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Generating the principal filters of quasiorder lattices and, in connection with it, a way from Zádori's method to a secret key cryptography

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Kvázirendezés-hálók nagy főfiltereinek generálása és ezzel kapcsolatban: út a Zádori-módszertől egy titkosírásig

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## Part 1. Generating Boolean lattices (3 #)

$B_n = (B_n; \vee, \wedge)$  stands for the Boolean lattice with  $n$  atoms. Note that  $B_n \cong \text{Pow}(\{1, \dots, n\})$ .

For a lattice  $L$ ,  $\text{mg}(L)$  is the smallest  $k$  such that  $L$  has a  $k$ -element generating set.

(a) What is  $\text{mg}(B_4)$ ? **4**

(b) What is  $\text{mg}(B_{1000})$ ? **13**

(c) Monster :=  $B_{112\,186\,277\,816\,662\,845\,432}$

(Subscript  $\approx 1.12 \cdot 10^{20}$ ) What is  $\text{mg}(\text{Monster})$ ? **70**

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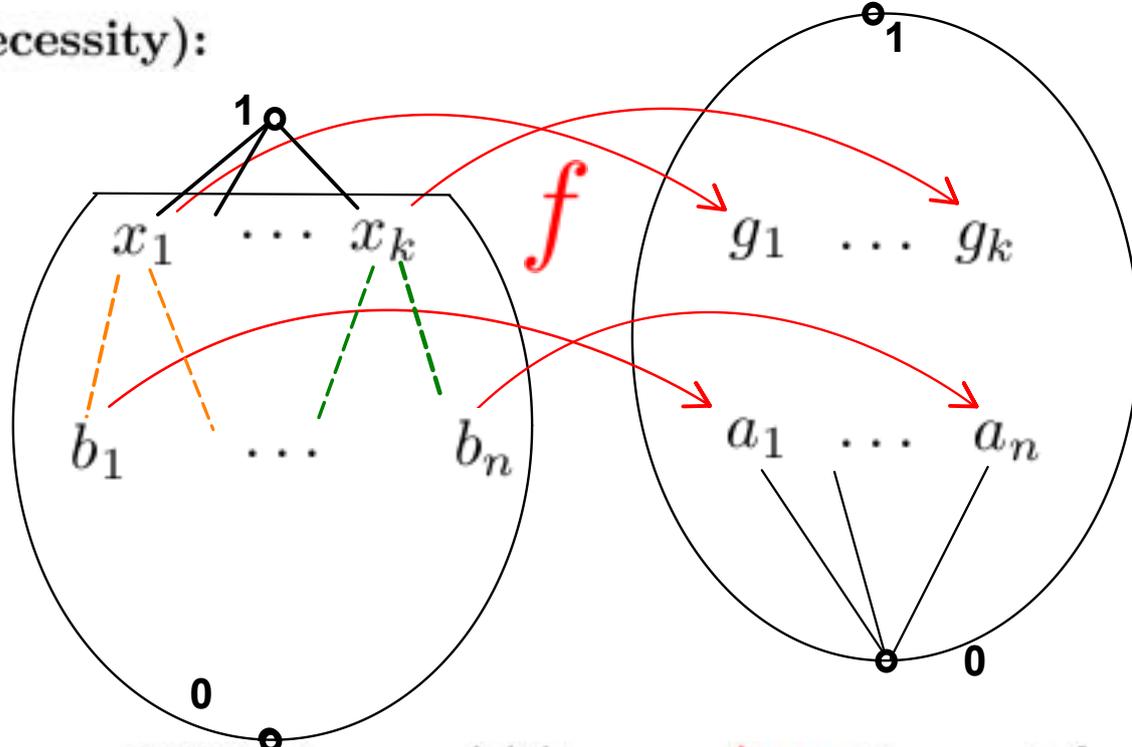
$$\text{Sp}(n) := \binom{n}{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$$

, let  $\text{LASp}(n)$  be the smallest  $k \in \mathbb{N}^+$  such that  $n \leq \text{Sp}(k)$ .

