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**LATTICE MODULARITY AND LINEAR
INDEPENDENCE**

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OUTLINE OF THE TALK

- *families of frames* in the theory of evidence
- *lattice structure* of the families of frames
- *a comparison*: subspace and frame lattices
- independence on *Birkhoff lattices*
 - abstract linear dependence
 - atom independence for semimodular lattices
- *candidate independence relations* for generic elements
 - on frames and subspaces
- *modularity* and candidate independence relations
- an *equivalent condition* for modularity

FAMILIES OF COMPATIBLE FRAMES

- given two **frames** (finite sets) Θ and Ω , a map $\omega : 2^\Theta \rightarrow 2^\Omega$ is a *refining* if:

1. $\omega(\{\theta\}) \neq \emptyset \quad \forall \theta \in \Theta;$
2. $\omega(\{\theta\}) \cap \omega(\{\theta'\}) = \emptyset \quad \text{if } \theta \neq \theta';$
3. $\cup_{\theta \in \Theta} \omega(\{\theta\}) = \Omega$

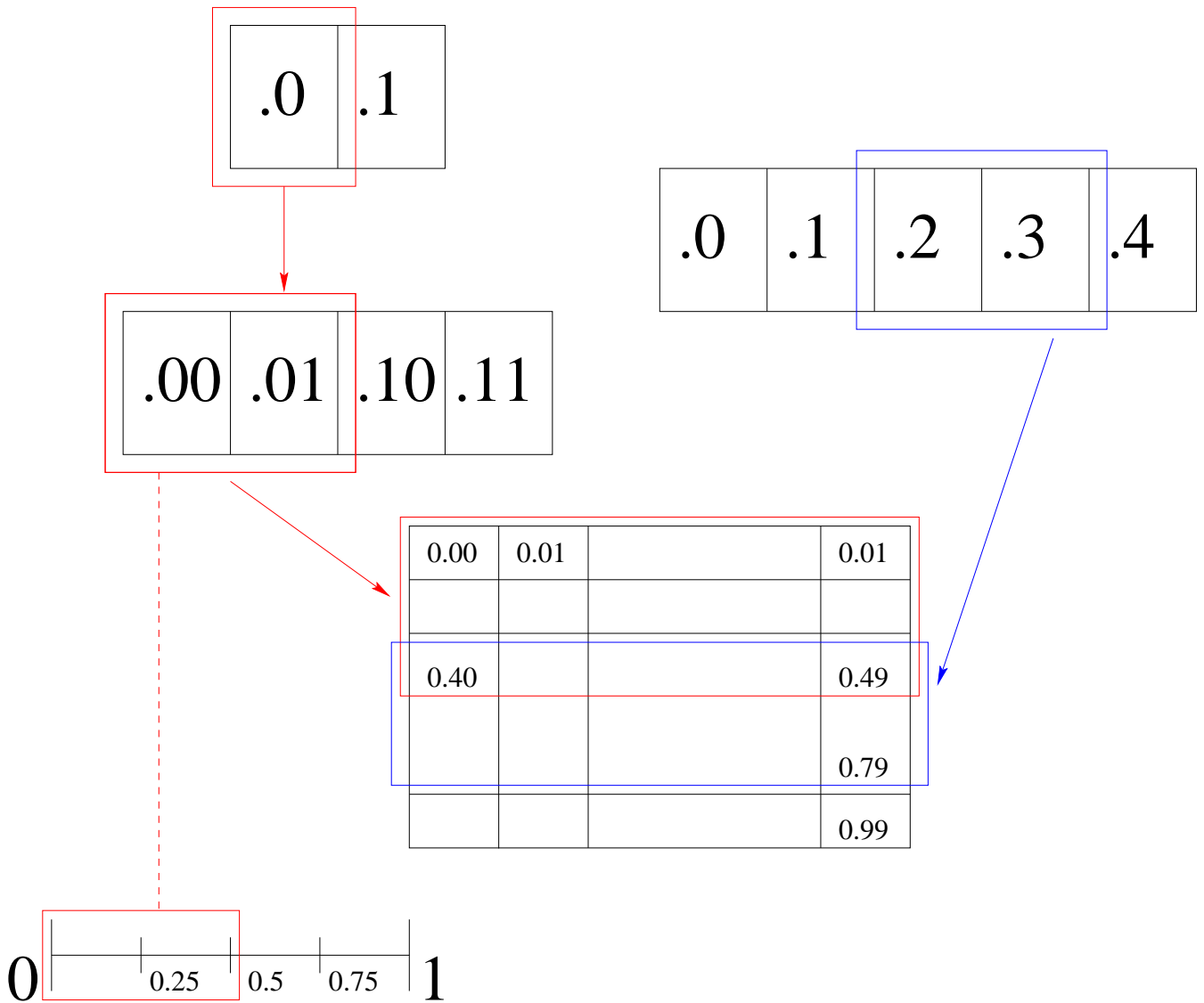
- if $\Theta_1, \dots, \Theta_n$ are elements of a family \mathcal{F} then there exists a unique element (**minimal refinement**) $\Theta \in \mathcal{F}$ s.t.

