



# A study on some lattice theoretic identities of the subgroup lattice of $2 \times 2$ matrices over $Z_7$

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## Abstract

In this paper we verify the lattice theoretic properties like modularity, distributivity, upper semi modularity and super modularity in the subgroup lattice of the group of  $2 \times 2$  matrices over  $Z_7$ .

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $L(G)$  be the Lattice of Subgroups of  $G$ , where  $G$  is a group of  $2 \times 2$  matrices over  $Z_p$  having determinant value 1 under matrix multiplication modulo  $p$ , where  $p$  is a prime number.

$$\text{Let } \mathcal{G} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in Z_p, ad - bc \neq 0. \right\}$$

Then  $\mathcal{G}$  is a group under matrix multiplication modulo  $p$ .

$$\text{Let } G = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{G} : ad - bc = 1. \right\}$$

Then  $\mathcal{G}$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

we have,  $o(\mathcal{G}) = p(p^2 - 1)(p - 1)$  and  $o(G) = p(p^2 - 1)$ .

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## 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1. (Poset)** A partial order on a non-empty set  $P$  is a binary relation  $\leq$  on  $P$  that is reflexive, anti-symmetric and transitive. The pair  $(P, \leq)$  is called a partially ordered set or poset. A poset.  $(P, \leq)$  is totally ordered if every  $x, y \in P$  are comparable, that is either  $x \leq y$  or  $y \leq x$ . A non-empty subset  $S$  of  $P$  is a chain in  $P$  if  $S$  is totally ordered by  $\leq$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $(P, \leq)$  be a poset and let  $S \subseteq P$ . An upper bound of  $S$  is an element  $x \in P$  for which  $s \leq x$  for all  $s \in S$ . The least upper bound of  $S$  is called the **supremum or join** of  $S$ . A lower bound for  $S$  is an element  $x \in P$  for which  $x \leq s$  for all  $s \in S$ . The greatest lower bound of  $S$  is called the **infimum or meet** of  $S$ .

**Definition 2.3. (Lattice)** Poset  $(P, \leq)$  is called a lattice if every pair  $x, y$  elements of  $P$  has a supremum and an infimum, which are denoted by  $x \vee y$  and  $x \wedge y$  respectively.

**Definition 2.4. (Covering Relation)** In the poset  $(P, \leq)$ ,  $a$  covers  $b$  or  $b$  is covered by  $a$  (in notation,  $a > b$  or  $b < a$ ) if and only if  $b < a$  and for no  $x, b < x < a$ .

**Definition 2.5. (Atom)** An element  $a$  is an atom, if  $a > 0$  and a dual atom, if  $a < 1$ .

**Definition 2.6. (Modular Lattice)** A lattice  $L$  is said to be modular if whenever  $a \leq c$  in  $L$ ,  $a \vee (b \wedge c) = (a \vee b) \wedge c$  for all  $b \in L$ . In other words, a lattice  $L$  is said to be modular if  $(a \wedge c) \vee (b \wedge c) = [a \wedge c] \vee b \vee c$  for all  $a, b, c \in L$ .

**Definition 2.7. (Supermodular)** A lattice  $L$  is said to be **supermodular** if it satisfies the following identity  $(a \vee b) \wedge (a \vee c) \wedge (a \vee d) = a \vee [b \wedge c \wedge (a \vee d)] \vee [c \wedge d \wedge (a \vee b)] \vee [b \wedge d \wedge (a \vee c)]$  for all  $a, b, c, d \in L$ .

**Definition 2.8. (Semi-supermodular)** A lattice  $L$  is said to be **semi-supermodular** if it satisfies the following identity  $(a \vee x_1) \wedge (a \vee x_2) \wedge (a \vee x_3) \wedge (a \vee x_4) = a \vee [x_1 \wedge x_2 \wedge (a \vee x_3) \wedge (a \vee x_4)] \vee [x_1 \wedge x_3 \wedge (a \vee x_2) \wedge (a \vee x_4)] \vee [x_1 \wedge x_4 \wedge (a \vee x_2) \wedge (a \vee x_3)] \vee [x_2 \wedge x_3 \wedge (a \vee x_1) \wedge (a \vee x_4)] \vee [x_2 \wedge x_4 \wedge (a \vee x_1) \wedge (a \vee x_3)] \vee [x_3 \wedge x_4 \wedge (a \vee x_1) \wedge (a \vee x_2)]$  for all  $a, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  in  $L$ .

