

# Modular Lattices Embedded into Congruence Lattices of Algebras in almost all Varieties

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**Goal:** Show every modular lattice you have ever drawn (and several you haven't) is in  $\mathbf{SCon} \mathcal{V}$ , for most  $\mathcal{V}$ .

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$$\theta_i = \{ \langle \langle a_0, a_1 \rangle, \langle b_0, b_1 \rangle \rangle \in \mathbf{A}(\alpha) \times \mathbf{A}(\alpha) : \langle a_i, b_i \rangle \in \theta \}.$$

$\eta_0$  and  $\eta_1$  are the kernels of the projections (not  $0_0$  and  $0_1$ ).



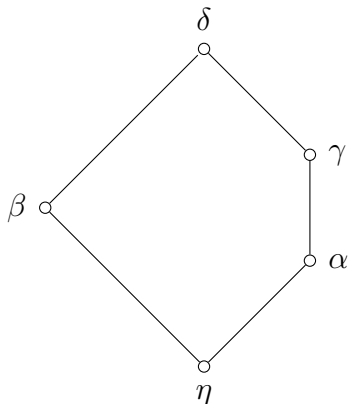
## Lemma

Let  $\alpha$ ,  $\theta$  and  $\psi$  be congruences on  $\mathbf{A}$ . With notation as above:

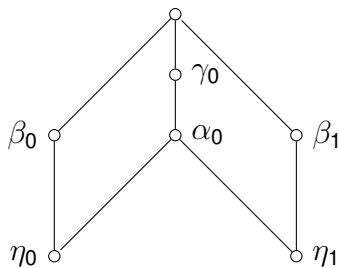
- (i) The map  $\langle a_0, a_1 \rangle \mapsto \langle a_1, a_0 \rangle$  defines an automorphism of  $\mathbf{A}(\alpha)$  which interchanges  $\theta_0$  and  $\theta_1$ .
- (ii) The map  $\theta \mapsto \theta_i$  is a lattice isomorphism of  $\mathbf{Con} \mathbf{A}$  onto the interval  $\mathbf{I}[\eta_i, \mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{A}(\alpha)}]$  of  $\mathbf{Con} \mathbf{A}(\alpha)$ , for  $i = 0, 1$ . So  $(\theta \vee \psi)_i = \theta_i \vee \psi_i$  and dually.
- (iii) If  $\psi \geq \alpha$  then  $\psi_0 = \psi_1$ .
- (iv)  $\eta_0 \vee \eta_1 = \alpha_0 (= \alpha_1)$ .
- (v)  $\eta_0$  and  $\eta_1$  permute.
- (vi)  $(\theta_0 \wedge \theta_1) \vee \eta_0 = \theta_0$ ; in fact  $\theta_0 = \eta_0 \circ (\theta_0 \wedge \theta_1) \circ \eta_0$ .

**Proof.** Easy calculations.

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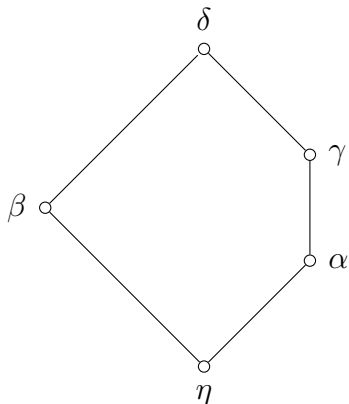


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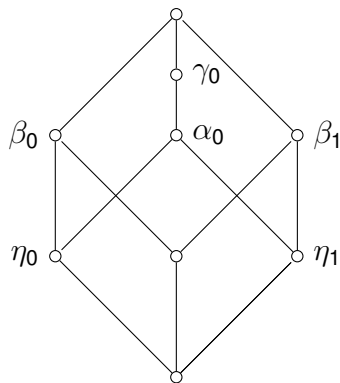


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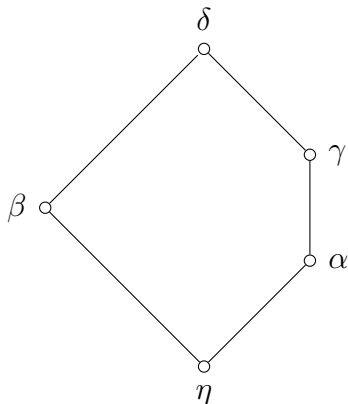


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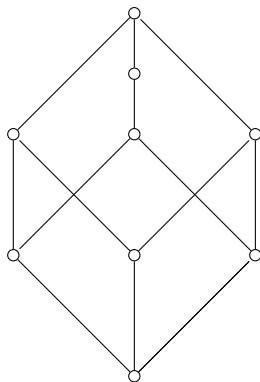


