

Comb ① Thur 2/7/02

Redo paths problem w/

- count, not weights (simpler)
- sensible notation

$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ \vdots \\ x_{n1} & x_{n2} \end{bmatrix}$  matrix whose rows are starts of paths

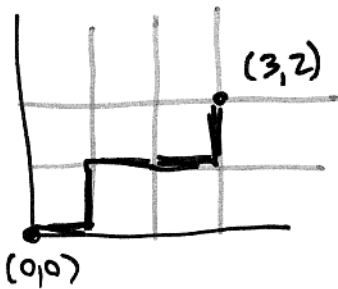
$Y = \begin{bmatrix} y_{11} & y_{12} \\ \vdots \\ y_{n1} & y_{n2} \end{bmatrix}$  matrix " " " ends of paths

and  $x_i = (x_{i1}, x_{i2})$ ,  $y_i = (y_{i1}, y_{i2})$

Given  $\pi \in \mathcal{S}_n$ ,  $Y_\pi$  is  $Y$  w/ rows permuted by  $\pi$ :

$$Y_\pi = \begin{bmatrix} y_{\pi(1)1} & y_{\pi(1)2} \\ \vdots \\ y_{\pi(n)1} & y_{\pi(n)2} \end{bmatrix}$$

paths go over  $\rightarrow$  or up  $\uparrow$   $((1,0)$  or  $(0,1))$



$n$ -path  $L$  is set of  $n$  paths

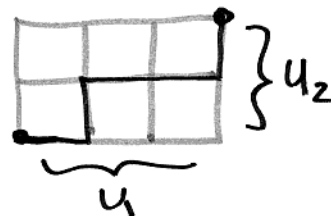
$\{ L_i \text{ from } x_i \text{ to } y_i \} \quad i=1..n$

~~paths~~ its type is  $(X, Y)$

$h(u)$ ,  $u = (u_1, u_2)$ , is # paths

$\Leftrightarrow$  out of  $u_1 + u_2$  steps,

where are the  $u_1$  horizontal steps?



$$h(u) = \begin{cases} \binom{u_1 + u_2}{u_1} & u \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

(2)

\* n-paths  $L$  of type  $(X, Y)$  is therefore

$$\prod_{i=1}^n h(y_i - x_i)$$

# n-paths  $L$  of type  $(X, Y_\pi)$  is therefore

$$\prod_{i=1}^n h(y_{\pi(i)} - x_i)$$

Theorem # nonintersecting n-paths of type  $(X, Y)$  is

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} h(y_1 - x_1) & h(y_2 - x_1) & \dots & h(y_n - x_1) \\ h(y_1 - x_2) & h(y_2 - x_2) & \dots & h(y_n - x_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ h(y_1 - x_n) & h(y_2 - x_n) & \dots & h(y_n - x_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \sum_{\pi \in \mathfrak{S}_n} (-1)^\pi \prod_{i=1}^n h(y_{\pi(i)} - x_i)$$

proof: Let  $\mathcal{Q}_\pi =$  set of  $n$ -paths of type  $(X, Y_\pi)$ ,

$$\text{so } \# \mathcal{Q}_\pi = \prod_{i=1}^n h(y_{\pi(i)} - x_i)$$


---

$$\text{let } \mathcal{Q} = \bigcup_{\pi \in \mathcal{S}_n} \mathcal{Q}_\pi$$

we can pair  $n$ -paths in  $\mathcal{Q}$  that intersect,

$$L \text{ in } \mathcal{Q}_\pi \text{ with } L' \text{ in } \mathcal{Q}_\sigma,$$

so  $(-1)^\pi + (-1)^\sigma = 0$ , canceling all terms in det except those counting nonintersecting paths, in  $\mathcal{Q}_{id}$

---

Pairing rule: Lex order  $(1,1) < (1,2) < \dots < (1,n) < (2,1) < (2,2) < \dots$

Given  $L \in \mathcal{Q}_\pi$ , ~~also~~ intersecting, choose least  $(i,j)$

so  $L_i$  and  $L_j$  intersect, and least vertex  $z = (z_1, z_2)$

where they intersect. Swap the continuations past  $z$ , get  $L'$ .

- This is an involution. Rule locates same crossing, swaps back.