**Theorem.** For  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ ,  $\text{mg}(B_n) = \text{LASp}(n)$ .

Proof (necessity):

$B_k$   
~~Free $_{\wedge}(k)$~~



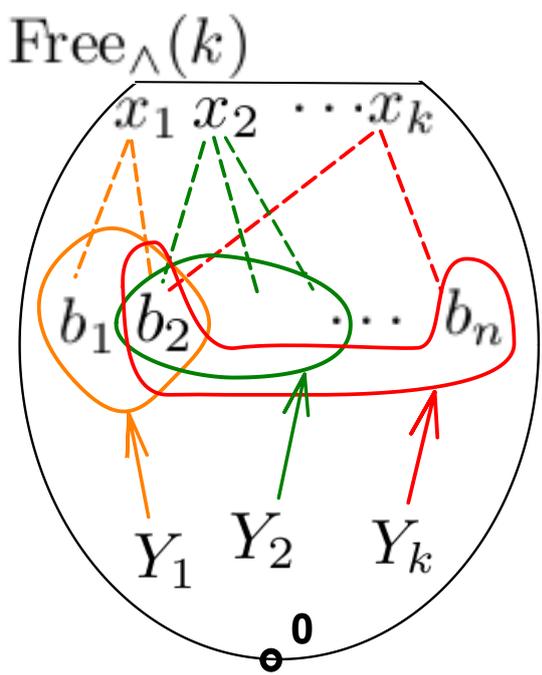
(5 #)

$B_n$

DNF  $\Rightarrow a_1 = \bigvee \bigwedge g_{ij} = \bigwedge g_j$ . So  $a_1 \in [g_1, \dots, g_k]_{\wedge}$ .  
 Hence  $a_1 \in f(\text{Free}_{\wedge}(k))$ . Thus  $\exists b_1$  such that  $f(b_1) = a_1$ .  
 As the  $a_i$ 's form an antichain, so do the  $b_j$ 's.

Sperner's thm.  $\Rightarrow n \leq \text{Sp}(k)$ .  $\checkmark$

**Sufficiency.** For  $n' < n$ ,  $\exists B_n \twoheadrightarrow B_{n'}$ . So we can assume  $n = \text{Sp}(k)$  rather than " $\leq$ ". Taking the meet of  $\lfloor k/2 \rfloor$  free generators in  $\forall$  ways, we get an  $\text{Sp}(k) = \binom{k}{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} = n$ -element antichain  $\{b_1, \dots, b_n\} \subseteq \text{Free}_{\wedge}(k)$ .



Let  $Y_j := \{b_i : b_i \leq x_j\}$  for  $j = 1, \dots, k$ .  
 In particular,  $Y_2 := \{b_i : b_i \leq x_2\}$ . Let  
 $H_\ell := \bigcap \{Y_j : b_\ell \in Y_j\}$ . E.g.,  $H_2 := \bigcap \{Y_j : b_2 \in Y_j\}$ . Clearly,  $\{b_2\} \subseteq H_2$ .

For contradiction, suppose  $b_3 \in H_2$ .  
 So  $b_3 \in \bigcap \{Y_j : b_2 \in Y_j\}$ .  
 I.e.,  $\forall j, b_2 \in Y_j \Rightarrow b_3 \in Y_j$ .  
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$$\text{So } b_2 = \bigwedge \{x_j : b_2 \leq x_j\} \geq \bigwedge \{x_j : b_3 \leq x_j\} = b_3;$$

contradiction. Thus  $\{b_2\} = H_2$ , whence  $\{b_2\}$  belongs to  $[Y_1, \dots, Y_k]$ . So do each of  $\{b_1\}, \dots, \{b_n\}$ . So  $\{Y_1, \dots, Y_k\}$  generates  $\text{Pow}(\{b_1, \dots, b_n\}) \cong B_n$ , q.e.d.

## **Part 2. Generating quasicrystal lattices and equivalence lattices**

$\mathcal{Q}(A)$  or  $\mathcal{Q}(|A|)$  is the lattice of quasiorders (=preorders) of  $A$ .  $\mathcal{E}(A)$  or  $\mathcal{E}(|A|)$ : the equivalence lattice of  $A$ . (8 #)

$n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ : Zádori(1983), Strietz(1975):  $\mathcal{E}(n)$  is 4-generated.

$\kappa_0 := \aleph_0$ ,  $\kappa_{n+1} := 2^{\kappa_n}$ . Chajda and Czédli (1996): if  $\lambda \leq \kappa_n$ , then  $\mathcal{Q}(\lambda)$  is  $3^*$ -generated and so 6-generated.