1. $\forall i \exists \omega_i : 2^{\Theta_i} \rightarrow 2^\Omega$ refining;
2. $\forall \theta \in \Theta \exists \theta_i \in \Theta_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$ such that
$$\{\theta\} = \omega_1(\{\theta_1\}) \cap \dots \cap \omega_n(\{\theta_n\})$$

- **family of frames**: non-empty collection of finite non-empty sets \mathcal{F} satisfying

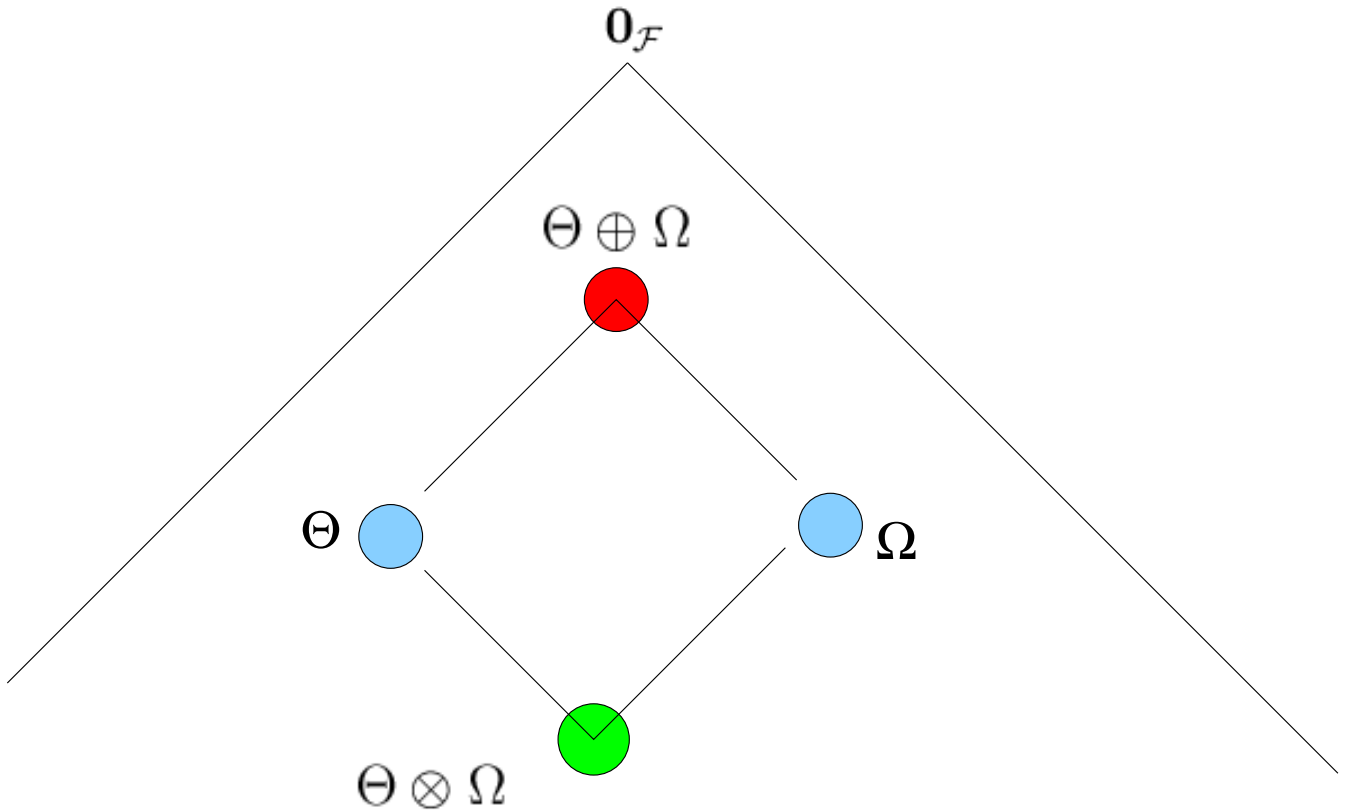
1. *composition of refinings*
2. *identity of coarsenings*
3. *identity of refinings*
4. *existence of coarsenings*
5. *existence of refinings*
6. *existence of common refinements.*

