

On finitely generated free orthomodular lattices

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Abstract

This is a survey on a series of four papers devoted to study of finitely generated free orthomodular lattices. It aims to recall this research conducted about two decades ago and point out to two particular varieties of orthomodular lattices where similar results would be desirable but are still missing.

Firstly, in this paper an abstract description is presented of the n -generated free algebras $F_{\mathcal{MO}_k}(n)$ in the varieties \mathcal{MO}_k ($k \geq 2, n \geq 1$) of modular ortholattices generated by the ortholattices \mathbf{MO}_k of height 2 with $2k$ atoms. Also formulas for the cardinalities of these algebras are given. We notice that before our research was conducted, even the cardinality of the free algebra with three generators in the variety \mathcal{MO}_2 covering the variety of Boolean algebras was not known. Full abstract descriptions of the free algebras with $n > 2$ generators in the varieties of modular ortholattices were only known in the variety of Boolean algebras.

Secondly, an abstract description of the finitely generated free algebras $F_{\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{L}_k)}(n)$ in the varieties $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{L}_k)$ ($k \geq 2, n \geq 3$) of orthomodular lattices generated by the ortholattices \mathbf{L}_k which are horizontal sums of one block $\mathbf{2}^3$ and $k - 1$ blocks $\mathbf{2}^2$ is given. This is the simplest case stepping outside the varieties of modular ortholattices and shows how even such a small step increases the complexity of the descriptions. Finally, the finitely generated free algebras $\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{O}_k)}(n)$ with n generators in the varieties $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ ($2 \leq k \leq n$) of non-modular ortholattices generated by the orthomodular lattices \mathbf{O}_k which are horizontal sums of k Boolean blocks $\mathbf{2}^3$ are described.

Algebraic methods of the theory of orthomodular lattices are combined with natural duality theory for varieties of algebras. The free algebras are decomposed by central elements into products of canonical intervals of different types. The structures of the intervals are obtained from natural dualities for the varieties of the considered orthomodular lattices. Then Stirling numbers of the second kind are used to count the number of intervals and to give the full abstract descriptions of the free algebras as well as (recursive) formulas for their cardinalities. The structures of the free algebras are illustrated and their cardinalities are for small values of the parameters explicitly displayed in tables.

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1 Introduction

We recall that the origin of the study of orthomodular lattices is due to G. Birkhoff and J. von Neumann [3] who in 1936 suggested taking the lattice of closed subspaces of a Hilbert space as a suitable model for ‘the logic of quantum mechanics’. They were interested in discovering, we cite, “*what logical structure one may hope to find in physical theories which, like quantum mechanics, do not conform to classical logic. Our main conclusion, based on admittedly heuristic arguments, is that one can reasonably expect to find a calculus of propositions which is formally indistinguishable from the calculus of linear subspaces [of a Hilbert space] with respect to set products (i.e. intersections), linear*

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sums, and orthogonal complements — and resembles the usual calculus of propositions with respect to and, or and not."

It is well-known that if the Hilbert space H is finite-dimensional, then the lattice $\langle \mathcal{L}(H); \cap, + \rangle$ of its closed subspaces satisfies the *modular law*

$$P \subseteq Q \implies P + (S \cap Q) = (P + S) \cap Q \quad (P, Q, S \in \mathcal{L}(H)).$$

This law is known to fail in case H is infinite-dimensional, but then a weaker *orthomodular law*

$$P \subseteq Q \implies P + (Q \cap P^\perp) = Q \quad (P, Q \in \mathcal{L}(H))$$

is satisfied in $\langle \mathcal{L}(H); \cap, + \rangle$. This was discovered by K. Husimi in [11]. The name *orthomodular* is due to I. Kaplansky (1955).

The first systematic treatment of the theory of orthomodular lattices was given by G. Kalmbach [12]. Her monograph together with the monographs by L. Beran [2], by P. Pták and S. Pulmanová [14] and by A. Dvurečenskij and S. Pulmanová [5] are recommended for the basic knowledge about orthomodular lattices and quantum structures.