Czédli(1996):  $\mathcal{E}(\lambda)$  is 4-generated provided that  $\lambda$  is accessible ( $\forall \lambda$  is such in Kuratowski's model of ZFC).

Takách (1996): if  $\lambda$  is *accessible* then  $\mathcal{Q}(\lambda)$  is  $3^*$ -generated and so 6-generated.

Dolgos (2015): if  $\lambda \leq \aleph_0$ , then  $\mathcal{Q}(\lambda)$  is 5-generated.

Kulin (2016): for  $\lambda$  accessible,  $\mathcal{Q}(\lambda)$  is 5-generated.

Czédli–Kulin (2017)  $4 \neq \lambda$  is accessible  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{Q}(\lambda)$  is 4-generated.

Czédli (2017): if  $3 \leq \lambda$ , then  $\mathcal{Q}(\lambda)$  is **not** 3-generated.

For almost  $\forall$  accessible  $\lambda$ ,  $\mathcal{Q}(\lambda)$  and  $\mathcal{E}(\lambda)$  are (1+1+2)-generated:

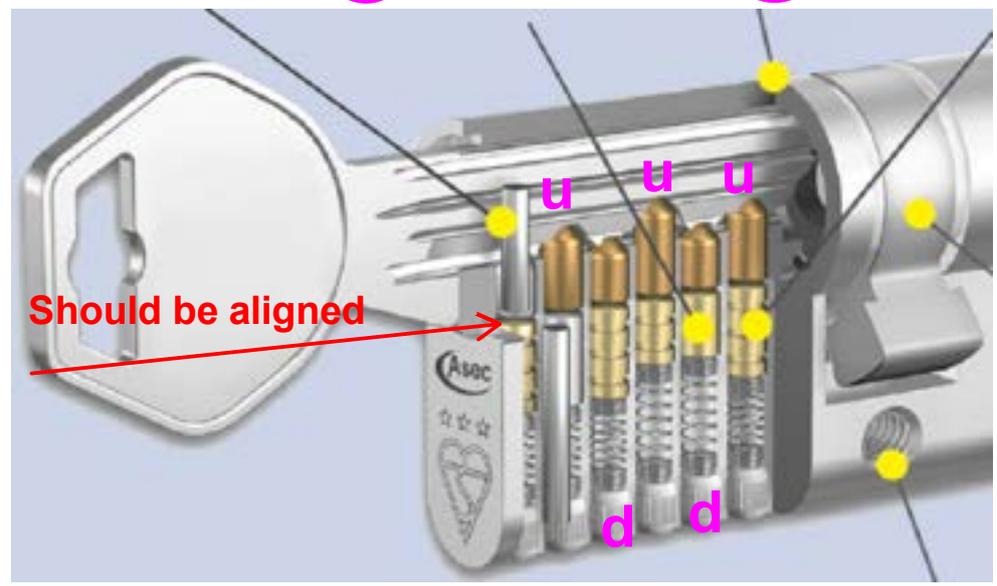
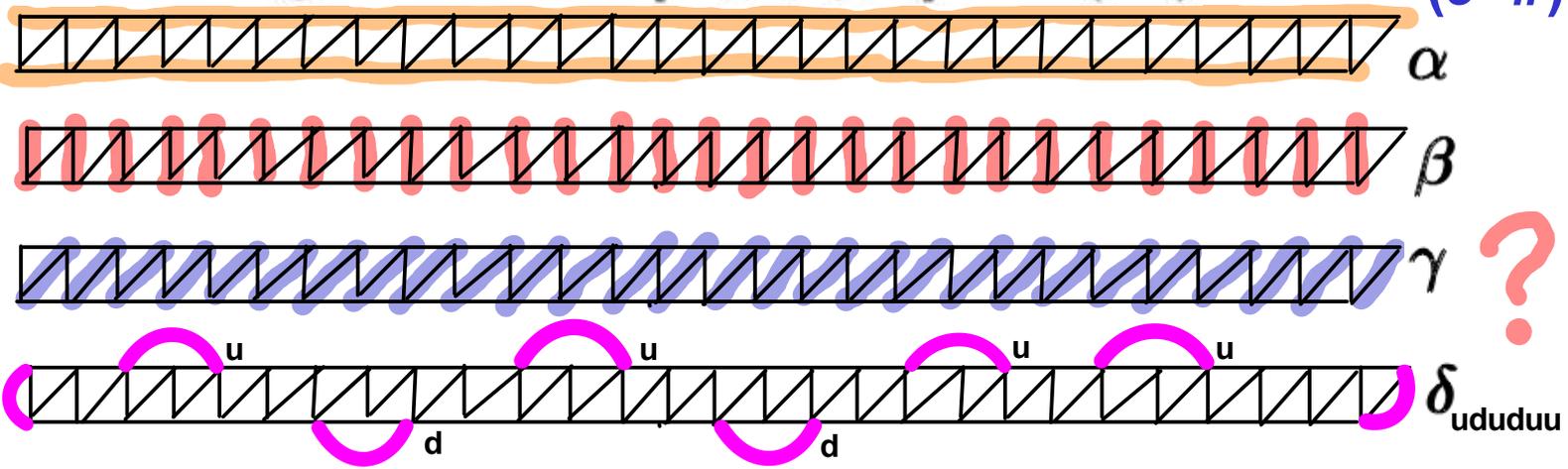
Strietz, Zádori, Czédli, Kulin, Delbrin Ahmed, Lillian Oluoch.