FAMILIES OF COMPATIBLE FRAMES



- **example of compatible frames:** a number between 0 and 1 is expressed in several different basis, with different precisions
- **minimal refinement** of a collection $\Theta_1, \dots, \Theta_n$: roughest frame which is refinement of all the frames

LATTICE STRUCTURE OF THE FAMILIES OF FRAMES



- **order relation**

$$\Theta_2 \geq \Theta_1 \equiv \exists \Theta_3 \text{ s.t. } \Theta_2 = \Theta_1 \otimes \Theta_3 \equiv \exists \omega : 2^{\Theta} \rightarrow 2^{\Omega}$$

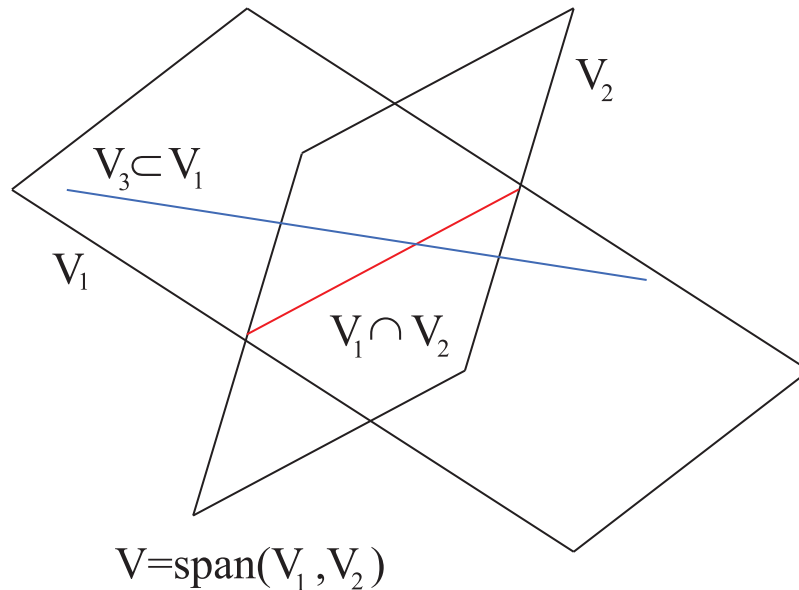
- **sup**

$$\sup_{\mathcal{F}}(\{\Theta_1, \dots, \Theta_n\}) = \Theta_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \Theta_n$$

- a family of compatible frames \mathcal{F} is a **locally Birkhoff lattice bounded below**, i.e. is a semimodular lattice of locally finite length with initial element

COMPARING SUBSPACE AND FRAME LATTICES

- the collection of subspaces of a linear space is a semimodular lattice



	$L(V)$	$L(\Theta)$
initial element $\mathbf{0}$	$\{\emptyset\}$	$\mathbf{0}_{\mathcal{F}}$
least upper bound $a \vee b$	$\text{span}(V, W)$	$\Theta \otimes \Omega$
greatest lower bound $a \wedge b$	$V \cap W$	$\Theta \oplus \Omega$
order relation $a \geq b$	$V \supset W$	$\exists \omega : 2^\Theta \rightarrow 2^\Omega$
rank $h(a)$	$\text{dim}(V)$	$ \Theta $

