

# Von Neumann Coordinatization, Banaschewski functions, and ladders

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Every Arguesian lattice is modular, but the converse is false.



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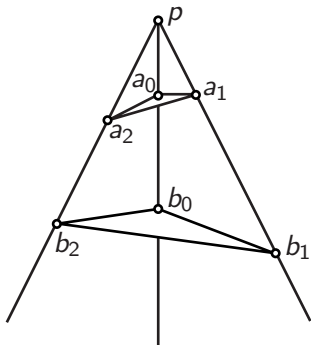
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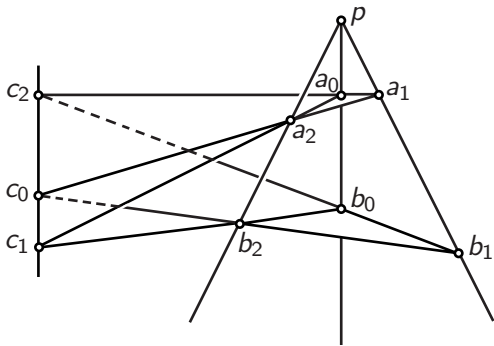
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- (*more general*) Any lattice of permuting equivalence relations on a given set. (*Note: 'Arguesian' is then not the end of the story. . .*)

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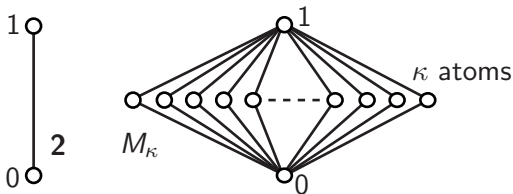
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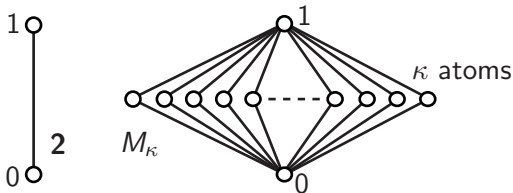
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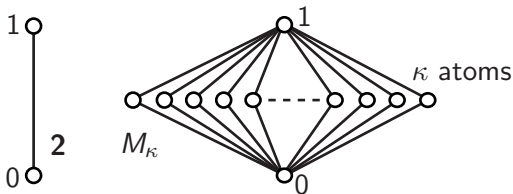
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for any finite subsets  $X$  and  $Y$  of  $I$ .

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Write  $a = \bigoplus(a_i \mid i < n)$ , if  $a = \bigvee(a_i \mid i < n)$  and  $(a_i \mid i < n)$  is independent.

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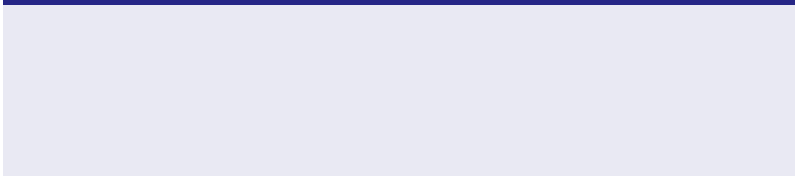
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