

Theorem Let \mathbb{F} be a field
and $V = \mathbb{F}^n$ an \mathbb{F} -vector space.

Let $\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{F}^n) = \{ \mathbb{F}\text{-subspaces of } \mathbb{F}^n \}$
partially ordered by inclusion.

Then $\mathcal{G}(V)$ is a modular lattice.

Proposition Let $M, N, P \in \mathcal{G}(\mathbb{F}^n)$

(a) (infimums exist)

$$\inf(M, N) = M \cap N = \{ v \in \mathbb{F}^n \mid v \in M \text{ and } v \in N \}$$

(b) (supremums exist)

$$\sup(M, N) = M + N = \{ m + n \mid m \in M \text{ and } n \in N \}$$

(c) (modular law) If $P \subseteq M$ then

$$M + (N \cap P) = (M + N) \cap P$$

(d) (modular property)

$$\frac{M+N}{M} \cong \frac{N}{M \cap N}$$

The function $\dim: \mathcal{G}(\mathbb{F}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ given by
 $\dim(V) = (\# \text{ of elements in an } \mathbb{F}\text{-basis of } V)$
makes $\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{F}^n)$ a ranked modular lattice.

The subspace lattice
 $\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{F}^n) = \bigsqcup_{k=0}^n \mathcal{G}(\mathbb{F}^n)_k$,

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where

$$\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{F}^n)_k = \left\{ \mathbb{F}\text{-subspaces } V \text{ of } \mathbb{F}^n \text{ with } \dim(V) = k \right\}$$

Theorem Let \mathbb{F}_q be a finite field with q elements

For $r \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ let

$$[r] = \frac{q^r - 1}{q - 1} \quad \text{and} \quad [r]! = [r][r-1] \cdots [2][1].$$

For $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ let

$$\begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix} = \frac{[n]!}{[k]![n-k]!}.$$

Then

$$\text{Card}(\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{F}_q^n)_k) = \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\sum_{k=0}^n x^k q^{\frac{k(k-1)}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix} = (1+x)(1+xq) \cdots (1+xq^{n-1}).$$

The subset lattice $\mathfrak{S}(n)$

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$\mathfrak{S}(n) = \{ \text{subsets of } \{1, \dots, n\} \}$
partially ordered by inclusion.

The function $\text{Card}: \mathfrak{S}(n) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ given by

$$\text{Card}(S) = (\# \text{ of elements of } S)$$

makes $\mathfrak{S}(n)$ a ranked modular lattice.

$$\mathfrak{S}(n) = \bigsqcup_{k=0}^n \mathfrak{S}(n)_k,$$

where

$$\mathfrak{S}(n)_k = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{subsets } S \text{ of } \{1, \dots, n\} \\ \text{with } \text{Card}(S) = k \end{array} \right\}$$

Theorem For $r \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ let

$$r! = r \cdot (r-1) \cdot \dots \cdot 2 \cdot 1.$$

For $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ let

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}.$$

Then

$$\text{Card}(\mathfrak{S}(n)_k) = \binom{n}{k}$$

and

$$\sum_{k=0}^n x^k \binom{n}{k} = \underbrace{(1+x)(1+x) \cdots (1+x)}_{n \text{ factors}} = (1+x)^n.$$

Automorphisms of posets Let P and Q be posets. (4)

A morphism of posets is a function

$f: P \rightarrow Q$ such that

if $x, y \in P$ and $x \leq y$ then $f(x) \leq f(y)$.

An isomorphism of posets is a morphism $f: P \rightarrow Q$ such that the inverse function $f^{-1}: Q \rightarrow P$ exists and f^{-1} is a morphism of posets.

An automorphism of P is an isomorphism of posets $f: P \rightarrow P$.

HW! Give an example of a morphism of finite posets $f: P \rightarrow Q$ that is bijective but is not an isomorphism of posets.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \uparrow & \downarrow & \\ \downarrow & \uparrow & \\ \downarrow & \uparrow & \\ \downarrow & \uparrow & \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} f(b) \\ f(a) \end{array}$$

Theorem

(a) $\text{Aut}(GL_n(\mathbb{F})) = GL_n(\mathbb{F})$

(b) $\text{Aut}(S_n) = S_n$.