INDEPENDENCE OF FRAMES AND SUBSPACES

- $\Theta_1, \dots, \Theta_n$ compatible frames, and

$$\omega_i : 2^{\Theta_i} \rightarrow 2^{\Theta_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \Theta_n}$$

the corresponding refinings to their minimal refinement

- $\Theta_1, \dots, \Theta_n$ are called **independent** if

$$\omega_1(A_1) \cap \dots \cap \omega_n(A_n) \neq \emptyset$$

whenever $\emptyset \neq A_i \subset \Theta_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$

- independence conditions on vectors and frames show a **similarity**

$$\sum_i v_i \neq 0 \iff v_1 + \dots + v_n \neq 0, \forall v_i \in V_i$$

$$\bigcap_i V_i = \emptyset \iff \text{span}\{V_1, \dots, V_n\} = \mathbb{R}^{d_1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{R}^{d_n}$$

$$\bigoplus_i \Theta_i = \mathbf{0}_{\mathcal{F}} \iff \Theta_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \Theta_n = \Theta_1 \times \dots \times \Theta_n$$

$$\bigcap A_t \neq \bigwedge \iff \omega_1(A_1) \cap \dots \cap \omega_n(A_n) \neq \emptyset$$

ABSTRACT LINEAR DEPENDENCE ON ATOMS OF BIRKHOFF LATTICES

- if L is a lattice bounded below then its **atoms** are the elements of L covering 0 , namely

$$A = \{a \in L \mid a \succ 0\}$$

- consider the set $\mathcal{F}(M)$ of all the finite subsets of a given set M and define in the product $M \times \mathcal{F}(M)$ a relation Λ
- Λ is said to be a **linear dependence** on the set M when

1. $p_j \Lambda \{p_1, \dots, p_m\}, \quad j = 1, \dots, n$

2. if $p \Lambda \{p_1, \dots, p_m\}$ and $\forall j, p_j \Lambda \{q_1, \dots, q_n\}$

then $p \Lambda \{q_1, \dots, q_n\}$

3. if $p \Lambda \{p_1, \dots, p_m, q\}$ but $p \not\Lambda \{p_1, \dots, p_m\}$ then

$$q \Lambda \{p_1, \dots, p_m, p\}$$

CANDIDATE INDEPENDENCE RELATIONS FOR GENERIC ELEMENTS

- 1. $\{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$ are \mathcal{LI}_1 -independent if

$$p_j \not\leq \bigvee_{i \neq j} p_i \quad \forall j \quad (\equiv p_j \wedge \bigvee_{i \neq j} p_i \neq p_j \quad \forall j)$$

- 2. $\{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$ are \mathcal{LI}_2 -independent if

$$p_k \wedge (p_1 \vee \dots \vee p_{k-1}) = 0, \quad k = 2, \dots, n$$

- 3. $\{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$ are \mathcal{LI}_3 -independent if

$$h(p_1 \vee \dots \vee p_n) = h(p_1) + \dots + h(p_n)$$

- the restrictions of the above relations to the set of the atoms A of a lattice **are equivalent**, namely

$$\{a_1, \dots, a_n\} \mathcal{LI}_1 \equiv \{a_1, \dots, a_n\} \mathcal{LI}_2 \equiv \{a_1, \dots, a_n\} \mathcal{LI}_3$$

and **their complement is a linear dependence relation**

CANDIDATE RELATIONS ON FRAMES AND SUBSPACES

- on *vector* subspaces (**modular** lattice)

1. $\mathcal{LI}_1: V_j \not\subseteq \text{span}(V_1, \dots, \hat{V}_j, \dots, V_n) \quad \forall j$

2. $\mathcal{LI}_2: V_k \cap \text{span}(V_1, \dots, V_{k-1}) = \emptyset$ for $k = 2, \dots, n$