**Definition 2.9. (Distributive lattice)** A Lattice  $L$  is said to be **distributive** if  $a \vee (b \wedge c) = [(a \vee b) \wedge (a \vee c)]$  for all  $a, b, c \in L$ .

**Definition 2.10. (General Disjointness)** A lattice  $L$  with 0 satisfies **the general disjointness property (GD)** if  $x \wedge y = 0$  and  $(x \vee y) \wedge z = 0$  implies that  $x \wedge (y \vee z) = 0$ , for  $x, y \in L$ .

We give below the structures of some lower intervals of  $L(G)$  when  $p = 7$

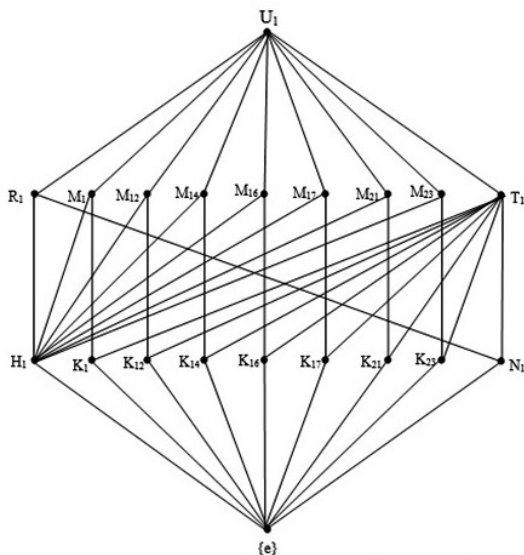


Fig. 2.1: The Interval  $\{\{e\}, U_1\}$

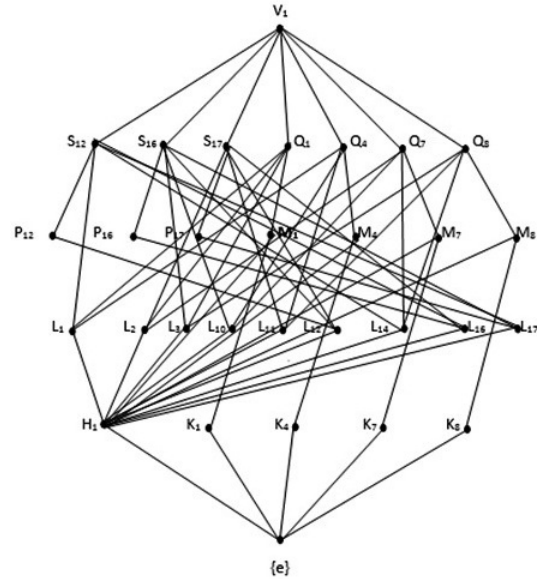


Fig. 2.2: The Interval  $\{\{e\}, V_1\}$

### 3. Lattice identities in the subgroup lattice of the group of $2 \times 2$ matrices over $Z_7$

**Lemma 3.1.**  $L(G)$  is non-modular if  $p = 7$ .

*Proof.* when  $p = 7$ ,

From fig. 2.1 and 2.2 we take three subgroups  $K_1, N_1, N_2 \in L(G)$

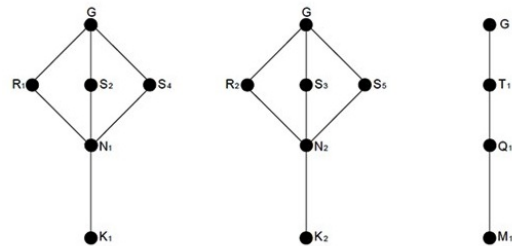


Fig. 3.1

Now,  $K_1 \vee (N_1 \wedge N_2) = K_1 \vee \{e\} = K_1$ .

But,  $(K_1 \vee N_1) \wedge N_2 = T_1 \wedge N_2 = \{e\}$ .

