

# Graph Representation Between Some Polynomial Clones

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*The lattice of clones on a set  $A$ :*

*If  $|A| = 1$ , then the clone lattice consists of one clone.*

*If  $|A| = 2$ , then the clone lattice consists of countably many clones (Post's Lattice).*

*If  $|A| > 2$ , then the clone lattice consists of uncountable many clones.*

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$$q(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\alpha} a_{\alpha} \mathbf{x}^{\alpha},$$

*where  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , the sum consists of finitely many tuples  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  of natural numbers, coefficients  $a_{\alpha}$  belong to the set  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  and  $\mathbf{x}^{\alpha} = x_1^{\alpha_1} \dots x_n^{\alpha_n}$ .*

What is already known about the interval  $J_n = \langle P(\mathbb{Z}_n, +), P(\mathbb{Z}_n, +, \cdot) \rangle$ ?

Solved cases:

- $n = \text{prime number } p$  (Rosenberg, 1970)

$$\mathcal{J}_p$$


### Lemma

Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$ , then

$$J_{mn} \cong J_m \times J_n.$$

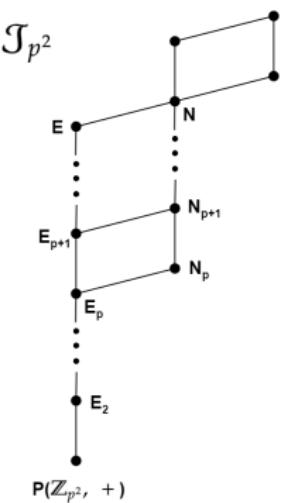
### Corollary

It suffices to investigate the case  $n = p^k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $p$  is a prime number.

What is already known about the interval  $J_n = \langle \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{Z}_{p^k}, +), \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{Z}_{p^k}, +, \cdot) \rangle$ ?

### Solved cases:

- $n = p^2$ , where  $p$  is prime number (Krokhin et al. 1997; Idziak and Bulatov, 2003)



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### Open Problem

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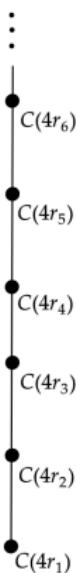
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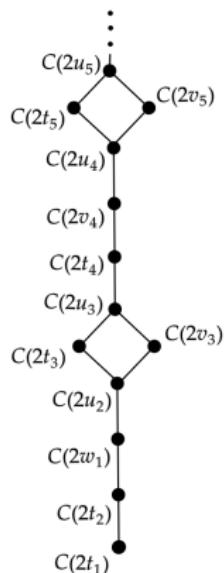
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Lattice of clones generated by operations with even coefficients:

$R_1$



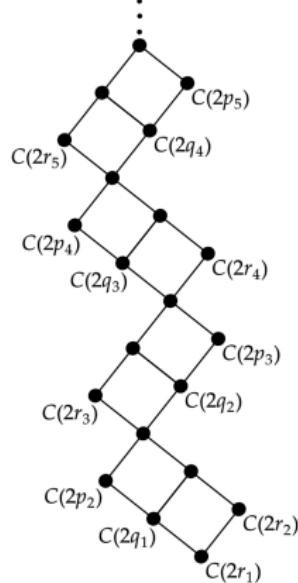
$R_2$



$R_3$

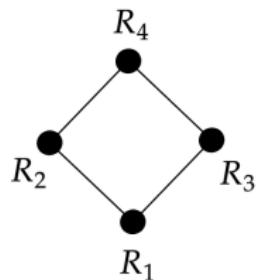


$R_4$



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Lattice of clones generated by operations with even coefficients:



## Clones generated by some operations with odd coefficients

Let  $C(f_E) \subseteq P(\mathbb{Z}_8, +, \cdot)$  be a clone generated by an operation

$$f_E(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_1 \dots x_n \sum_{ij \in E} (x_i - 1)(x_j - 1),$$

where  $E \subseteq [n]^2$  (the set of all pairs from  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ).

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The description of clones  $C(f_E) \subseteq P(\mathbb{Z}_8, +, \cdot)$  generated by the operation

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where  $E \subseteq [n]^2$  (the set of all pairs from  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ).

$\text{Graph}(n)$  - the set of all graphs on the vertex set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

$E \in \text{Graph}(n)$  - a graph on  $n$  vertices with an edge set  $E \subseteq [n]^2$

## Lemma

For every  $E, D \in \text{Graph}(n)$ ,  $f_E + f_D = f_{E+D}$ .