3. $\mathcal{LI}_3: \dim(\text{span}(V_1, \dots, V_n)) = \dim(V_1) + \dots + \dim(V_n)$

- on *frames* (**semimodular** lattice)

1. $\mathcal{LI}_1: \Theta_j$ is not refinement of $\Theta_1 \otimes \dots \hat{\Theta}_j \dots \otimes \Theta_n$

2. $\mathcal{LI}_2: \Theta_k \oplus (\Theta_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \Theta_{k-1}) = \mathbf{0}_{\mathcal{F}}$ for $k = 2, \dots, n$

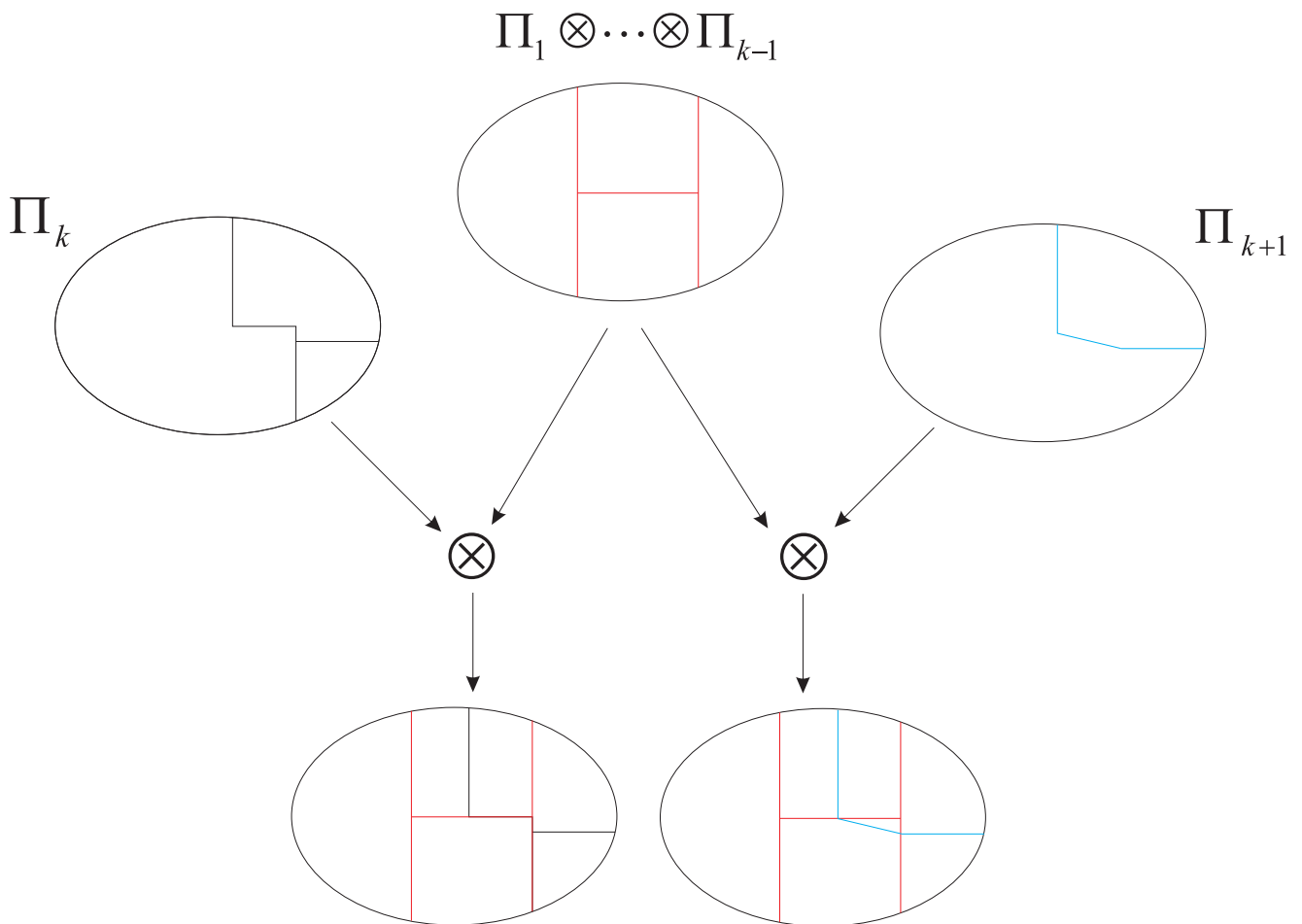
3. $\mathcal{LI}_3: |\Theta_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \Theta_n| = \sum_i |\Theta_i|$