Tran( $\lambda$ ) is 8-generated for  $\lambda \leq \aleph_0$  by T. Dolgos; it is 6- and  $3^*$ -generated for  $\lambda$  accessible by Czédli and Kulin (2017)

Many open problems, e.g., is  $\mathcal{Q}(4)$  4-gen.? For  $n \in \{4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12\}$ , is  $\mathcal{Q}(n)$  (1+1+2)-gen.? Reduce “ $3^*$ -”? Inaccessible  $\lambda$ ?

Vilmos Totik: proved (in a minute or so!) that my method is not appropriate for an inaccessible  $\lambda$ . (Partly, this is why my attention turned to better plans, leading to today's talk.)

Zádori's generators:  $[\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta] = \mathcal{E}(57)$  (9 #)



Some other tricks are also needed.

Even  $\mathcal{E}(100)^{3 \cdot 10^{89}}$  is 4-generated.  $\mathcal{E}(100)$  has many 4-element generating sets.

## An excerpt from Czédli and Oluoch's paper (2000):

*Proof of Theorem 4.4.* In addition to earlier experience with generating sets of partitions lattices, see the References section, an idea is also borrowed from locksmithing. In a traditional pin tumbler cylinder lock, there are *pins* of different (to be more precise, not necessarily equal) lengths, and a key can turn the plug if and only if the heights of its *ridges* match these lengths. The  $\sum\{[I_i^\varphi]^e : x_i = 1, 1 \leq i \leq m\}$



4.4. In addition to earlier experience the References section, an idea: additional pin tumbler cylinder lock, (necessarily equal) lengths, and a key's *ridges* match these lengths. The

$n$	4	5	6	7	8	9
$100p(n)$	3.6630037	1.9595531	1.613014768			
$N$	10 000 000	10 000 000	10 000 000	15 000 000	500 000	25 000
time	8 minutes	27 min	3h+33min	102 hours	95 h	166 h $\approx$ a week
$s$	367 221	196 243	161 768	238 223	8 244	438
$100\hat{p}(n)$	3.67221	1.96243	1.61768	1.58815	1.64880	1.75200

Percentages of the generating ones among the 4-element subsets of  $\mathcal{E}(n)$ ; the paper contains some other tables and confidence intervals, too.

G. Czédli: Four-generated direct powers Publicationes Math. (Debrecen) 99 (2021), 447–472.

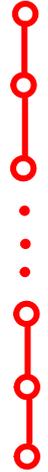
$n$	4	5	6	7	8	9
$ \text{Part}(n) $	15	52	203	877	4 140	21 147
$ \forall 8\text{-sets} $	6435	$7.53 \cdot 10^8$	$6.22 \cdot 10^{13}$	$8.41 \cdot 10^{18}$	$2.13 \cdot 10^{24}$	$9.91 \cdot 10^{29}$
$ \text{tested} $	100 000	10 000	10 000	6000	1000	284
$ \text{found} $	89 780	7 690	7913	5044	848	248
%	89.78	76.90	79.13	84.01	84.80	90.19

The same percentages for 8-element subsets of  $\mathcal{E}(n)$ .