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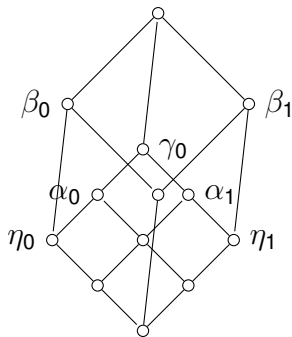
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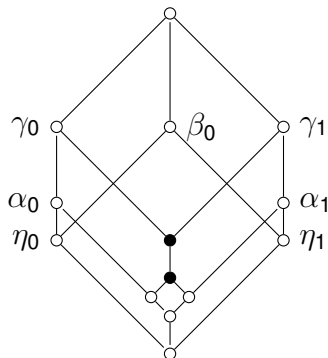
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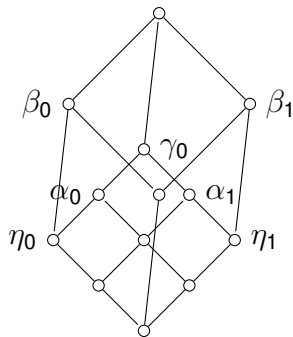
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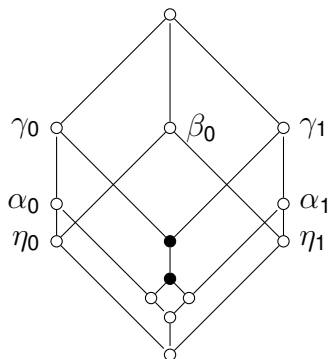
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( $\mathcal{M}_p =$  vector spaces over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ .)

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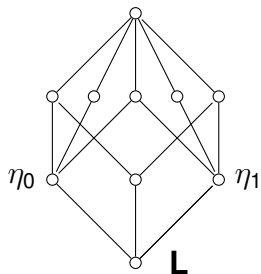
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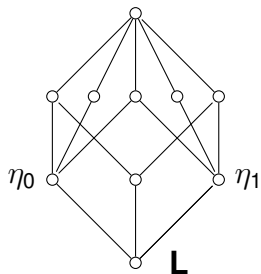


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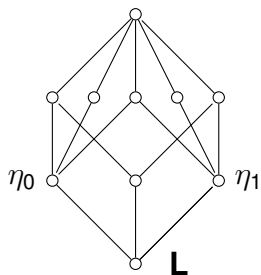
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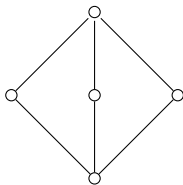
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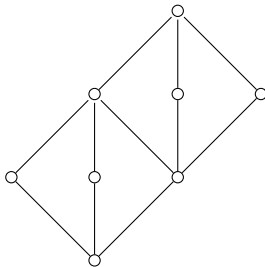
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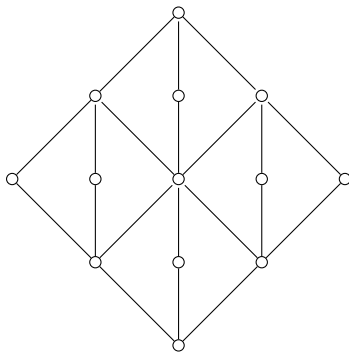
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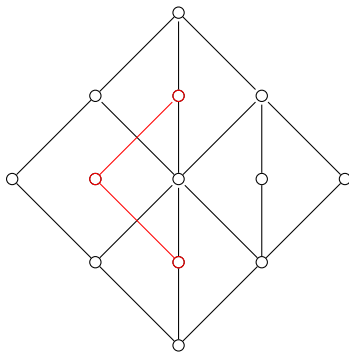


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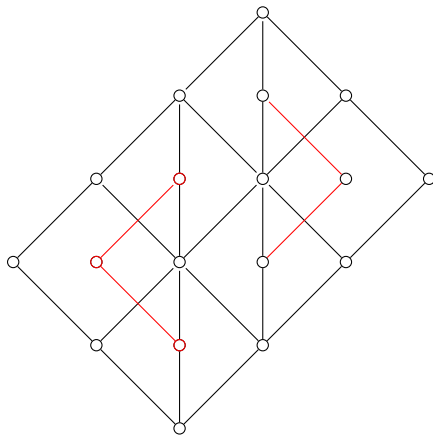