Therefore,  $K_1 \vee (N_1 \wedge N_2) \neq (K_1 \vee N_1) \wedge N_2$ .

Therefore,  $L(G)$  is not modular when  $p = 7$ . □

**Lemma 3.2.**  $L(G)$  is not distributive if  $p = 7$ .

*Proof.* when  $p = 7$ ,

From fig. 2.1 and 2.2 we take three subgroups  $K_{14}, K_{16}, K_{17}$  in  $L(G)$



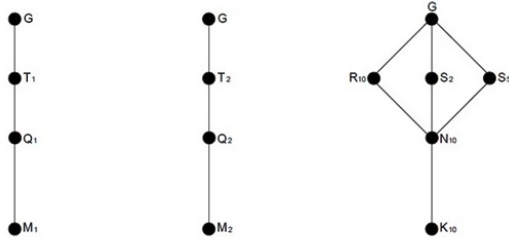


Fig: 3.2

$$K_{14} \vee (K_{16} \wedge K_{17}) = K_{14} \vee \{e\} = K_{14}.$$

$$\text{But, } (K_{14} \vee N_{16}) \wedge (K_{14} \vee N_{17}) = T_1 \wedge T_1 = T_1.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } K_{14} \vee (K_{16} \wedge K_{17}) \neq (K_{14} \vee K_{16}) \wedge (K_{14} \vee K_{17}).$$

Hence  $L(G)$  is not distributive, when  $P = 7$ . □

**Lemma 3.3.**  $L(G)$  is not upper semi modular if  $p = 7$ .

*Proof.* When  $p = 7$ ,

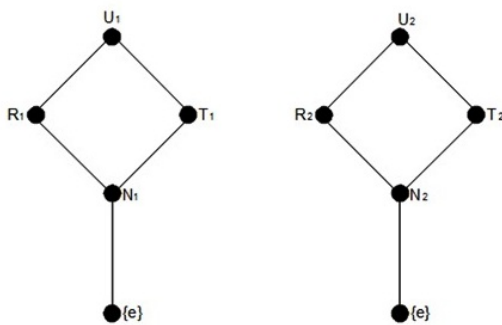


Fig: 3.3

We observe, fig. 2.1 and 2.2,  $N_1 \wedge N_2 = \{e\}$  which is covered by  $N_1$  while  $N_1 \vee N_2 = G$ .

which does not cover  $N_2$ .

Therefore,  $L(G)$  is not upper semi modular when  $p = 7$ . □

**Lemma 3.4.**  $L(G)$  is not super modular if  $p = 7$ .

*Proof.* When  $p = 7$ , we chose four subgroups  $K_2, N_1, N_2$  &  $N_3$  in  $L(G)$  such that  $(K_2 \vee N_1) \wedge (K_2 \wedge N_2) \wedge (K_2 \vee N_3) = G \wedge G \wedge G = G$ .

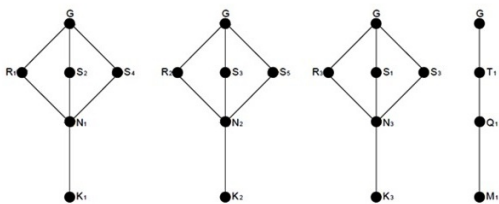


Fig: 3.4

But  $K_2 \vee [N_1 \wedge N_2 \wedge (K_2 \wedge N_3)] \vee [N_1 \wedge N_3 \wedge (K_2 \wedge N_2)] \vee [N_2 \wedge N_3 \wedge (K_2 \vee N_1)] = K_2 \vee [N_1 \wedge N_2 \wedge G] \vee [N_1 \wedge N_3 \wedge G] \vee [N_2 \wedge N_3 \wedge G] = K_2 \vee \{e\} \vee \{e\} \vee \{e\} = K_2 \neq G$

Therefore,  $L(G)$  is not super modular when  $p = 7$ . □

### 4. Conclusion

In this paper, we proved that the modularity, distributivity, upper semi modularity and super modularity in the subgroup lattice of the group of  $2 \times 2$  matrices over  $Z_7$ .

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