

Problem 7: Assume  $L$  is finite (locally finite works in the same way).

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Prove the contrapositive.

Assume  $\mathcal{P} = \{y, z, w, v, x\}$  sublattice of  $L$ , so  $\wedge_{\mathcal{P}} = \wedge_L$  &  $\vee_{\mathcal{P}} = \vee_L$  for  $x$   
 $x = y \vee z = y \vee w$  &  $v = y \wedge z = y \wedge w$ .

Assume  $L$  is modular, so  $f(y) + f(z) = f(y \wedge z) + f(y \vee z)$   
 $\parallel \quad \vee \quad \parallel \quad \parallel$  Contr!  
 $f(y) + f(w) = f(y \wedge w) + f(y \vee w)$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Assume, we prove the contrapositive.

Assume  $L$  is not modular. We want to show  $L$  contains  $\mathcal{P}$  as a sublattice.

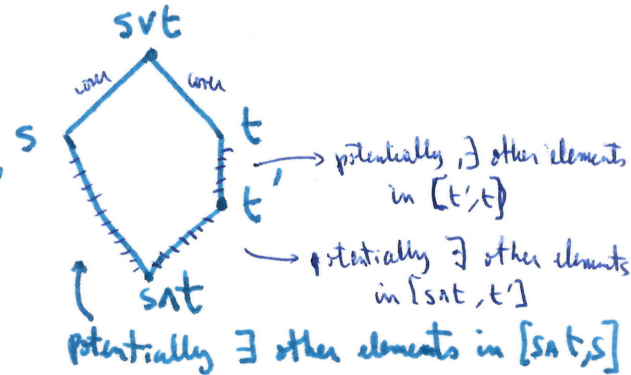
Since  $\mathcal{P}^* = \mathcal{P}$ , if  $L$  is not modular, we may assume  $L$  is not upper-semimodular

(The case where  $L$  is not lower-semimodular will be obtained by dualizing)

This means  $\exists s, t \in L$  with  $s, t < s \vee t$  but  $s \wedge t$  not covered by both  $s$  &  $t$ . WLOG, assume  $s \wedge t \not\leq t$ .

So  $\exists t' \in L$  with  $s \wedge t < t' < t$

We want to show  $s \vee t' = s \vee t$  &  $s \wedge t = s \wedge t'$



(1)  $(s \wedge t) \wedge t' = s \wedge (t \wedge t') = s \wedge t'$   
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 $s \wedge t$  because  $s \wedge t < t'$ .

(2)  $t' < t \leq s \vee t$  &  $s \leq s \vee t \Rightarrow s \vee t' \leq s \vee t$ .

Next: compare  $t$  &  $t' \vee s$ , if possible

• If  $t \leq t' \vee s \Rightarrow s \vee t \leq t' \vee s \Rightarrow \boxed{s \vee t' = s \vee t}$  as we wanted.

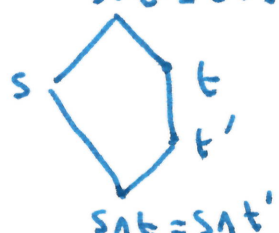
• If  $t \geq t' \vee s \Rightarrow t \geq s$  contr!

• If  $t$  &  $t' \vee s$  are incomparable, then  $t' \vee s < t \vee s$  ( $\leq$  &  $\neq$ )

But then  $s \leq t' \vee s < t \vee s$  &  $s \leq t \vee s$  for  $s = t' \vee s$

But then  $t' \leq t' \vee s = s$  }  $t' \leq s \wedge t$  Contr!  
 $t' \leq t$

Conclusion: of the 3 options for comparison, only one is valid and it gives  $s \vee t' = s \vee t$ .

Conclude :  is a sublattice of L.