# Definability in substructure and embeddability orderings 

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## First-order definability in substructure orderings

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Results:
1: Every semilattice is definable.
2: The set $\left\{P, P^{d}\right\}$ is definable.
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## Corollary (K, 2015)

The poset ( $\mathcal{D} ; \leq$ ) has only one nontrivial automorphism, namely $G \mapsto G^{T}$. Therefore it's automorphism group is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}_{2}$.

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## Theorem (K, 2018+)

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This means all ( n -ary) relations first-order definable in ( $\mathcal{D} ; \leq$ ) are first-order definable in $\mathcal{C D}^{\prime}$ as well.

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## Board time



## Thank you for your attention!