- If  $L$  has type  $\pi$ ,  $\pi = (\pi(1), \dots, \pi(i), \dots, \pi(j), \dots, \pi(n))$   
then  $L'$  " "  $\sigma$ ,  $\sigma = (\pi(1), \dots, \pi(j), \dots, \pi(i), \dots, \pi(n))$   
↖ ↗  
pair swap

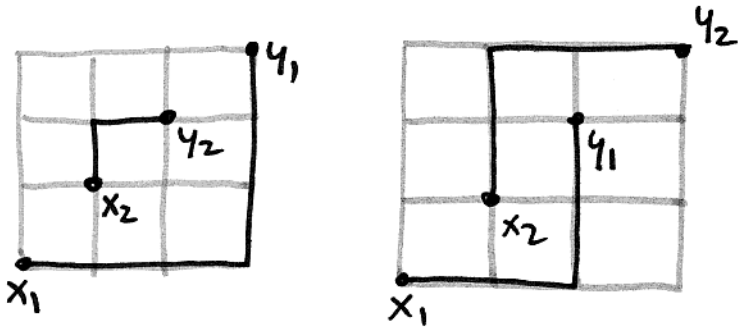
$$\text{so } \sigma = (ij)\pi \text{ and } (-1)^\sigma = (-1)(-1)^\pi$$

- If there are any nonintersecting paths in  $\mathcal{Q}_{id}$ ,

} needed hypothesis } there are none in any other  $\mathcal{Q}_\pi$ ,  
so det cancels out, as wanted. //

(4)

(Sure looks like if  $\mathcal{Q}_\pi$  is feasible for  $\pi \neq \text{id}$ , and  $(-1)^\pi = -1$ , then det gets sign wrong. Does Stanley say this?)

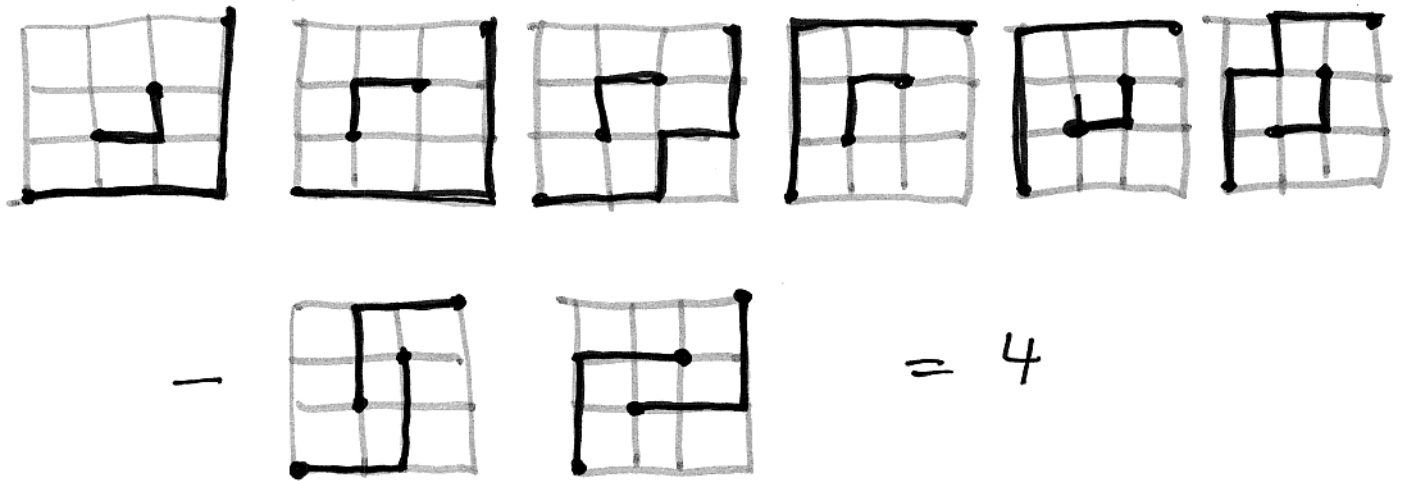


huh? Looks like both  $\mathcal{Q}_{\text{id}}$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_{(12)}$  have nonintersecting paths. What gives?

