

On varieties of modular lattices with complementation

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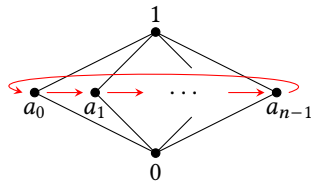
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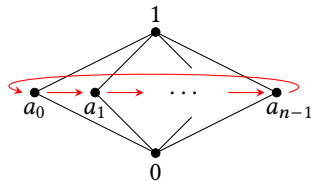
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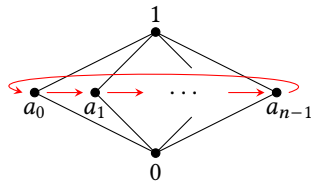
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where $\oplus$ is any ‘symmetric difference’ for $\mathcal{M}$, i.e., any binary term such that, in $\mathcal{M}$,

$$x \oplus y = y \oplus x, \quad x \oplus 0 = x, \quad x \oplus 1 = x', \quad \text{and} \quad x \oplus y = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y;$$

for instance, $x \oplus y$ could be

$$(x \vee y) \wedge (x \wedge y)' \quad \text{or} \quad (x \vee y) \wedge (x' \vee y'), \quad \text{but not} \quad (x \wedge y') \vee (x' \wedge y).$$

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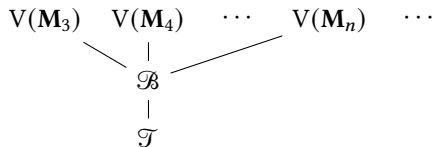
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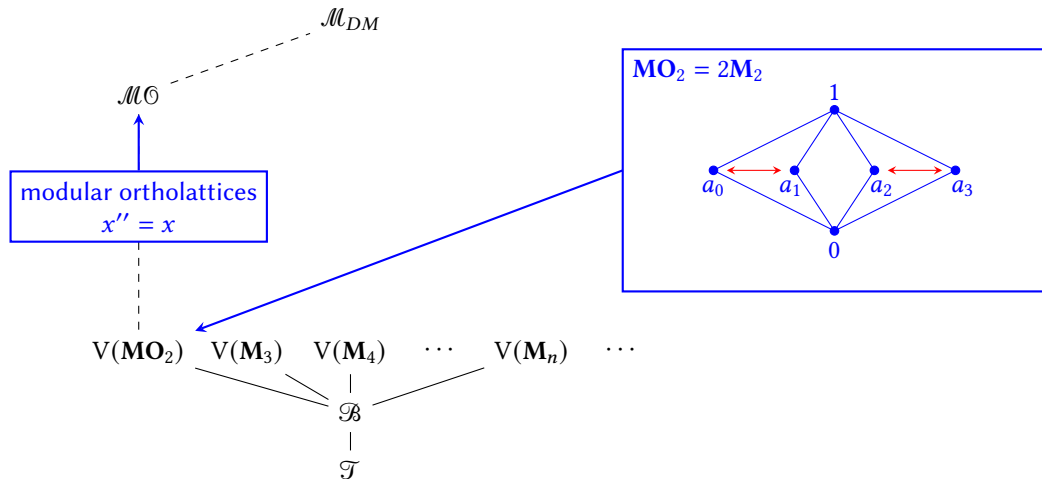
Suppose $\mathbf{M}_n \in \mathcal{S}$ but $n \notin S$, for some $n \geq 3$. Then $\mathbf{M}_n \in \text{HSP}_U(\mathbf{M}_s \mid s \in S)$, i.e., $\mathbf{M}_n \in H(\mathbf{K})$ where $\mathbf{K} \in S(\mathbf{L})$ where $\mathbf{L} \in P_U(\mathbf{M}_s \mid s \in S)$. Neither $\mathbf{K}$ nor $\mathbf{L}$ is a boolean algebra. Since the M_s are lattices of length 2 and width ≥ 3 , so is L . Hence $L \cong M_\lambda$ for some $\lambda \geq 3$. Since $\mathbf{K}$ is not a boolean algebra, $K \cong M_\kappa$ for some $\kappa \geq 3$. Then $\mathbf{K}$ is a simple algebra, so $\mathbf{M}_n \in H(\mathbf{K})$ must be isomorphic to $\mathbf{K} \in S(\mathbf{L})$. However, since $n \notin S$, none of the $\mathbf{M}_s$ has a subalgebra isomorphic to $\mathbf{M}_n$, and hence neither does $\mathbf{L}$; a contradiction.

