

# ON CATEGORICAL SKEW LATTICES

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Skew lattices form a variety (Leech 1989).

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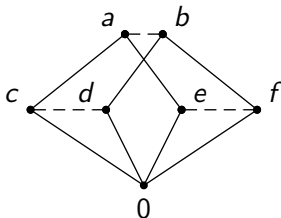
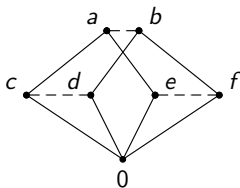


Figure: Diagram of a skew lattice



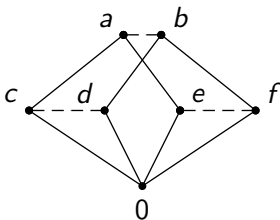
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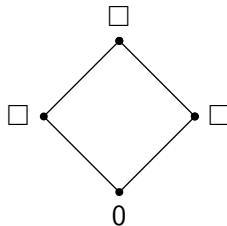
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# From a skew lattice $S$ to a lattice $S/\mathcal{D}$



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$$x \mapsto y \text{ if, and only if, } x \geq y.$$

## Coset bijections in $A > B$

Let  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$  with  $a > b$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 B \vee a \vee B & \xrightarrow{\rho_{a,b}} & A \wedge b \wedge A \\
 x & \rightarrow & x \wedge b \wedge x \\
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$S$  is categorical iff  $\psi \circ \varphi \supseteq \chi$ .

## A category ...

If  $S$  is categorial, a category  $Cat(S)$  can be defined by the following:

- The objects of  $S$  are the  $\mathcal{D}$ -classes of  $S$  ;
- $Hom(A, B)$  for  $A > B$  are all coset bijections from all  $B$ -cosets in  $A$  to  $A$ -cosets in  $B$  (including  $\phi$ ). Otherwise,  $Hom(A, B)$  is empty;
- $Hom(A, A)$  is the unique identity bijection in  $A$  ;
- morphism compositions are the *usual compositions*.

## A variety ...

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Categorical skew lattices form a subvariety of skew lattices.

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(Cvetko-Vah 2005) Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} (A \wedge b \wedge A) \cap (C \vee b \vee C) &= (C \vee a \vee C) \wedge b \wedge (C \vee a \vee C) \\ &= (A \wedge c \wedge A) \vee b \vee (A \wedge c \wedge A). \end{aligned}$$

is another characterization for Categorical Skew Lattices.

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(Leech 2010)

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 a & \cdots & x = c' \vee a \vee c' \\
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$$\begin{array}{ccc}
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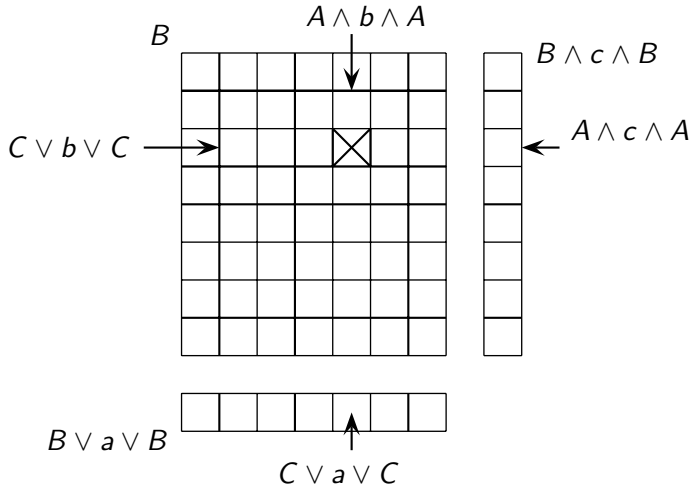
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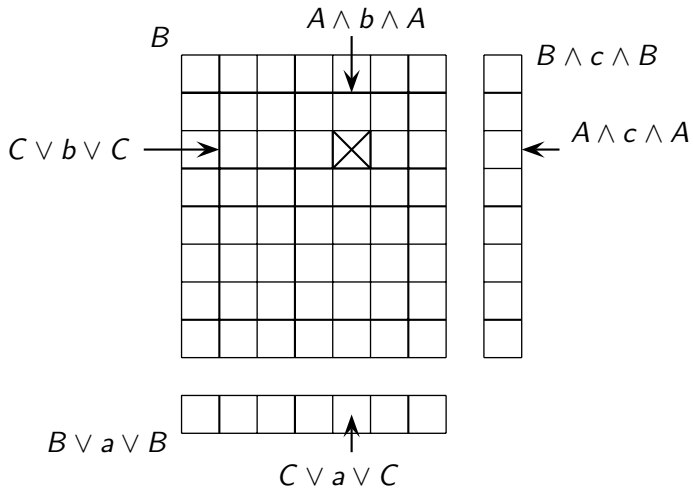
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The index of  $B$  in  $A$ ,  $[B : A] = |\{a \in A : a \geq b\}|$ , equals the number of  $B$ -cosets in  $A$ . Dually, we define the index of  $A$  in  $B$ ,  $[A : B] = |\{b \in B : a \geq b\}|$ .

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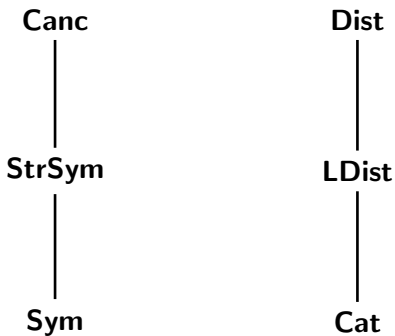
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|  
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|  
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**Dist**  
|  
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|  
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$bA = \{ba : a \in A\}$  is the coset of  $A$  in  $B$  and

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- (i) for any two matrices  $a \in E_i$ ,  $b \in E_j$ ,  $i > j$ , a block decomposition exists such that  $a$  and  $b$  have block forms

$$a = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 & a_{13} \\ 0 & I & a_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} I & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

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- (ii) for non-comparable  $\mathcal{D}$ -classes  $A$  and  $B$  with the meet class  $M$  and the join class  $J$  a block decomposition exists such that we may assume that  $m_0 \in M$ ,  $a_0 \in A$ ,  $b_0 \in B$  and  $j_0 \in J$ , where

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Furthermore, given any matrices  $m \in M$ ,  $j \in J$ ,  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$  they have block forms

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$$m = \begin{bmatrix} l & x & y & z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad a = \begin{bmatrix} l & 0 & w & u \\ 0 & l & 0 & v \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} .$$



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Therefore,

$$mJ = m'J \text{ iff for all } a \in A, (m\nabla a)J = (m'\nabla a)J \text{ and } mA = m'A.$$

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