Roughly speaking, to compare orthomodular lattices with Boolean algebras we can say that a Boolean algebra is an orthomodular lattice in which every two elements are *compatible* while in a general orthomodular lattice there are also non-compatible pairs. Therefore the distributive law cannot be used in orthomodular lattices as in Boolean algebras. A certain version of distributivity however holds in orthomodular lattices, we shall give details later.

The basic information about the subvariety lattice of the variety \mathcal{OM} of all orthomodular lattices can be found in [12]. There is a three-element (covering) chain

$$\mathcal{T} \subsetneq \mathcal{B} \subsetneq \mathcal{MO}_2$$

at the bottom of the subvariety lattice of \mathcal{OM} , where \mathcal{T} and \mathcal{B} are the varieties of trivial algebras and Boolean algebras, respectively, and $\mathcal{MO}_2 = \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{MO}_2)$ is the variety generated by the orthomodular lattice \mathbf{MO}_2 of height 2 with 4 atoms a_1, a'_1, a_2, a'_2 (see Figure 1).

The only finite subdirectly irreducible algebras in the variety of all modular orthomodular lattices \mathcal{MO} are \mathbf{MO}_k ($k \geq 2$) and $\mathbf{2}$. That is why the subvarieties of \mathcal{MO} form the chain

$$\mathcal{T} \subsetneq \mathcal{B} \subsetneq \mathcal{MO}_2 \subsetneq \mathcal{MO}_3 \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq \mathcal{MO}_k \subsetneq \mathcal{MO}_{k+1} \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq \mathcal{MO}$$

of type $\omega + 1$ where $\mathcal{MO}_k = \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{MO}_k)$ is the variety generated by \mathbf{MO}_k . The strict inclusions $\mathcal{MO}_k \subsetneq \mathcal{MO}_{k+1}$ follow from the fact that \mathbf{MO}_k satisfies the identity

$$\bigwedge_{\substack{i,j=1 \\ i < j}}^{k+1} c'(x_i, x_j) = 0 \quad \text{where } c'(x_i, x_j) = (x_i \vee x_j) \wedge (x'_i \vee x_j) \wedge (x_i \vee x'_j) \wedge (x'_i \vee x'_j)$$

but \mathbf{MO}_{k+1} does not.

In our study $F_{\mathbf{V}}(n)$ generally denotes the free algebra with n generators in a variety \mathbf{V} . The free orthomodular lattice $F_{\mathcal{OM}}(1)$ with one generator is isomorphic to the four-element Boolean algebra $\{0, x, x', 1\}$. Thus

$$F_{\mathcal{OM}}(1) = F_{\mathcal{B}}(1) \cong \mathbf{2}^2$$

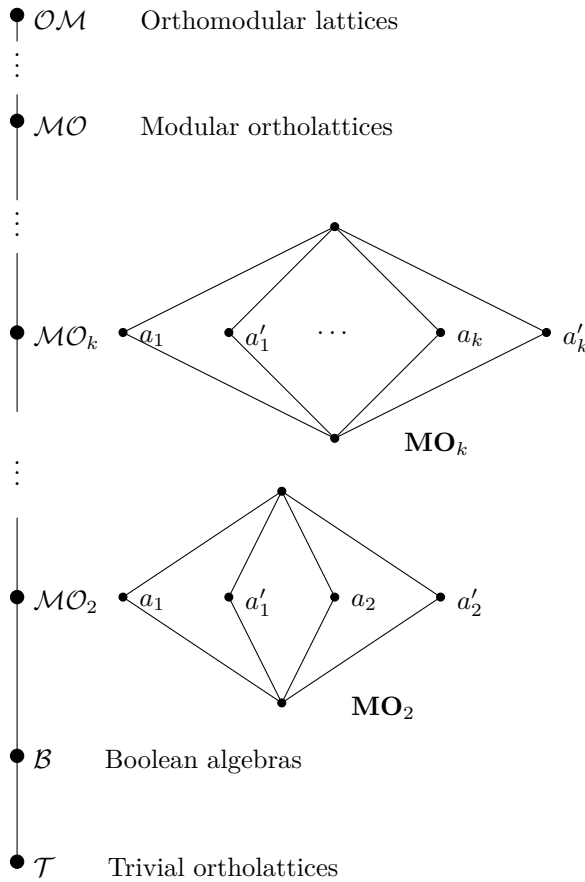


Figure 1. The lattice of subvarieties of modular ortholattices

where $\mathbf{2}$ denotes the two-element Boolean algebra $\mathbf{2} = (\{0, 1\}; \vee, \wedge, ', 0, 1)$. It is also well-known that the free orthomodular lattice with two generators $F_{\mathcal{OM}}(2)$ is a direct product of the free Boolean algebra with two generators $F_{\mathcal{B}}(2)$ and the lattice \mathbf{MO}_2 :

