Definability in substructure and embeddability orderings

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 $(\mathcal{D}; \sqsubseteq)$ and $(\mathcal{D}; \leq)$ are completely different partial orders.

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First-order definability in substructure orderings

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Results:

- 1: Every semilattice is definable.
- 2: The set $\{P, P^d\}$ is definable.
- 3: The set $\{D, D^d\}$ 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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Two approaches:

- build from scratch again
- try to use the existing result(s)



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