertible even if  $I$  is both right and left  $A$ -projective and  $\theta_r(I) = \theta_l(I)$ . We can, however, prove the following result.

**Proposition 5.** *Let  $A$  be a  $D$ -order,  $\Gamma$  a maximal  $D$ -order containing  $A$  and  $\Sigma$  a central simple  $K$  algebra. In order that  $I$  be  $A$ -invertible, it is necessary and sufficient that  $I$  be both right and left  $A$ -projective and  $A = \theta_r(I) = \theta_l(I)$ .*

**Proof.** Assume that  $I$  is  $A$ -invertible. Then Proposition 4 implies that  $I$  is right and left  $A$ -projective. Clearly,  $\theta_r(I) \supseteq A$ .

Let  $x$  be an element of  $\theta_r(I)$ . Then  $Ix \subseteq I$  and  $(A: I)_i Ix \subseteq (A: I)_i I$ ; i.e.,  $Ax \subseteq A$ , since  $I$  is invertible. Thus  $x$  is in  $A$  and  $\theta_r(I) = A$ . Similarly,  $\theta_l(I) = A$ .

Conversely, assume  $I$  is right projective. Define the map

$$\sigma: \text{Hom}_A(I, A) \otimes_A I \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(I, I)$$

by setting  $\sigma(f \otimes m)(n) = f(n)m$  for  $f$  in  $\text{Hom}_A(I, A)$  and  $m, n$  in  $A$ . Since  $I$  is right projective,  $\sigma$  is a two-sided  $\text{Hom}_A(I, I)$ -isomorphism, ([1], proposition A-1). Set  $I^* = (A: I)_i \cong \text{Hom}_A(I, A)$  and consider the commutative diagram,

$$(1) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} I \otimes_A I^* & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & \text{Hom}_A(I, I) \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \gamma & \\ II^* & & \end{array}$$

where  $\delta$  is the mapping defined by the universal mapping property of the tensor product, and  $\gamma$  is defined by  $\gamma(w)z = wz$  for  $w$  in  $II^*$  and  $z$  in  $I$ . Since  $\sigma$  is an isomorphism, both  $\delta$  and  $\gamma$  are isomorphisms. Thus we have the sequence of  $A$ -isomorphisms:

$$II^* \cong \text{Hom}_A(I, I) \cong \theta_l(I) = A.$$

Note that  $II^*I \subseteq IA \subseteq I$ , so  $II^* \subseteq \theta_l(I) = A$ . Hence  $II^* = A$ . Similarly  $I^*I = A$  and  $I$  is invertible.

**Remark.** If  $I$  is full two-sided for two orders  $A$  and  $\Omega$ , then since  $\theta_r(I)$  and  $\theta_l(I)$  depend only on  $I$  and  $\Sigma$ ,  $I$  can only be invertible in one of the orders  $A$  and  $\Omega$ .

**Lemma 6.**  *$D$  is a Dedekind domain,  $I$  is full two-sided  $\Lambda$ -ideal. Let  $I_{(P)}$ ,  $\Lambda_{(P)}$ , ... denote completion at a prime  $P$  of  $D$ . Then  $I_{(P)}$  is  $\Lambda_{(P)}$ -invertible if and only if  $I$  is  $\Lambda$ -invertible.*

**Proof.** Since  $D$  is DEDEKIND domain,  $I$  is reflexive and  $I = \bigcap_P I_{(P)}$ , where the intersection runs over all the maximal primes  $P$  of  $D$ . Also,  $I_{(P)} = \Lambda_{(P)}$  for all but a finite number of primes  $P$ . So if each  $I_{(P)}$  is invertible by  $I_{(P)}$  in  $\Lambda_{(P)}$ , set  $J = \bigcap_P J_{(P)}$  and consider  $IJ$ . Clearly,  $(IJ)_{(P)} = \Lambda_{(P)}$  for all  $P$ , so  $\Lambda = \bigcap_P \Lambda_{(P)} = IJ$ . Conversely, if  $I$  is invertible by  $J$  in  $\Lambda$ , then  $(IJ)_{(P)} = I_{(P)}J_{(P)} = \Lambda_{(P)}$  for all  $P$ . Hence,  $I_{(P)}$  is invertible in  $\Lambda_{(P)}$  for all  $P$ .

**Theorem 7.** *Let  $D$  be a Dedekind domain with quotient field  $K$  and let  $\Sigma$  be a central simple  $K$ -algebra. Let  $\Gamma$  be an order in  $\Sigma$ . Then  $\Gamma$  is a maximal  $D$ -order if and only if every full two-sided ideal  $I$  is invertible.*

**Proof.** Let  $\Gamma$  be maximal: then  $\Gamma$  is left and right hereditary ([1], theorem 2.3), so every ideal  $I$  is both left and right projective. Since  $\Gamma$  is maximal,  $\Gamma = \theta_r(I) = \theta_l(I)$  for any full two-sided  $\Gamma$ -ideal  $I$ . Therefore by Proposition 5  $I$  is  $\Gamma$ -invertible.