$$F_{\mathcal{OM}}(2) = F_{\mathcal{MO}_2}(2) \cong F_{\mathcal{B}}(2) \times \mathbf{MO}_2 \cong \mathbf{2}^4 \times \mathbf{MO}_2.$$

This free algebra has 96 elements and is described in detail in [2].

The free orthomodular lattice with three generators $F_{\mathcal{OM}}(3)$ is infinite. Even the free modular ortholattice $F_{\mathcal{MO}}(3)$ is infinite since it has the orthomodular lattice of closed subspaces of \mathbb{R}^3 as a homomorphic image (cf. [12, p. 229]). While $F_{\mathcal{MO}}(3)$ is infinite, the free algebras $F_{\mathcal{MO}_k}(n)$ ($k \geq 2, n \geq 3$) are finite since the varieties \mathcal{MO}_k are locally finite (cf. [4, chapter 1.3]).

In Section 3 we present a description, from our paper [8], of the n -generated free algebras $F_{\mathcal{MO}_k}(n)$ ($k \geq 2, n \geq 1$) in the varieties \mathcal{MO}_k of modular ortholattices generated by the ortholattices \mathbf{MO}_k of height 2 with $2k$ atoms. This study was a continuation of the paper [7], where the cases $k = 2, n > 2$ were solved with full details. We notice that in parallel to our theoretical investigations, the calculation of the cardinality of $F_{\mathcal{MO}_2}(3)$ was done by C.B. Wegener using her computer program at the fastest (at the time, in the mid-1990s) computer in Oxford.

In Section 4 we present our investigations, from the paper [9], pursued outside the variety \mathcal{MO} of modular ortholattices. There we described the finitely generated free algebras in the varieties $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{L}_k)$ generated by the orthomodular lattices \mathbf{L}_k ($k \geq 2$) which are the horizontal sums of one Boolean block $\mathbf{2}^3$ and $k - 1$ Boolean blocks $\mathbf{2}^2$. These varieties form an infinite chain “parallel” to the chain of varieties \mathcal{MO}_k in the sense that each $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{L}_k)$ contains the variety \mathcal{MO}_k (see Figure 2 on page 40). This meant the smallest possible step outside the varieties \mathcal{MO}_k of modular ortholattices — in the generator \mathbf{MO}_k we only replaced one of the blocks $\mathbf{2}^2$ by a larger block $\mathbf{2}^3$.

In Section 5 we present a full description, from our paper [10], of the finitely generated free algebras $\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{O}_k)}(n)$ ($2 \leq k \leq n$) in the varieties $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ of non-modular ortholattices generated by the orthomodular lattices \mathbf{O}_k which are horizontal sums of k Boolean blocks $\mathbf{2}^3$. These varieties form an another infinite chain “parallel” to the chains of varieties \mathcal{MO}_k and $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{L}_k)$ in the sense that each $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ contains the variety $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{L}_k)$ (see Figure 3 on page 46). This more ambitious step outside the varieties \mathcal{MO}_k of modular ortholattices resulted in a quite complex description.

Finally, in Section 6 we point out that similar descriptions are still missing and would be desirable in two particular varieties of orthomodular lattices. These two varieties together with the varieties \mathcal{MO}_3 and $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{L}_2)$ are among the four varieties of orthomodular lattices covering the variety \mathcal{MO}_2 . We present our desire for these missing descriptions as an open problem.