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad Y = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det \begin{vmatrix} h(x_1 - x_1) & h(y_2 - x_1) \\ h(x_1 - x_2) & h(y_2 - x_2) \end{vmatrix} = \det \begin{vmatrix} h(3,3) & h(2,2) \\ h(2,2) & h(1,1) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \det \begin{vmatrix} \binom{6}{3} & \binom{4}{2} \\ \binom{4}{2} & \binom{2}{1} \end{vmatrix} = \det \begin{vmatrix} 20 & 6 \\ 6 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 40 - 36 = 4$$



So what condition insures that only  $\alpha_{id}$  has nonintersecting paths?

Ahh! 2.7.1 Stanley states exactly this as hypothesis, only  $B(x, Y)$  is nonempty,  $B(x, Y, \pi) = \emptyset$  if  $\pi \neq id$ , where  $B(x, Y)$  is set of nonintersecting  $n$ -paths, type  $(x, Y)$ .

chapter 3, Posets

(To avoid nerve damage, we'll pick up most defs as we need them)

$P$  is a poset (partially ordered set)



$P$  is a set w/ relation  $\leq$

- 1)  $x \leq x \quad \forall x$
- 2)  $x \leq y, y \leq x \Rightarrow x=y, \quad \forall x, y$
- 3)  $x \leq y, y \leq z \Rightarrow x \leq z, \quad \forall x, y, z$

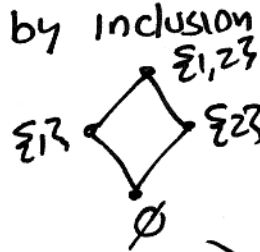
⑥

Examples

$n = \{1, \dots, n\}$ , usual order  $1 < 2 < \dots < n$   
[n] chain

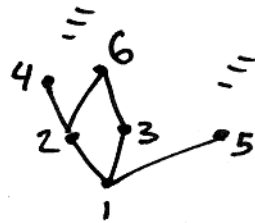


$B_n = 2^{[n]}$ , subsets of [n] by inclusion  
binary poset



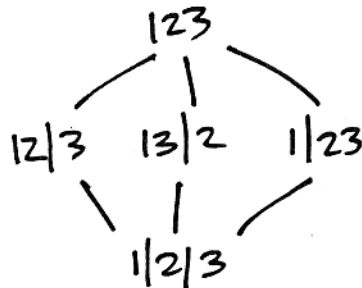
(looks like hypercube  
so  $(0, \dots, 0)$  to  $(1, \dots, 1)$  is vertical)

$D_n = \{n \in \mathbb{P}\}$   $\mathbb{P} = 1, 2, 3, \dots$   
by divisibility



$\Pi_n =$  partitions of [n]  
by refinement (finer is smaller)

partitions of [3] are  $1|2|3, 12|3, 13|2, 1|23, 123$



omb ⑦ Thurs 2/7/02

$L_n(q)$  = all subspaces of  $\mathbb{F}_q^n$ , under inclusion  
'q-analogue' of binary poset  $B_n$

---

chain linearly ordered subset of  $P$   
 $x_1 < \dots < x_n$

multichain " " w/ repeats allowed  
 $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots \leq x_n$

(If you're thinking monomials you'd be right...)

antichain (clutter) totally incomparable ~~set~~ subset

order ideal  $I \subset P$   ~~$\neq \emptyset$~~   
\* if  $x \in I$  and  $y \leq x$  then  $y \in I$

(generates "down" unlike monomial ideals, which generate "up")

dual order ideal (filter)  $I \subset P$ , if  $x \in I$  and  $y \geq x$   
then  $y \in I$

(behaves like  $\text{rng}$  ideals)

---

If  $P$  finite,  $\{\text{antichains } A\} \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \{\text{order ideals } I\}$

$$I(A) = \{x \in P \mid x \leq y \text{ some } y \in A\}$$

$$A(I) = \{x \in I \mid \underbrace{x < y}_{\text{maximal elements of } I} \Rightarrow y \notin I\}$$