Plan: 33 min.

For a poset  $P = (P; \leq)$ ,  $\mathcal{Q}^*(P)$  is the lattice of those quasiorders of  $P$  that extend " $\leq_P$ "; it is a filter of  $\mathcal{Q}(A)$ .

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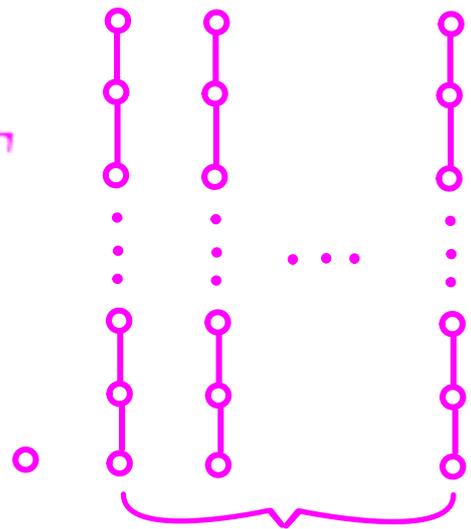


$P$  is a chain  
of length  
 $4 \cdot 10^9$   
(four billion)

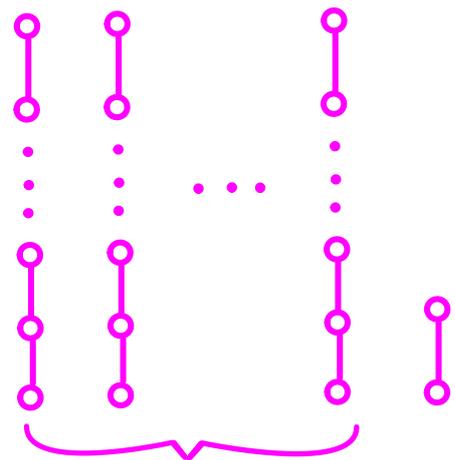
$\text{mg}(\mathcal{Q}^*(P)) = ?$  **35**

$\text{mg}(\mathcal{Q}^*(T)) = ?$

$T$



ten billion chains of length four billion

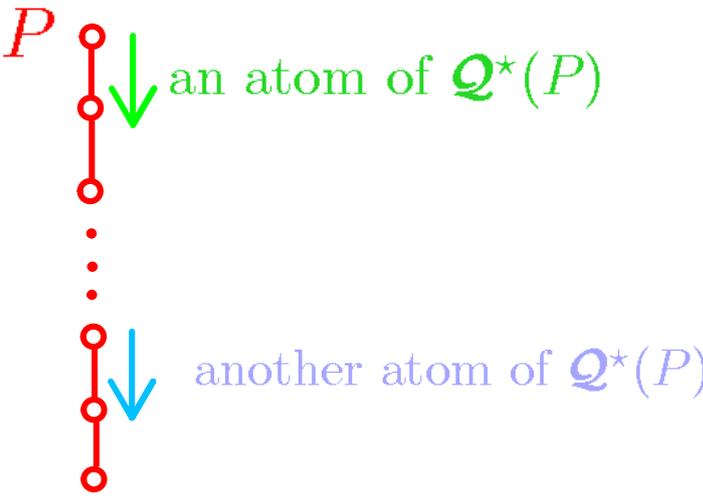


six billion chains of size four billion, i.e., of length 4 billion minus 1

I do not know.  
I only know that

$\leq$  **43**

Czédli: Generating some large filters (2023) arXiv:2302.13911 (#13)  
proves more; here I prove only: **Theorem: = 35 and  $\leq 43$ .**



Dongseok Kim, Young Soo Kwon, and Jaeun Lee (2014)