2 Preliminaries

2.1 Orthomodular lattices

By an *orthomodular lattice* is meant an algebra $(L; \vee, \wedge, ', 0, 1)$ where $(L; \vee, \wedge, 0, 1)$ is a bounded lattice and $'$ is the unary operation of orthocomplementation. The following identities are satisfied:

$$\begin{aligned} (a')' &= a, \quad a \wedge a' = 0, \quad a \vee a' = 1, \quad 0' = 1, \quad 1' = 0; \\ (a \wedge b)' &= a' \vee b', \quad (a \vee b)' = a' \wedge b'; \\ b &= (b \wedge a) \vee [b \wedge (b \wedge a)']. \end{aligned}$$

The last identity is called the *orthomodular law* and its equivalent form is

$$a \leq b \Rightarrow b = a \vee (b \wedge a').$$

In an orthomodular lattice L , the *commutator* of elements $x_1, \dots, x_n \in L$ is defined by

$$c(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \bigvee_{(i_1, \dots, i_n) \in \{0,1\}^n} x_1^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge x_n^{i_n},$$

where $x_i^0 = x_i$ and $x_i^1 = x_i'$. By $c'(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is denoted the element $(c(x_1, \dots, x_n))'$. The commutator of two elements x, y is then

$$c(x, y) = (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge y') \vee (x' \wedge y) \vee (x' \wedge y').$$

A *compatibility relation* $a \leftrightarrow b$ on L is defined by

$$a \leftrightarrow b \text{ if } a = (a \wedge b) \vee (a \wedge b') \quad (a, b \in L)$$

and satisfies

$$a \leq b \Rightarrow a \leftrightarrow b, \quad a \leq b' \Rightarrow a \leftrightarrow b;$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 a \leftrightarrow b &\Rightarrow a \leftrightarrow b', a' \leftrightarrow b, a' \leftrightarrow b'; \\
 a \leftrightarrow b &\Leftrightarrow c(a, b) = 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

The compatibility relation is symmetric and a version of distributivity related to it holds: if $M \subseteq L$ is such that $\bigvee M$ exists in L and $a \in L$ is such that $a \leftrightarrow m$ for every $m \in M$ then

$$a \leftrightarrow \bigvee M \text{ and } a \wedge (\bigvee M) = \bigvee_{m \in M} (a \wedge m).$$

One can show that

$$c(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leftrightarrow x_i \text{ for every } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } c(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leftrightarrow t(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

for any $x_1, \dots, x_n \in L$ and any n -ary term t .

By *central* elements $a \in L$ are meant elements which are compatible with every $x \in L$. By a *centre* of L is meant the set $Z(L)$ of all central elements of L . It forms a Boolean subalgebra of L . Moreover, $a \in Z(L)$ and $v \in L$ imply $a \wedge v \in Z([0, v])$ and

$$(1) \ c \in Z(L) \Leftrightarrow L \cong [0, c] \times [0, c'] \text{ (cf. [12, p. 20])}.$$

2.2 Natural dualities for the varieties of orthomodular lattices

The fundamental facts about the theory of natural dualities can be found in [4]. We recall that a variety generated by an algebra $\underline{\mathbf{M}}$ is arithmetical if $\underline{\mathbf{M}}$ has an arithmeticity (Pixley) term function $p(x, y, z) : \underline{\mathbf{M}}^3 \rightarrow \underline{\mathbf{M}}$ satisfying

$$p(a, b, b) = p(a, b, a) = p(b, b, a) = a \quad \text{for all } a, b \in M.$$

The term function

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(x, y, z) &= (x \vee z) \wedge (x \vee y') \wedge (z \vee y') \\
 &\quad \wedge [(c(x, y) \wedge z) \vee (c(y, z) \wedge x) \vee (c(x, z) \wedge x \wedge z)],
 \end{aligned}$$

is an arithmeticity term function for the generator \mathbf{MO}_k . To see this, note that if x, z belong to the same block of \mathbf{MO}_k then $(x \vee z) \wedge (x' \vee z) = z$ and $c(x, z) = 1$; if x, z are atoms of different blocks of \mathbf{MO}_k , $(x \vee z) \wedge (x' \vee z) = 1$ and $c(x, z) = 0$.