- for $L(V)$: $\mathcal{LI}_2 \equiv \mathcal{LI}_3$, $\mathcal{LI}_2 \Rightarrow \mathcal{LI}_1$ but $\mathcal{LI}_1 \not\Rightarrow \mathcal{LI}_2$

- for $L(\Theta)$, instead, $\mathcal{LI}_2 \not\Rightarrow \mathcal{LI}_1$

$\mathcal{LI}_2 \not\Rightarrow \mathcal{LI}_1$: A COUNTEREXAMPLE

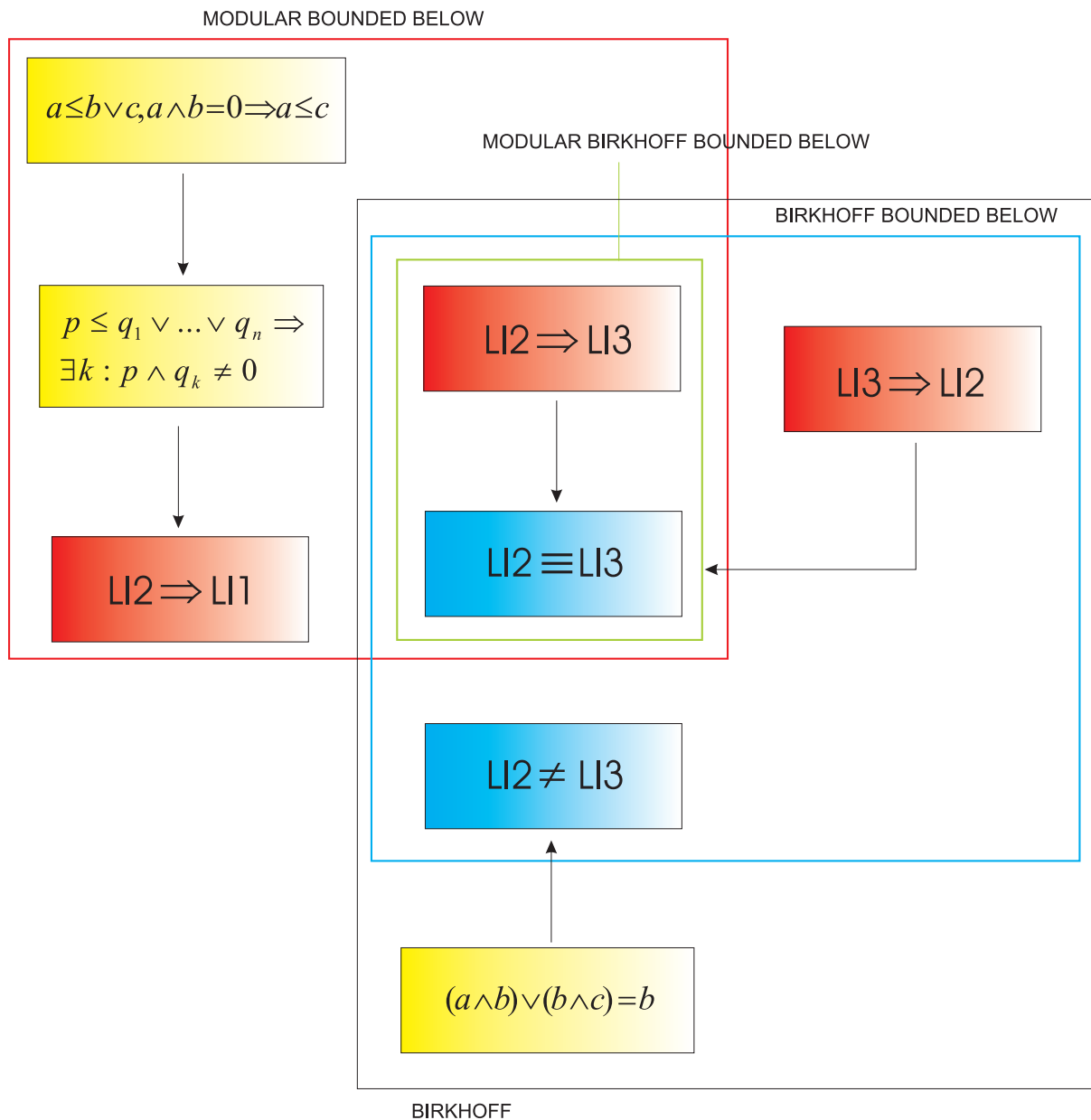
- a counterexample for the conjecture $\mathcal{LI}_2 \Rightarrow \mathcal{LI}_1$ in the frame lattice



