

# Ideals of operators on $(\oplus E_n)_{c_0}$ and $(\oplus E'_n)_{\ell^1}$

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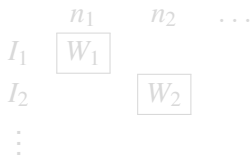
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