By the Arithmetic Strong Duality Theorem of the Natural duality theory (cf. [4, Theorem 3.11]), the n -generated free algebra $F_{\mathcal{MO}_k}(n)$ ($k \geq 2, n \geq 1$) is isomorphic to the algebra of all functions from \mathbf{MO}_k^n to \mathbf{MO}_k preserving the partial endomorphisms of \mathbf{MO}_k .

To discuss the partial endomorphisms of \mathbf{MO}_k , we firstly notice that for $k \geq 2$, every endomorphism of \mathbf{MO}_k is an automorphism. It is easy to see that each partial endomorphism of \mathbf{MO}_k must map the top to the top, the bottom to the bottom and if it maps an atom a to $c \in \{0, 1\}$, then it must map a' to $c' \in \{0, 1\}$. Such partial endomorphisms are not extendable. Any other partial endomorphism must map all atoms in its domain to distinct atoms of \mathbf{MO}_k , while preserving the complementation $'$. Partial endomorphisms of this kind extend to automorphisms and their graphs can be obtained by intersection from the automorphism group, $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{MO}_k)$. Let us consider a non-extendable partial endomorphism r mapping onto $\{0, 1\}$, with graph $r^\square = \{(0, 0), (a, 0), (a', 1), (1, 1)\}$, where a is some atom in \mathbf{MO}_k .

Theorem 2.1 ([8, Theorem 2.3]). Let a be an atom of \mathbf{MO}_k and let r be the partial endomorphism with graph $r^\square = \{(0, 0), (a, 0), (a', 1), (1, 1)\}$. Then for $k \geq 2$, $H = \text{Aut}(\mathbf{MO}_k) \cup \{r\}$ yields a duality on the variety $\mathcal{MO}_k = \mathbb{ISP}(\mathbf{MO}_k)$.

Corollary 2.2 ([8, Corollary 2.4]). Let $H = \text{Aut}(\mathbf{MO}_k) \cup \{r\}$. Then the n -generated free algebra $F_{\mathcal{MO}_k}(n)$ in the variety \mathcal{MO}_k is isomorphic to the algebra of all H -preserving functions from $(\mathbf{MO}_k)^n$ to \mathbf{MO}_k .

3 Finitely generated free algebras in \mathcal{MO}_k

The last section showed that the free orthomodular lattice $F_{\mathcal{MO}_k}(n)$ with n generators in the variety $\mathcal{MO}_k = \mathbb{ISP}(\mathbf{MO}_k)$ is isomorphic to the algebra of all those functions from $(\mathbf{MO}_k)^n$ to \mathbf{MO}_k which preserve $H = \text{Aut}(\mathbf{MO}_k) \cup \{r\}$. We notice that these functions are exactly the n -ary term functions on \mathbf{MO}_k . Our strategy is to find central elements for a decomposition of $F_{\mathcal{MO}_k}(n)$ into a product of intervals and then to describe these intervals using those H -preserving functions.

3.1 The decomposition by central elements

We firstly find central elements for the decomposition of the free orthomodular lattice $F_{\mathcal{MO}_k}(n)$. Let $t(x_1, \dots, x_n): (\mathbf{MO}_k)^n \rightarrow \mathbf{MO}_k$ be a term function into $\{0, 1\}$. Then for any term function $u(x_1, \dots, x_n): (\mathbf{MO}_k)^n \rightarrow \mathbf{MO}_k$,

$$t(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (t(x_1, \dots, x_n) \wedge u(x_1, \dots, x_n)) \vee (t(x_1, \dots, x_n) \wedge u'(x_1, \dots, x_n)).$$

Hence any term function $t(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ mapping into $\{0, 1\}$ is a central element of $F_{\mathcal{MO}_k}(n)$. Since the commutators are such term functions, by (1) we get the decomposition

$$F_{\mathcal{MO}_k}(n) = [0, c(x_1, \dots, x_n)] \times [0, c'(x_1, \dots, x_n)].$$

The structure of the first interval $[0, c(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$ is analysed in the next theorem.