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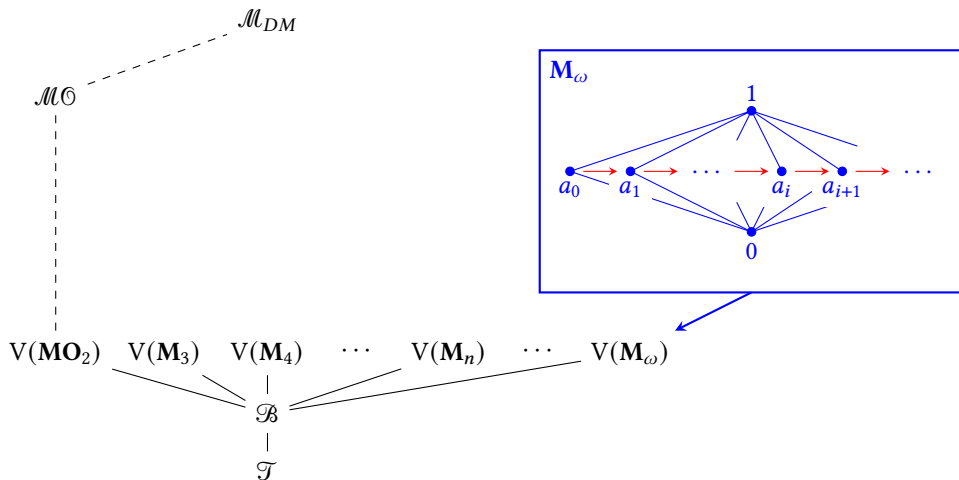
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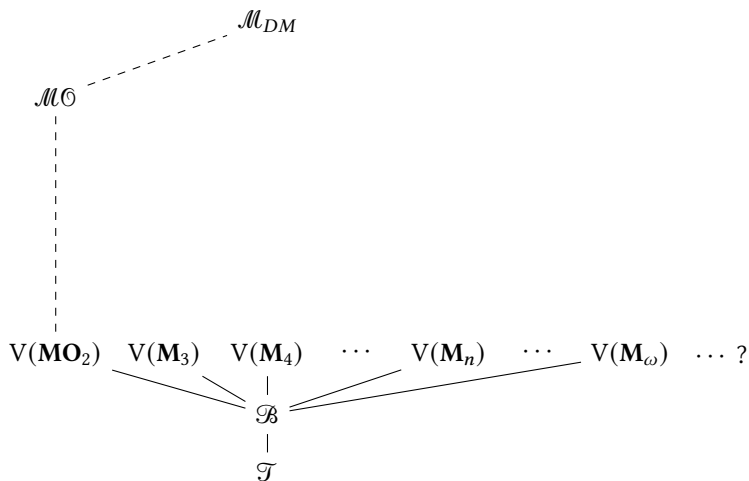
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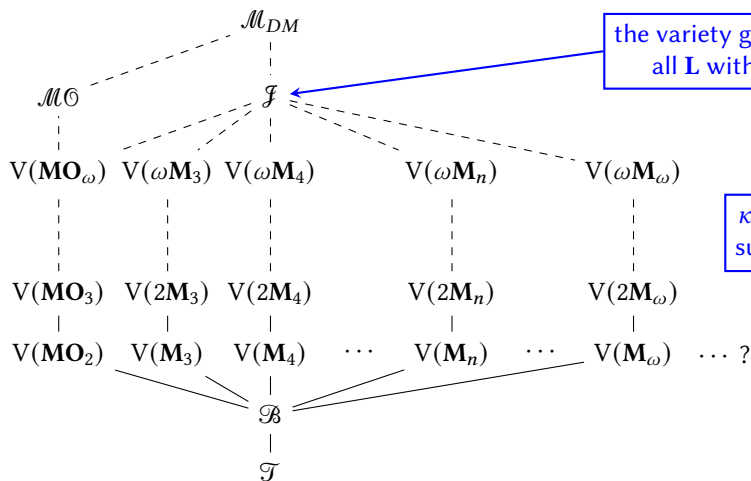
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JÓNSSON (1968): For every integer $n \geq 3$, the variety generated by the lattice M_n is axiomatized, relative to modular lattices, by the equations

$$u \wedge (x \vee (y \wedge z)) \wedge (y \vee z) \leq x \vee (u \wedge y) \vee (u \wedge z) \quad (\text{J})$$

and

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Note: (J) is redundant for $n = 3$.