- the above diagrams represent, given $P_1 \otimes \dots \otimes P_{k-1}$ (top set) and P_k , one choice of P_{k+1} contradicting the hypothesis

SCHEME OF THE PROOF

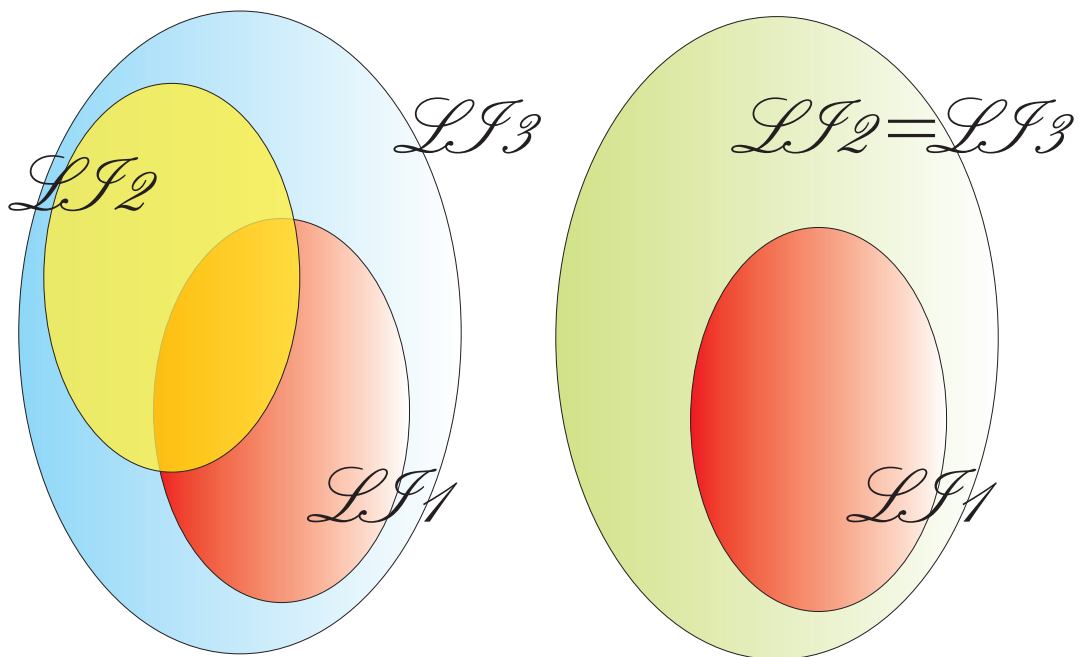
- this suggests a connection between the candidate relations and the property of the underlying lattice



MODULARITY AND CANDIDATE RELATIONS

AN EQUIVALENT CONDITION FOR MODULARITY

- relations among \mathcal{LI}_1 , \mathcal{LI}_2 and \mathcal{LI}_3 for semimodular (left) and modular (right) lattices



CONCLUSIONS AND PERSPECTIVES

- the algebraic structure of the collections of Boolean algebras suggests **a connection between linear dependence and modularity**