Now assume that every full two-sided  $\Gamma$ -ideal is  $\Gamma$ -invertible. Then by Lemma 6  $I$  is  $\Gamma$ -invertible if and only if  $I_{(P)}$  is  $\Gamma_{(P)}$ -invertible for all maximal primes  $P$  of  $D$ . Since  $\Gamma$  is a maximal order if and only if  $\Gamma_{(P)}$  is a maximal  $D_{(P)}$  order in  $\Sigma_{(P)}$  for all maximal primes  $P$  in  $D$ , it is sufficient to prove the theorem for a complete discrete rank one valuation ring.

Assume  $D$  is a complete discrete rank one valuation ring. Let  $I$  be a full two-sided  $\Gamma$ -ideal. If  $I$  is idempotent and  $J$  is its inverse, then

$$I = I\Lambda = I I J = I^2 J = I J = \Lambda .$$

Hence no nontrivial full two-sided  $\Gamma$ -ideal is idempotent. The JACOBSON radical  $N$  of  $\Gamma$  is two-sided so by Proposition 4 it is right and left projective. By ([6]: lemma 3.6),  $\Gamma$  is hereditary; so by ([6]: Theorem 1.7),  $\Gamma$  is a maximal order.

**Corollary 8.**  *$\Sigma$  is a central simple  $K$ -algebra.  $\Gamma$  is a maximal  $D$ -order in  $\Sigma$ . Every full two-sided  $\Gamma$ -ideal is a unique product of maximal full two-sided integral  $\Gamma$ -ideals. Further, the full two-sided ideals of  $\Gamma$  form an Abelian group.*

**Remarks.** The last statement of the corollary is known, ([7], theorem 7; p. 128). However, its proof is immediate from the proof of the first statement of the corollary so is included.

Proof of Corollary. Let  $I$  be a full two-sided integral ideal of  $\Gamma$ . Let  $M_1$  be a maximal integral ideal such that  $I \subseteq M_1$ . By Theorem 7  $M_1^{-1}$  exists so  $I \subseteq IM_1^{-1} \subseteq \Gamma$ . If  $I = IM_1^{-1}$ , then  $\Gamma = I^{-1}I = I^{-1}IM_1^{-1}$ ; a contradiction. Hence  $I \subset IM_1^{-1}$ . If  $IM_1^{-1} \neq \Gamma$ , there is a maximal integral ideal  $M_2$  such that  $IM_1^{-1} \subseteq M_2$ ; as above we get  $IM_1^{-1} \subseteq IM_1^{-1}M_2^{-1}$ . Since  $\Gamma$  is Noetherian, this process must stop. Hence, there are maximal ideals  $M_1, \dots, M_r$  such that  $IM_1^{-1}M_2^{-1} \dots M_r^{-1} = \Gamma$ ; i.e.,  $I = M_r M_{r-1} \dots M_1$ .

Now let  $I$  be any ideal. Let  $Q = \{x \in \Gamma: Ix \subseteq I\}$ .  $Q$  and  $IQ$  are integral  $\Gamma$ -ideals such that  $Q = M_1 \dots M_r$  and  $IQ = N_1 \dots N_s$ . Then  $I = N_1 \dots N_s M_r^{-1} \dots M_1^{-1}$ .

To show the uniqueness, we will first show that the multiplication of maximal  $\Gamma$ -ideals is commutative. Clearly, in view of the fact that every ideal is a product of maximal ideals, multiplication of ideals is commutative.

Let  $M$  and  $N$  be maximal  $\Gamma$ -ideals. If  $M = N$ , then their multiplication commutes. If  $M \neq N$ , then by the first part of the proof  $M \cap N = MI$  for some ideal  $I$ . Then  $MI \subseteq N$ , so  $I \subseteq N$ . Hence  $M \cap N = MN$ . Clearly,  $M \cap N = NM$  follows by symmetry.

Now the classical proof of uniqueness can be applied, ([10], lemma 5, p. 272).

#### 4. - Invertible ideals in division algebras.

Throughout this section  $D$  will be a complete discrete rank one valuation ring.

As was noted before, invertibility is not always equivalent to projectivity. However, when we are considering division algebras we have the following.

*Theorem 9. Let  $R$  be a finite dimensional division  $K$ -algebra. Let  $A$  be  $D$ -order in  $R$ , and let  $I$  be a full two-sided  $A$ -ideal. Then  $I$  is  $A$ -invertible if and only if  $I$  is both right and left  $A$ -projective.*

*Proof.* If  $I$  is  $A$ -invertible, Proposition 4 shows that  $I$  is both right and left  $A$ -projective.