maximal elements of  $I$

//

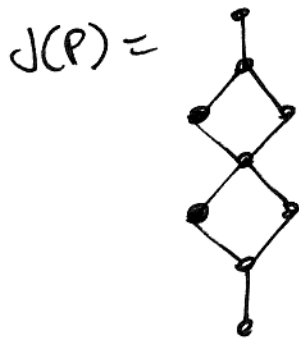
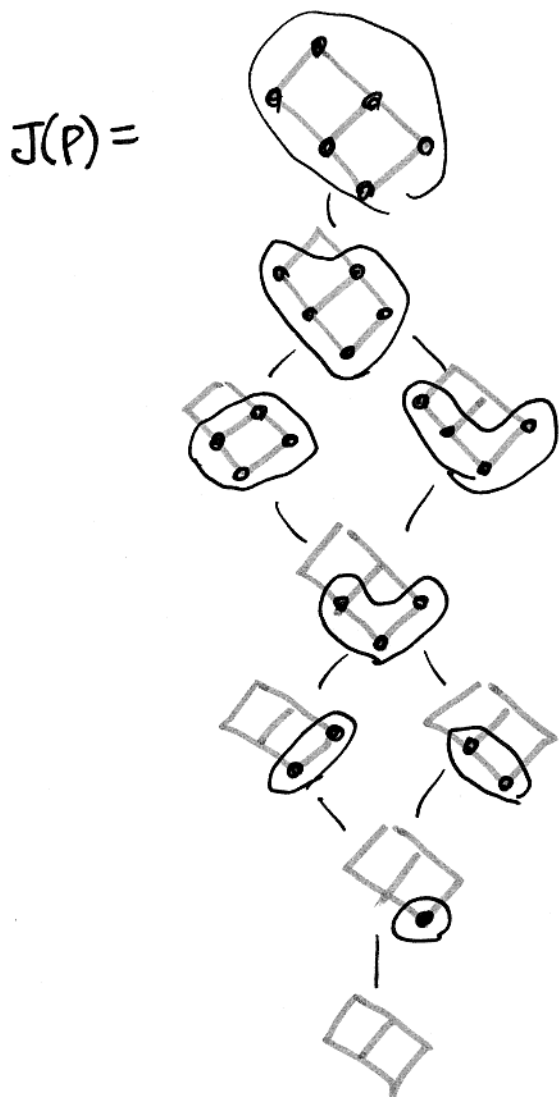
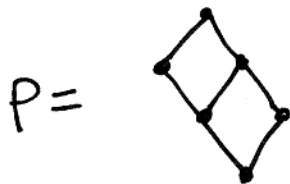
⑧

# Fundamental Theorem of Finite Distributive Lattices

If  $L$  is a finite distributive lattice, then  $\exists!$  finite poset  $P$  so  $L \cong J(P)$

what does this theorem mean? (we're hopping ahead to a result)

$J(P)$  = poset of order ideals of  $P$ , under inclusion





lattice

$x, y \in P$   $z$  upper bound if  $x \leq z, y \leq z$   
 least " "  $\otimes$

denoted  $x \vee y$ , "x join y", "x sup y"

same for greatest lower bounds,

$x \wedge y$ , "x meet y" "x inf y"

lattice is poset  $P$  so every pair  $x, y$  has  $x \vee y, x \wedge y$

$\vee, \wedge$

- associative
- commutative
- idempotent

$x \vee x = x \wedge x = x$

- absorption laws:  $x \wedge (x \vee y) = x \vee (x \wedge y) = x$

•  $x \wedge y = x \Leftrightarrow x \vee y = y \Leftrightarrow x \leq y$

All finite lattices have  $\hat{0}$  conventional name for least elem  
 $\hat{1}$  " " greatest

prop  $P$  finite meet-semilattice w/  $\hat{1} \Rightarrow$  lattice  
 meets work, joins?

proof need to show  $x, y \in P$  has lub.  $x \vee y$ :

$\hat{1} \in S = \{z \in P \mid z \geq x, z \geq y\} \neq \emptyset$

define  $\wedge S = s_1 \wedge s_2 \wedge \dots \wedge s_k, S = \{s_1, \dots, s_k\}$

then  $x \vee y = \wedge S$

$\otimes$  // think about what least means

(we skip semimodular for the moment)

Distributive lattice satisfies  $x \vee (y \wedge z) = (x \vee y) \wedge (x \vee z)$   
 $x \wedge (y \vee z) = (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge z)$

(either implies the other)