$[E]$  - a class of graphs generated by  $E$  closed under isomorphism and symmetric difference  
Equivalently,

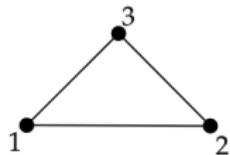
$[E] = \{E_1 + \dots + E_m \mid E_i \cong E \text{ for every } i\}$ , where  $+$  is the symmetric difference

$[E_1, \dots, E_m]$  - a class of graphs generated by  $E_1, \dots, E_m$  closed under isomorphism and symmetric difference

## Examples

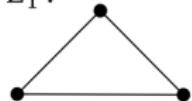
$$f_E = x_1 x_2 x_3 ((x_1 - 1)(x_2 - 1) + (x_1 - 1)(x_3 - 1) + (x_2 - 1)(x_3 - 1))$$

$E :$

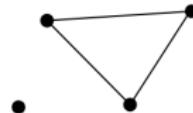


The symmetric difference of graphs:

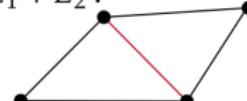
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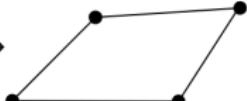
$E_2 :$



$E_1 + E_2 :$



$\rightarrow$



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*The description of clones  $C(f_E) \subseteq P(\mathbb{Z}_8, +, \cdot)$  generated by the operation*

$$f_E(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_1 \dots x_n \sum_{ij \in E} (x_i - 1)(x_j - 1),$$

*where  $E \subseteq [n]^2$  (the set of all pairs from  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ).*

## Theorem

$f_D \in C(f_E)$  if and only if  $D \in [E]$ .

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$f_D \in C(f_{E_1}) \vee C(f_{E_2}) \dots C(f_{E_m})$  if and only if  $D \in [E_1, E_2, \dots, E_m]$ .

## Problem

*The description of all subsets of  $Graph(n)$  that are closed under isomorphism and symmetric difference.*

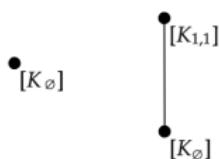
## Denotations

$K_m$  - a complete graph on  $m$  vertices and  $n - m$  isolated vertices

$K_m + K_{n-m}$  - a disjoint union of  $K_m$  and  $K_{n-m}$

$K_{m,n-m}$  - a complete bipartite graph (with  $n - m - k$  isolated vertices)

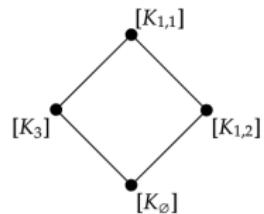
$n = 1$



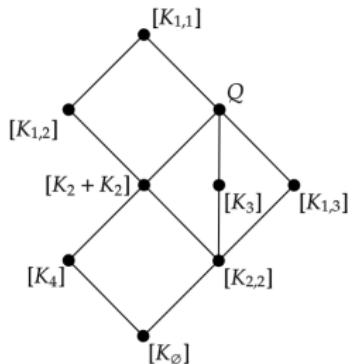
$n = 2$



$n = 3$



$n = 4$



## Definition

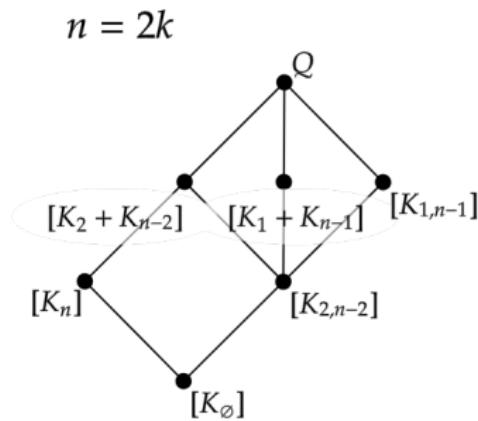
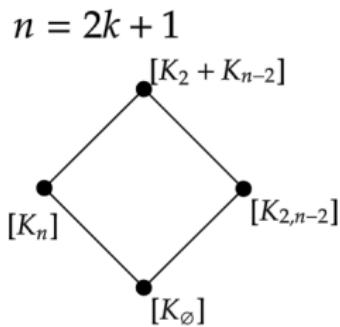
A graph  $E = (V, E)$  is **quasi-complete** if any of the following conditions is satisfied for any pair of vertices  $u, v \in V(E)$ :

- (a)  $N(u) \cup \{u, v\} = N(v) \cup \{u, v\}$ ,
- (b)  $N(u) \cap N(v) = \emptyset$  and  $N(u) \cup N(v) \cup \{u, v\} = V(E)$ .