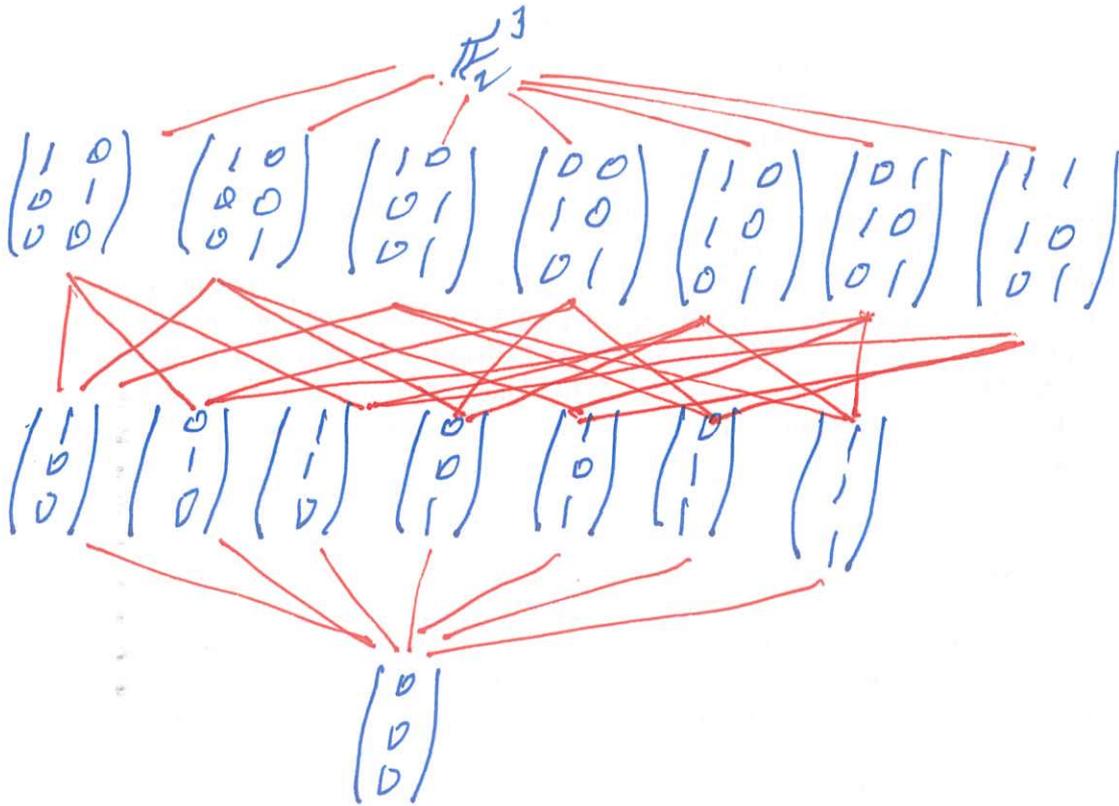
(So $S_n = GL_n(\mathbb{F}_2)$.)

The Fano plane

Let $q=2$ and $n=3$ so that

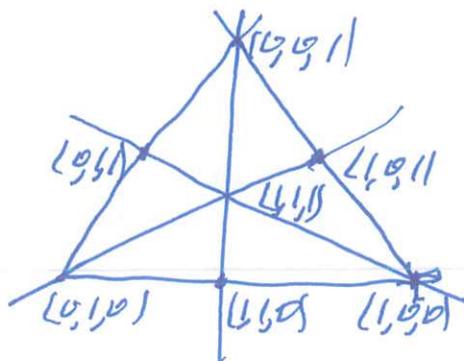
$$\mathbb{F}_2 = \{0, 1\} \text{ and } \mathbb{F}_2^3 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} \mid a_i \in \mathbb{F}_2 \right\}$$

has cardinality 8. Then $G(\mathbb{F}_2^3)$ is



with representatives of G/\mathbb{P}_1 on level 1 and representatives of G/\mathbb{P}_2 on level 2.

Another way to encode this poset is via the Fano plane



so that the inclusion of points in lines matches the poset $G(\mathbb{F}_2^3)$.