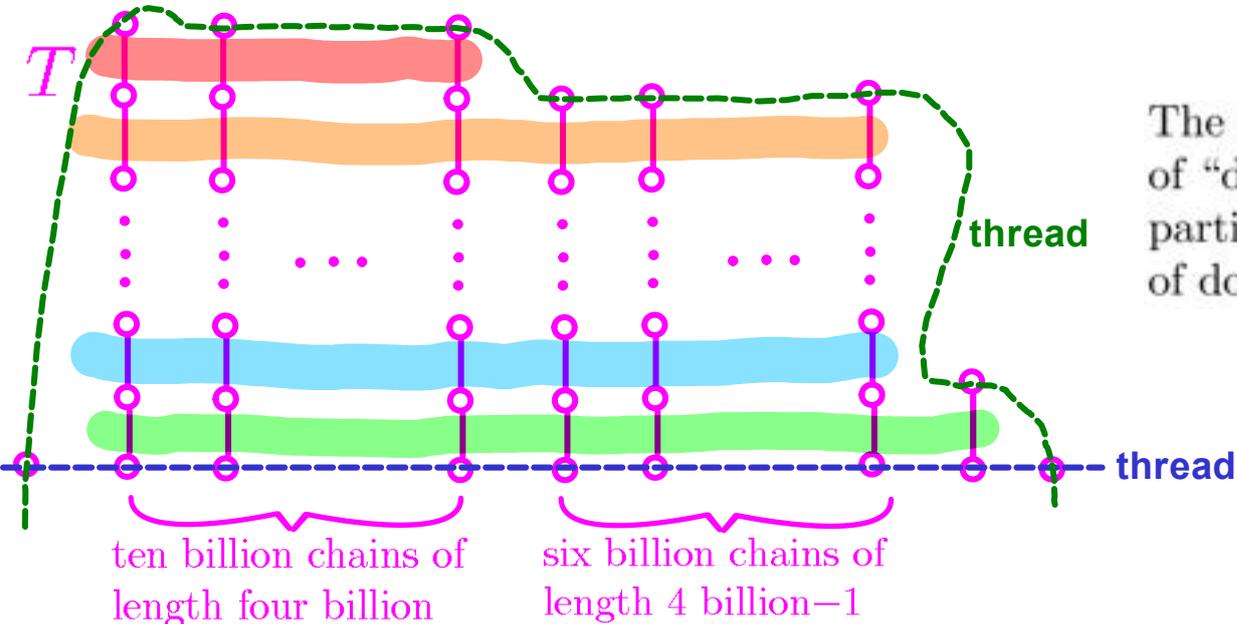
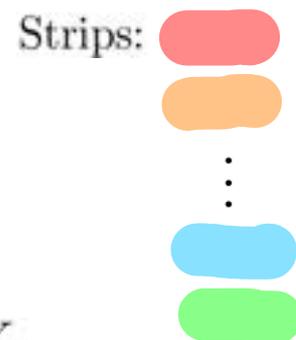


$\mathcal{Q}^*(P) \cong B_{4\,000\,000\,000}$ ,  
so the previous theorem applies.

We have proved the “= 35” part of the theorem.

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The strips consists of “down edges” and partition the set “ $\succ$ ” of down edges.



For a strip  $X$ ,  $q^*(X)$  is the smallest  $\in \mathcal{Q}^*(T)$  that includes  $X$ .  
 In other words,  $q^*(X)$  is the quasiorder generated by the poset order  $\leq_T$  and the down-edges belonging to  $X$ .

Let  $fb := 4$  billion. Let  $B_{fb}$  denote the powerset lattice of the set of strips. Let  $\{S_1, \dots, S_{35}\}$  be a generating set of  $B_{fb}$ .

Denote:  $q^*(S_i) := \bigvee \{q^*(X) : X \text{ is a strip belonging to } S_i\}$ .

