

# ZERO DIVISOR GRAPHS OF UPPER TRIANGULAR MATRIX RINGS

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ABSTRACT. Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with identity  $1 \neq 0$  and  $T$  be the non-commutative ring of all  $n \times n$  upper triangular matrices over  $R$ . In this paper, we describe the zero divisor graph  $\vec{\Gamma}(T)$  of  $T$ . Some basic graph theory properties of  $\vec{\Gamma}(T)$  are given, including determination of the girth and diameter. The structure of such a graph is discussed and bounds for the number of edges are given. The structure of the graph  $\vec{\Gamma}(T)$  is fully described in the case that  $T$  is a  $2 \times 2$  upper triangular matrix ring over a finite integral domain  $R$ ; in this case an explicit formula for the number of edges is given.

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