## Lemma

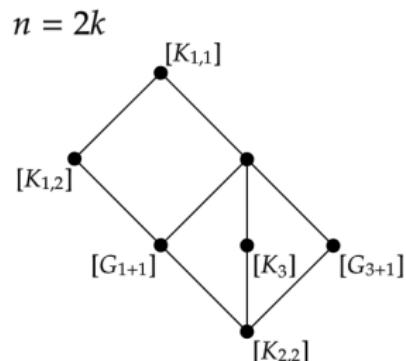
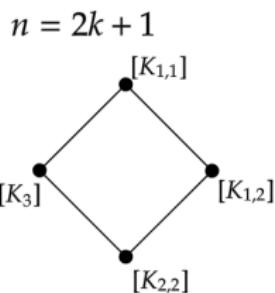
A graph  $E$  of the order  $n$  is quasi-complete, iff it is isomorphic to the graph  $K_{m, n-m}$  or  $K_m + K_{n-m}$  for some  $m \in \{0, 1, \dots, \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor\}$ .

## Quasi-complete graphs $n > 4$ ( $k > 1$ )



## Lemma

If  $E$  is not quasi-complete, then  $[E]$  contains  $K_{2,2}$ .



$E \perp D \Leftrightarrow (E' \cap D' \mid \text{is even whenever } E' \cong E, D' \cong D)$

For  $M \subseteq \text{Graph}(n)$ ,

$$M^\perp = \{E \in \text{Graph}(n) \mid E \perp D \text{ for every } D \in M\}$$

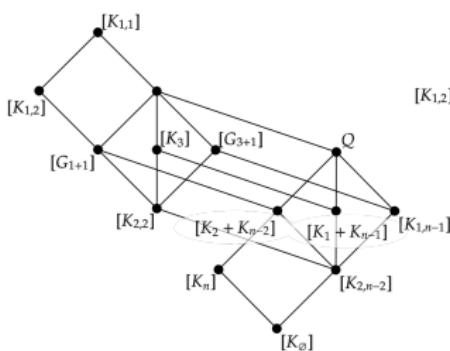
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$D \in [E] \text{ if and only if } E^\perp \subseteq D^\perp.$

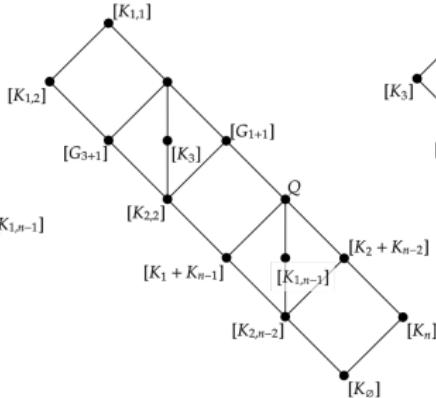
# The lattice of the graph classes according to the number of vertices $n$

If  $n > 4$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , then

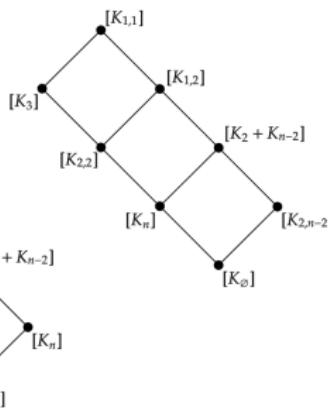
$n = 4k$



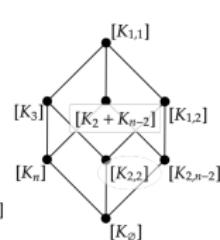
$n = 4k + 2$



$n = 4k + 1$



$n = 4k + 3$



## Next aims

1. Compare  $C(f_E)$  for different  $n$
2. Investigate operations:

$$x_1 x_2 \dots x_n \sum (x_i^2 - 1)(x_j - 1)$$

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3. Compare  $C(f_E)$  with previously investigated clones

Thank you for your attention :)