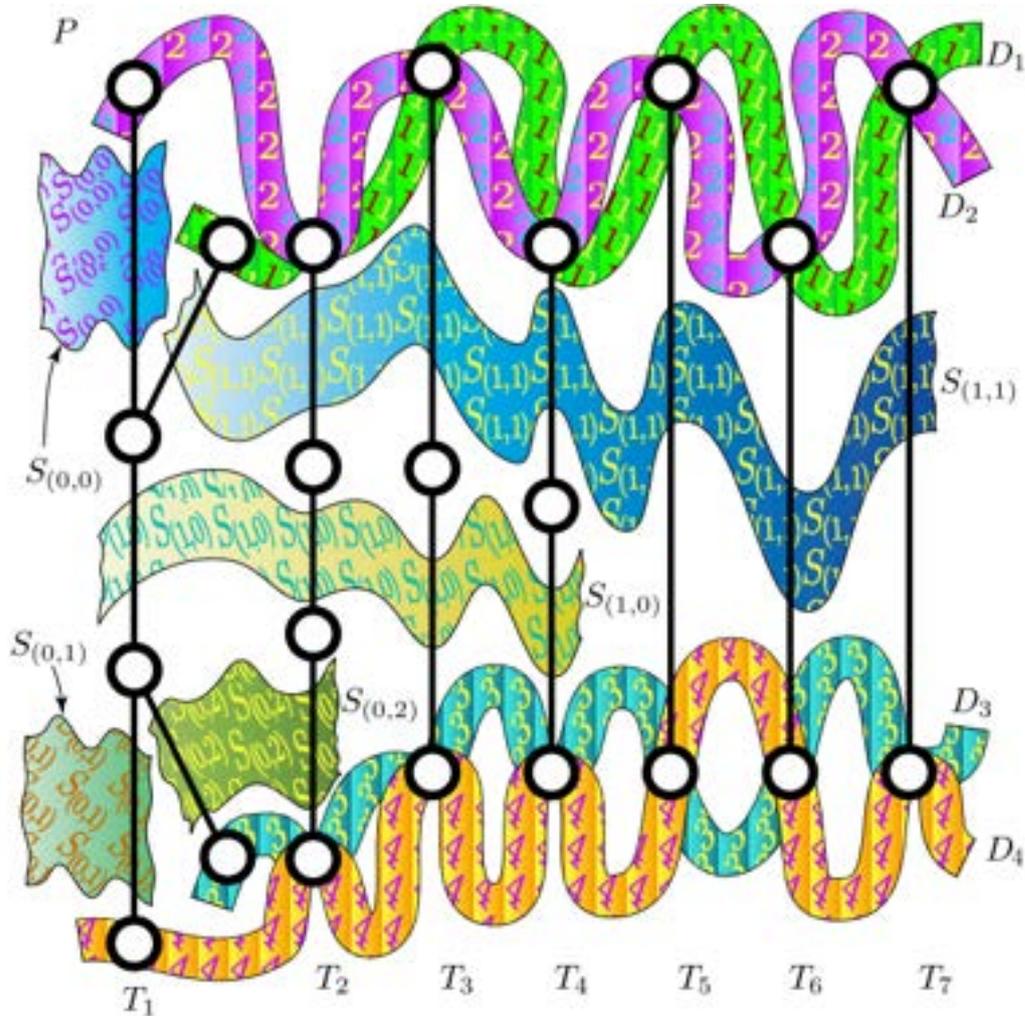
Boolean part  $\Rightarrow \forall$  strip  $X$ ,  $X$  is the  $\bigcap$  of some  $S_i$ 's. Hence  $q^*(X)$  is the  $\bigcap$  of some  $q^*(S_i)$ 's. But  $\bigcap = \bigwedge$  in  $\mathcal{Q}^*(T)$ .

Thus, for  $\forall$  strip  $X$ ,  $q^*(X) \in [q^*(S_1), \dots, q^*(S_{35})]$ .





The paper takes care of more involved posets, too. E.g.:



I am just preparing a revised version of the paper . . .

# Part 3. Authentication and cryptography

(#17)

For  $\vec{h} = (h_1, \dots, h_k) \in B_n^k$ , this  $k$ -dimensional vector is *generating* if  $[h_1, \dots, h_k] = B_n$ .

As  $\text{LAsp}(1000) = 13$ ,  $B_{1000}$  has a 13-dimensional generating vector. As  $k > 13$  grows,  $B_{1000}$  has more and more  $k$ -dimensional generating vectors.

n=1000	k=40	Tested:100000	Generating: 42;	506.867 sec
n=1000	k=50	Tested:100000	Generating: 59003;	1305.780 sec
n=1000	k=50	Tested:100000	Generating: 59162;	10965.266 sec
n=1000	k=60	Tested:100000	Generating: 96878;	1967.896 sec
n=1000	k=70	Tested:100000	Generating: 99823;	2321.272 sec
n=1000	k=80	Tested:100000	Generating: 99990;	2647.147 sec
n=1000	k=90	Tested:100000	Generating: 99999;	2974.364 sec
n=1000	k=100	Tested:100000	Generating:100000;	3265.869 sec

The program chose one hundred thousand random  $k$ -dimensional vectors and counted the generating ones among them.

When no anonymous usage is permitted: **secret key** cryptography and authentication are used. In our model:

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Kate communicates with her Bank.

Let, say,  $k := 300$ ,  $n := 1000$ , and  $t := 100$ .