If  $I$  is left  $A$ -projective then since  $D$  is complete, we can apply ([5], theorem 77.1) to obtain that  $I$  is  $A$ -isomorphic to a direct sum  $\bigotimes_{i=1}^n A l_i$  with  $l_i$  an idempotent in  $A$ . However, since every idempotent in  $A$  is an idempotent in  $R$ , and since a division algebra has no nontrivial idempotents,  $A l_i = A$ . Thus

$I \cong A$ , and there is a  $v$  in  $A$  such that  $I = Av$ . In the same way, using the fact that  $I$  is right  $A$ -projective, there is a  $u$  in  $A$  such that  $I = uA$ . Since  $\theta_i(I) = \theta_i(AV) = A$  and  $\theta_r(I) = \theta_r(uA) = A$ , Proposition 5 implies that  $I$  is  $A$ -invertible.

### 5. - Structure theory.

This section will consider the structure theory of invertible ideals of orders when  $D$  is a complete discrete valuation ring. To this end, some background material will be required from [3]. For completeness we will give the essential definitions and results needed from [3] but will refer to that paper for the details.

We let  $K$  denote the quotient field of  $D$  and let  $\pi$  be a generator of the maximal ideal of  $D$ . Let  $\Sigma$  be a finite dimensional separable  $K$ -algebra. Let  $A$  denote a  $D$ -order in  $\Sigma$  and let  $\bar{A} = A/\pi A$ . Let

$$\bar{l} = \bar{l}_1 + \bar{l}_2 + \dots + \bar{l}_r$$

be a decomposition of  $\bar{l}$  into primitive orthogonal idempotents. Then since  $D$  is a complete discrete valuation ring, there are primitive orthogonal idempotents  $l_1, \dots, l_r$  in  $A$  which map to  $\bar{l}_1, \dots, \bar{l}_r$  by the natural map  $A \rightarrow \bar{A}$  and such that

$$l = l_1 + \dots + l_r.$$

We say that primitive orthogonal idempotents  $l_i$  and  $l_j$  in  $A$  are equivalent if

$$(l_i A l_j)(l_j A l_i) = l_i A l_i.$$

This is an equivalence relation, and we will write  $l_i \sim l_j$  to denote the equivalence.

A  $D$ -order  $A$  in  $\Sigma$  is said to be reduced if its identity has a decomposition into primitive orthogonal idempotents,  $1 = l_1 + \dots + l_n$ , such that no two distinct  $l_i$  and  $l_j$  are equivalent.

For the  $D$ -order  $A$  in  $\Sigma$ , let  $f_1, \dots, f_k$  denote representatives of the distinct equivalence classes of equivalent idempotents. Set  $f = f_1 + \dots + f_k$  and set  $\tilde{A} = f A f$ ; then  $\tilde{A}$  a reduced order in  $f \Sigma f$ . The map  $I \rightarrow I = f I f = I \cap \tilde{A}$  of two-sided fractionary  $A$ -ideals to two-sided  $\tilde{A}$ -ideals is one-to-one and preserves products, sums and intersections. We will let  $m_i$  denote the number of distinct idempotents in the its equivalence class of equivalent idempotents. Example 12 will show that  $m_i$  is not necessarily equal to  $m_j$ .

The following theorem is the structure theorem for invertible ideals in reduced orders. The proof is essentially contained in the proof of Theorems 5 and 6 of [3].

**Theorem 10.** *Let  $\tilde{I}$  be a full two-sided in the reduced  $D$ -order  $\tilde{A}$ . Then  $\tilde{I}$  is  $\tilde{A}$ -invertible if and only if there is a permutation  $\sigma$  of the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  and an element  $x$  of  $\tilde{I}$  such that  $\tilde{I} = x\tilde{A} = \tilde{A}x$ ,  $x = x_1 + \dots + x_k$  with  $x_i$  an element of  $f_i\tilde{I}f_{\sigma(i)}$  and  $x_i f_{\sigma(i)} A f_i = f_i \tilde{I} f_i$ . Further, the inverse  $\tilde{J}$  of  $\tilde{I}$  is of the form  $\tilde{J} = y\tilde{A} = \tilde{A}y$ , where  $y$  is of the form  $y = y_1 + \dots + y_r$ ,  $y_i$  in  $f_{\sigma(i)}\tilde{J}f_i$  and  $x_i y_i = f_i$ ,  $y_i x_i = f_{\sigma(i)}$ . In particular,  $\tilde{I}$  and  $\tilde{J}$  are  $\tilde{A}$ -free on one generator.*