~~The partition lattice is not distributive~~

$n, B_n, D_n$  distributive lattices

$\Pi_n, L_n(q)$  lattices but not distributive

$J(P)$  distributive lattice (hence the  $\Pi_n$ )

think of  $\vee, \wedge$  as ordinary union  $\cup$  and intersection  $\cap$   
 on distinguished subsets  $T \subseteq 2^S$   
 $T$  stable under  $\cup, \cap$

get subposet of  $B_{|S|}$  under inclusion, dist. lattice.

order ideals  $J(P)$  of  $P$  enough flexibility to be universal

proof of theorem

$x \in L$  is join-irreducible if not join of strictly smaller elems

order ideal  $I \subseteq P$  join-irred in  $J(P)$

$\Leftrightarrow$  principle order ideal  $I = (x)$   
 some  $x \in P$ .

$\Rightarrow \{ \text{join-irreds of } J(P) \} \approx P$

as induced subposet of  $J(P)$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{J(P) \cong J(Q) \Leftrightarrow P \cong Q}$

comb (11) Thurs 2/7/02

so idea of proof is clear, construct  $P$  backwards  
from  $J(P) \cong L$  distributive lattice, show it all works

def  $P$  is ~~sub~~ induced subposet of join-irreds of  $L$

want to show  $J(P) \cong L$

Given  $x \in L$ , define ~~principal order ideal  $I_x$~~

$$I_x = \{ y \in P \mid y \leq x \}$$

↖ not  $L$ !

$$I_x \in J(P) \quad \text{so} \quad \phi: L \xrightarrow{x \mapsto I_x} J(P)$$

is order-preserving, meet-preserving  
injection.

need to show  $\phi$  is surjective:

given  $I \in J(P)$ , let  $x = \bigvee I$   
least upper bound in  $L$  of  $I$

want to show that  $I = I_x$ , in image of  $\phi$

check:  $I \subseteq I_x$  ✓

suppose  $z \in I_x$ , want to show  $z \in I$ :

$$\bigvee \{ y \mid y \in I \} = \bigvee \{ y \mid y \in I_x \}$$

$\bigvee I = \bigvee I_x$   
in  $L$

apply  $\wedge z$ :

$$\bigvee \{ y \wedge z \mid y \in I \} = \bigvee \underbrace{\{ y \wedge z \mid y \in I_x \}}_{\text{just } z}$$

$\Rightarrow$  some  $y \in I$  satisfies  $y \wedge z = z$ , i.e.  $z \leq y \Rightarrow z \in I$

(sol)

(12)

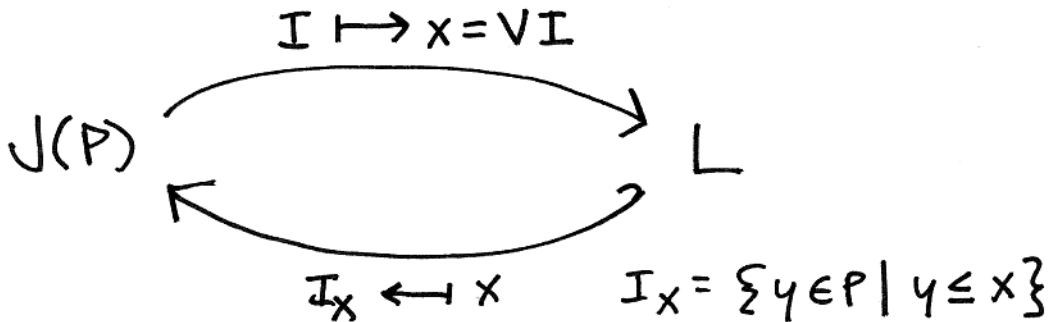
Summary

given  $L$ ,  $P \subseteq L$  is induced subposet

of  $x \in L$  join-irred

(not join of strictly smaller pairs)

now,



want to show  $\Rightarrow$   $I = I_x$

$I \subseteq I_x$  is clear

$I \supseteq I_x$ ?  $z \in I_x$ , want  $z \in I$ :

$$\vee I = \vee I_x = x$$

apply  $\wedge z$ : (use distributive law)

$$\underbrace{\vee \{y \wedge z \mid y \in I\}}_I = \underbrace{\vee \{y \wedge z \mid y \in I_x\}}_z$$

some  $y \in I$  satisfies  $y \wedge z = z$  join-irred

so  $z \leq y$ , so ~~the~~  
 $z \in I$