**Secret key:** a  $k$ -dimensional generating vector

$\vec{h} = (h_1, \dots, h_k) \in B_n^k$  of  $B_n$ .

$\vec{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_t)$ : a vector of  $k$ -ary lattice terms.

**Protocol:** The Bank sends a random  $\vec{p}$  to Kate and she sends  $\vec{p}(\vec{h}) \in B_n^t$  back. And vice versa.  $\vec{p}(\vec{h})$  is also used as a key of Vernam's cipher.

**Adversary:** intercepts and/or sends messages. As  $\vec{p}$  is always new, he cannot use an intercepted  $\vec{p}(\vec{h})$  again. As  $\vec{p}(\vec{h})$  can take  $|B_n|^t = 2^{nt}$  many values, he cannot find a valid  $\vec{p}(\vec{h})$  by chance *unless* he can solve the equation  $\vec{p}(\vec{x}) = \vec{c}$ , where  $\vec{c} := \vec{p}(\vec{h}) \in B_n^t$  is an intercepted constant with the corresponding intercepted vector  $\vec{p}$  of lattice terms and  $\vec{x} \in B_n^k$  (playing the role of  $\vec{h}$ ) is the unknown.

unless he can solve  $\vec{p}(\vec{x}) = \vec{c}$ , where  $\vec{c} := \vec{p}(\vec{h}) \in B_n^t$  and  $\vec{x} \in B_n^k$  (19 #)

**Observation:** even if  $n = 1$  and  $t = 2$ , solving  $\vec{p}(\vec{x}) = \vec{c}$  is an NP-complete problem.

*Proof:* Suppose for contradiction that  $\exists$  a polynomial  $f$  and an algorithm  $\Gamma$  such that for  $\forall$  input  $\vec{p}(\vec{x}) = \vec{c}$  of size  $s$ , if this input has a solution for  $\vec{x}$ , then  $\Gamma$  finds a solution in  $f(s)$  time.

Then we can solve the 3COLOR as follows. Let  $G$  be a simple graph of size  $s_1$ . For each vertex  $i$ , take the *color variables*  $r_i$ ,  $w_i$ , and  $g_i$ . For each edge  $e: i \text{---} j$ , we take:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Phi_e : (r_i \vee w_i \vee g_i) \wedge (r_j \vee w_j \vee g_j) = 1 \text{ and } \\ \Psi_e : (r_i \wedge r_j) \vee (w_i \wedge w_j) \vee (g_i \wedge g_j) = 0. \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{nonempty} \\ \text{disjoint} \end{array} \text{ color sets}$$

$$\text{Let } p_1 := \bigwedge_{e \in \text{Edge}(G)} \Phi_e, \quad p_2 := \bigvee_{e \in \text{Edge}(G)} \Psi_e, \quad \vec{p} = (p_1, p_2).$$

Let  $\vec{x} := (\dots, r_i, w_i, g_i, \dots)$ . Let  $s$  be the size of  $\vec{p}(\vec{x}) = (1, 0)$ .

Then  $s = \text{const} \cdot s_1$ . **Run**  $\Gamma$  for the red input in  $f(s)$  steps.

After at most  $f(s)$  many steps, stop  $\Gamma$ . Then print “YES,  $G$  is 3-colorable” if  $\Gamma$  found a solution in that many steps, and print “NO” otherwise. This “magenta algorithm” needs  $\approx 2f(s) = 2f(\text{const} \cdot s_1)$  steps, which is a polynomial of  $s_1$ .

(Factor 2: since we need to count the steps of  $\Gamma$ .)

We have solved 3COLOR in polynomial time. Q.e.d.

Plan: 58min

**The value of NP-completeness:** Even though we have proved NP-completeness (and so NP-hardness) in case of  $n = 1$  and  $t = 2$ , the Adversary can easily empty Kate's bank account at every 4-th random trial if  $n = 1$  and  $t = 2$ . (Indeed,  $\vec{p}(\vec{h}) \in B_n^t = \{0, 1\}^2$  can take only four values.) So even if a cryptographic protocol is based on an NP-complete problem, it can be very vulnerable!

**Fortunately**, for  $n$  big,  $\vec{p}(\vec{h})$  can take  $(2^n)^t$  many values. Hence, the Adversary can hardly find the right one accidentally.

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