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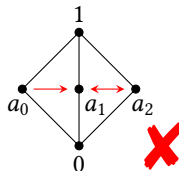
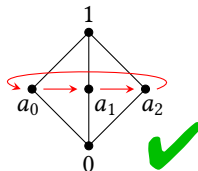
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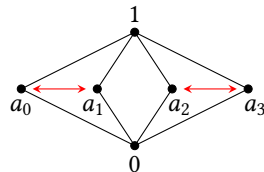
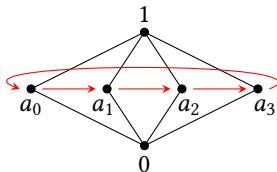
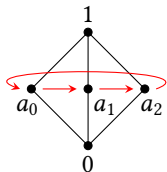
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For example, $\mathcal{J}_4 = V(\mathbf{M}_3, \mathbf{M}_4, \mathbf{MO}_2) \supset V(\mathbf{M}_3, \mathbf{M}_4)$:



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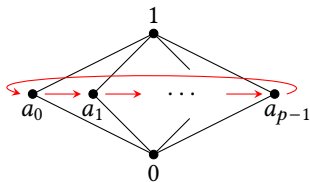
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In a lattice L , an element $a \in L$ is **neutral** if, for all $b, c \in L$, the sublattice generated by $\{a, b, c\}$ is distributive. In a complemented modular lattice, an element is neutral iff it has a unique complement.

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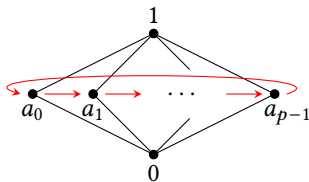


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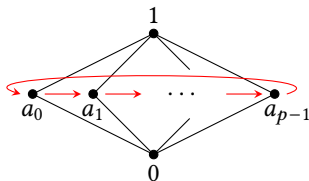


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For $\mathbf{M}_p$, the following are equivalent:

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In fact, $\mathbf{L} \cong [\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{a}] \times [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{1}]$, where $x^b = x' \wedge a$ for $x \in [0, a]$ and $x^\# = x' \vee a$ for $x \in [a, 1]$.

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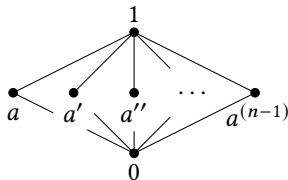
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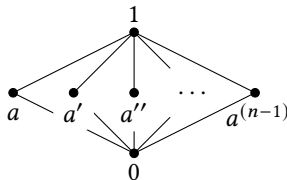


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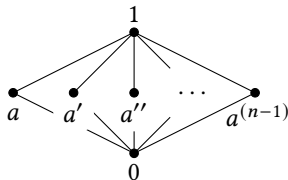
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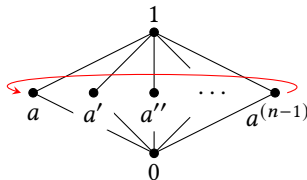
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- For every $a \neq 0$, the following copy of M_n is a sublattice of L :



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- Finally, $a^{(n)} = a$, and so $\mathbf{L} \cong \mathbf{M}_n$.

Axiomatization of $V(\mathbf{M}_3)$ again

In particular, $V(\mathbf{M}_3)$ is axiomatized, relative to $\mathcal{M}_{DM}$, by

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$$x \wedge (y \vee z \vee z'') = (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge (z \vee z'')). \quad (\mathbf{T}_3)$$

We know that $V(\mathbf{M}_3) = \mathcal{J}_3$, i.e., $(\mathbf{T}_3)$ is redundant, but it is not straightforward to get $(\mathbf{T}_3)$ from $(\mathbf{M}_3)$: If $\mathbf{L} \in \mathcal{J}_3$, then

- for every $a \in L$, $a \in \text{Neutr } L$ iff $a = a''$;
- $\mathbf{L}$ satisfies the equation $x \vee x'' = (x \vee x'')''$;
- hence the elements $a \vee a''$ are neutral, and so $\mathbf{L}$ satisfies $(\mathbf{T}_3)$.

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where $q = \frac{(n+2)^k - 2^k}{n}$ and $r = 2^k$.

The exponents are

$$\frac{\text{number of valuations of } x_1, \dots, x_k}{\text{number of automorphisms}}$$

THANK YOU!