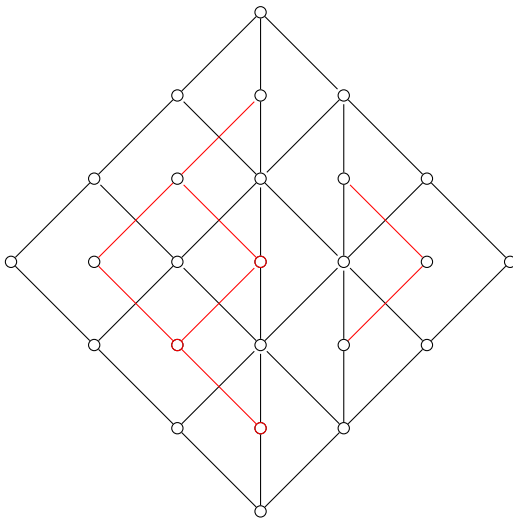
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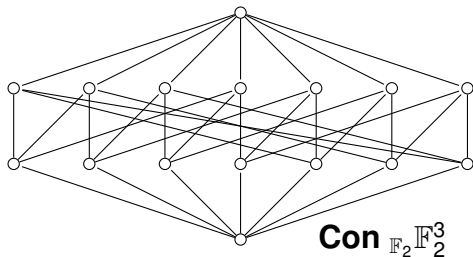
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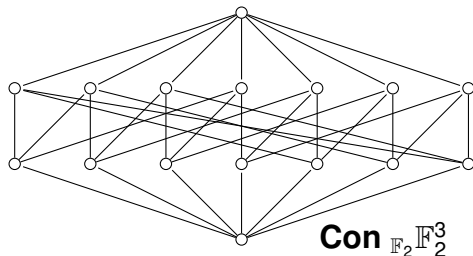
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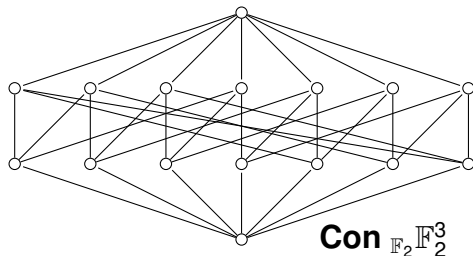
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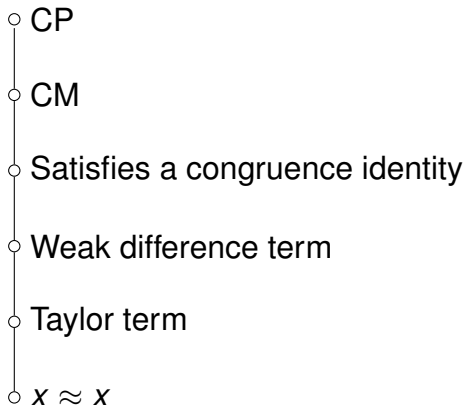
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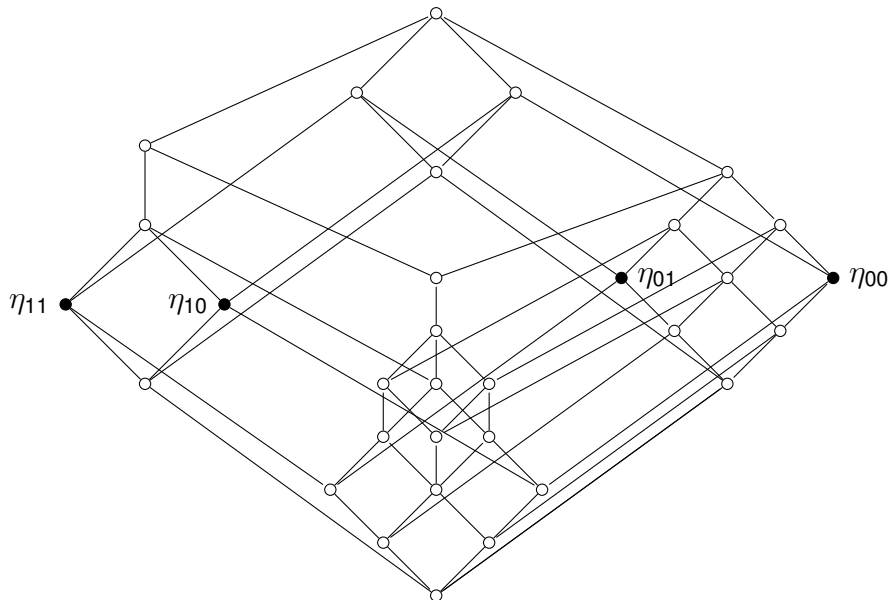
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- 1 Recall  $\mathcal{K} = \bigcap_p \mathcal{L}_p$ , where  $\mathcal{L}_p$  is all subspace lattices of all finite dimensional vector spaces over the prime field of characteristic  $p$  (including  $p = 0$ ). **Is there a good description of  $\mathcal{K}$ ?** Note it contains both simple nonplanar lattices and simple lattices that are not breadth 2.
- 2 Without assuming a weak difference term, if there is a proper abelian interval (somewhere in  $\mathcal{V}$ ), **can we find an algebra in  $\mathcal{V}$  with congruences  $\theta \succ \varphi$  satisfying  $C(\theta, \theta, \varphi)$ ?**
- 3 Is there an abelian algebra with a Taylor term whose congruence lattice is a descending chain such that each proper image is not abelian?
- 4 (See next slide)  **$\text{Con } \mathbf{F}_p(1) \in \mathbf{HSCon } \mathcal{V}$** , whenever  $\mathcal{V}$  is not CM. Is it always in  **$\mathbf{SCon } \mathcal{V}$** ?



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