Now we consider the case where  $A$  is not reduced. It is easy to see that if  $l_i, l'_i, l_j, l'_j$  are idempotents in  $A$  such that  $l_i \sim l'_i$  and  $l_j \sim l'_j$ , then  $l_i A l_j \cong \cong l'_i A l'_j$  as  $D$ -modules. So we have  $I$  written as follows:

$$I = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} l_\alpha I l_\beta \cong \sum_{i, j} m_i m_j f_i I f_j$$

where  $l_\alpha \sim f_i$ ,  $l_\beta \sim f_j$  and the multiplier  $m_i m_j$  signifies that there are  $m_i m_j$  terms that are isomorphic to  $f_i I f_j$ . Further by Theorem 9,

$$I \cong \sum_{i, j} (x_i f_{\sigma(i)} A f_j) m_i m_j$$

where the  $x_i$  are the elements described in the statement of Theorem 10.

In view of Theorem 10, one might hope that  $I$  is  $A$ -cyclic. However, since the  $m_i$  are not necessarily equal, we do not have cyclicity (cfr. Examples 12).

When  $D$  is a DEDEKIND domain, one can reduce considerations to the case of a complete discrete valuation ring by localizing at the maximal primes of  $D$ . However, the structure of the invertible ideals now becomes rather complicated. There are two reasons for this: first, as already noted, the  $m_i$  may be different; second, on localization we may obtain different sets of nonequivalent idempotents. For these reasons it appears to be best to give the structure in terms of local conditions.

### 6.- Examples.

In the examples which follow,  $A$  is a discrete rank one valuation ring,  $K$  is the quotient field of  $A$ ,  $\pi$  is a generator of the maximal ideal of  $A$ ,  $\Sigma_n$  is the  $K$ -algebra of  $n \times n$  matrices with coefficients in  $K$ ,  $\Lambda$  is an order in  $\Sigma$ . We will write  $\Lambda = (A\pi^{r_{ij}})$ , where this notation means that the elements of the  $(i, j)$  position are those elements in the  $A$ -ideal generated by  $\pi^{r_{ij}}$ .



Example 11. Set

$$\Gamma = \begin{bmatrix} A & A \\ A & A \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{A} = \begin{bmatrix} A & A \\ \pi A & A \end{bmatrix},$$

and

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} \pi A & \pi A \\ \pi A & \pi A \end{bmatrix}.$$

From ([8], theorem 2.6)  $\mathcal{A}$  is hereditary, so  $I$  is both right and left  $\mathcal{A}$ -projective.  $I = \pi\Gamma = \Gamma\pi$ , so  $I$  is  $\Gamma$ -invertible. Also,  $\theta_r(I) = \theta_l(I) = \Gamma$ , but

$$(\mathcal{A}: I)_r = \begin{bmatrix} A & \pi^{-1}A \\ A & \pi^{-1}A \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad (\mathcal{A}: I)_l = \begin{bmatrix} \pi^{-1}A & \pi^{-1}A \\ A & A \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hence, by Proposition 5,  $I$  is not  $\mathcal{A}$ -invertible. Therefore, there is a full two-sided  $\mathcal{A}$ -ideal which is both right and left  $\mathcal{A}$ -projective with  $\theta_r(I) = \theta_l(I)$  but is not  $\mathcal{A}$ -invertible.

Example 12. Set

$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{bmatrix} A & A & A \\ \pi A & A & \pi A \\ A & A & A \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad I = \begin{bmatrix} \pi A & A & \pi A \\ \pi A & \pi A & \pi A \\ \pi A & A & \pi A \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let  $l_{ii}$  denote the usual matrix idempotents. Then  $\mathcal{A}$  is not reduced since  $l_{11} \sim l_{33}$ .  $I$  is  $\mathcal{A}$ -invertible by

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} A & \pi^{-1}A & A \\ A & A & A \\ A & \pi^{-1}A & A \end{bmatrix}.$$

Set  $f = l_{11} + l_{22}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}} = f\mathcal{A}f$ : i.e.,

$$\tilde{\mathcal{A}} = \begin{bmatrix} A & A \\ \pi A & A \end{bmatrix}.$$

Further,

$$\tilde{I} = \begin{bmatrix} \pi A & A \\ \pi A & \pi A \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now set

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \pi & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

and then we have  $\tilde{I} = \tilde{A}x = x\tilde{A}$ .  $I$  is not  $A$ -cyclic. To see this, assume the contrary. On noting that  $I^2 = \pi A$ , we see that there are elements,  $a, b$  in  $A$  such that  $x^2 = \pi a$ ,  $xlx = \pi$ . Then  $(\det a)(\det b) = 1$  and  $(\det x)^2 = \pi^3(\det b)$ , Let  $(\det x) = \pi^s$ . Then  $2s = 3$ , a contradiction.

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