

# On the Consistency Problem for **MODULAR LATTICES** and Related Structures

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# Geometric Quantum Logic

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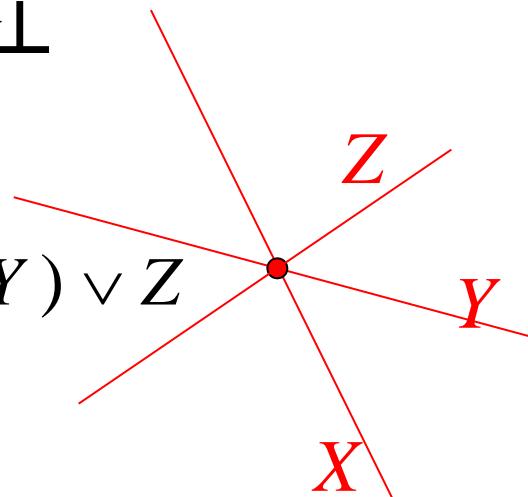
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$$= ((X \vee Z) \wedge Y) \vee Z$$

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**Theorem** [Herrmann&Z.10ff]:

**NP<sub>R</sub>-complete** (BSS machine)

Given a term  $t(\underline{x})$  in the language of *ortholattices*, does it admit a *strongly* satisfying assignment  $t(\underline{a}) \neq \mathbf{0}$  over  $L(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ?  $d \geq 3$

# Varieties of Quantum Logic

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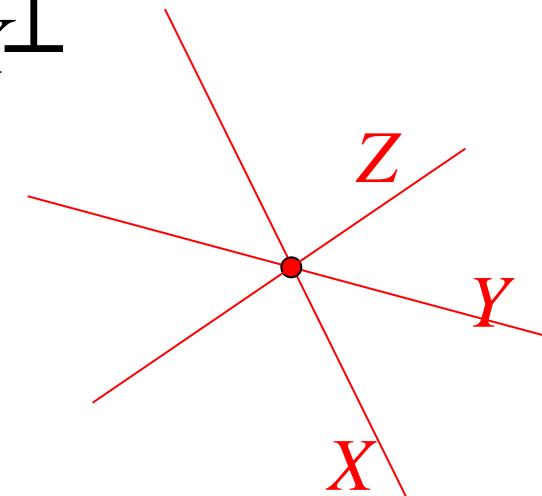
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# Consistency in a Class

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Given  $\pi(\underline{x})$  is satisfiable over  $C$  if there exists  $\underline{a} \in A$  s.t.  $\pi(\underline{a})$ .

$\Leftrightarrow \pi(\underline{x})$  satisfiable over  $C \setminus$  singleton structures

$\Leftrightarrow \pi' := \pi(\underline{x}) \ \& \ x_0 \neq x_1$  satisfiable over  $C$

$\Leftrightarrow \pi$  satisfiable by some assignment  $\underline{a} \in A \in C$   
generating a non-singleton subalgebra of  $A$ .

avoid  
trivial  
cases

if  $C$  closed  
under homom.

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$\text{NP}_{\mathbb{R}}$ -hard. Decidable?

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# Consistency as Decision Problem

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$\pi$  consistent over  $C$  if there is  $A \in C$ ,  $\#|A| > 1$  and  $\underline{a} \in A$  s.t.  $\pi(\underline{a})$ .

**Example:** b) Given finitely many "relations"  $s_j(\underline{x})=e$ , is the group  $G$  they freely generate trivial?

undecidable  
[Adyan], [Rabin]  
1950ies

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# Reduction from the Profinite Case

Given finitely many equations  $s_j(\underline{x})=e$  in the language of groups,  
is there a **nontrivial** finite group satisfying them? undecidable

[Bridson&Wilton'15]

**Central Tool:** Coordinatization

(*von Staudt, von Neumann, Lipshitz'74, Herrmann*)

Fix vector space  $V = V_1 \vee V_2 \vee V_3 \vee V_4$  with  $V_i \wedge V_j = \mathbf{0}$  and  
isom.s  $\varphi_{ij}: V_i \rightarrow V_j$  s.t.  $\varphi_{jk} \circ \varphi_{ij} = \varphi_{ik}$ ,  $V_{ij} := \{x - \varphi_{ij}(x) : x \in V_i\}$

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**Lemma:** a) A subgroup  $G$  of  $\mathrm{GL}(W)$ , gene-

$$\begin{aligned}\forall g \in G: gw &= w \\ &\Rightarrow w = 0.\end{aligned}$$

rated by  $g_1, \dots, g_k$ , is fixedpoint-free iff  $V_{12} \wedge \Theta(g_1) \wedge \dots \wedge \Theta(g_k) = \mathbf{0}$ .

b) For  $G$  a *non-trivial* group and  $V$  vector space of  $\dim(W) \geq |G|$ ,

**The trivial group has a representation in a non-trivial lattice!**

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# Conclusion

There are ortholattice terms  $t$  admitting strongly satisfying assignments  $\underline{a}$  in  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  for some  $d$ , but none recursively bounded in  $|t|$ .

[Hermann'10]: Every weakly satisfiable  $t$  is so in some  $d \leq O(|t|^2)$

Similarly for int. polynomial systems in noncommuting variables.

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