Theorem 3.1 ([8, Theorem 3.1]). The interval $[0, c(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$ in $F_{\mathcal{MO}_k}(n)$ is isomorphic to the n -generated free Boolean algebra $F_{\mathcal{B}}(n)$. Hence

$$[0, c(x_1, \dots, x_n)] \cong \mathbf{2}^{2^n}.$$

The second interval $[0, c'(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$ is further decomposed. The binary commutators $c(x_i, x_j)$ are used for $i, j = 1, \dots, n$, $i < j$ and we arrive at the decomposition

$$[0, c'(x_1, \dots, x_n)] \cong \prod_{\tilde{w} \in \{0,1\}^N} [0, \bigwedge_{\substack{i,j=1 \\ i < j}}^n c^{w_{i,j}}(x_i, x_j) \wedge c'(x_1, \dots, x_n)].$$

Here the product is taken over all N -tuples

$$\tilde{w} = (w_{1,2}, \dots, w_{1,n}, w_{2,3}, \dots, w_{n-1,n}) \in \{0, 1\}^N$$

where $N = \binom{n}{2}$ and

$$c^{w_{i,j}}(x_i, x_j) = \begin{cases} c(x_i, x_j), & \text{if } w_{i,j} = 0, \\ c'(x_i, x_j), & \text{if } w_{i,j} = 1. \end{cases}$$

A labelled unoriented graph $G_{\tilde{w}}$ (without multiple edges and loops) can now be constructed for every term function

$$t_{\tilde{w}}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \bigwedge_{\substack{i,j=1 \\ i < j}}^n c^{w_{i,j}}(x_i, x_j) \wedge c'(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

on vertex set $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ with edges $x_i x_j$ whenever $w_{i,j} = 1$ for $i < j$. From this graph G we are able to reconstruct the term function $t_{\tilde{w}}$, which is also denoted by C_G . We notice that any one of \tilde{w} , $t_{\tilde{w}}$ ($=C_G$) and G determines the other two. For analysing the structure of the interval $[0, c'(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$ we investigate the intervals $[0, t_{\tilde{w}}(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$ for every N -tuple \tilde{w} . Since some of these intervals can be trivial, it is useful to give a necessary and sufficient condition on the structure of the corresponding graph G for the interval $[0, t_{\tilde{w}}(x_1, \dots, x_n)] = [0, C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$ to be non-trivial:

Proposition 3.2 ([8, Proposition 3.2]). Consider the term function $C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n) : (\mathbf{MO}_k)^n \rightarrow \mathbf{MO}_k$ given by

$$\bigwedge_{\substack{i,j=1, \\ i < j}}^n c^{w_{i,j}}(x_i, x_j) \wedge c'(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

and its associated graph G . The following conditions are equivalent:

- (a) The term function $C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is not identically equal to zero.
- (b) There exist elements $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbf{MO}_k$ such that
 - (i) $C_G(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 1$ and
 - (ii) the elements a_1, \dots, a_n are not all from the same block of \mathbf{MO}_k and
 - (iii) a_i, a_j are atoms of different blocks in \mathbf{MO}_k if and only if $x_i x_j$ is an edge of G .
- (c) The graph $G_p := G$ consists of l isolated vertices ($0 \leq l \leq n - p$) and one connected component which is a complete p -partite graph ($2 \leq p \leq n$).

Moreover, if the graph $G = G_p$ is as in (c), then there are exactly $2^n \binom{k}{p} p!$ n -tuples (a_1, \dots, a_n) in $(\mathbf{MO}_k)^n$ with the value $C_G(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ non-zero.

Proof. If (a) holds then there exist $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbf{MO}_k$ with $C_G(a_1, \dots, a_n) \neq 0$. It follows that $c^{w_{i,j}}(a_i, a_j)$ and $c'(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ are non-zero for all i, j . Then necessarily $C_G(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 1$. We notice that $c'(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 1$ if and only if there exist i, j ($i < j$) such that a_i, a_j are atoms of different blocks of \mathbf{MO}_k . Then we have $c^{w_{i,j}}(a_i, a_j) = 1$ if and only if $w_{i,j} = 1$ if and only if $x_i x_j$ is an edge in G . This proves (b).

Now let (b) hold and $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbf{MO}_k$ be as in (b). By the condition (b)(iii), x_i must be an isolated vertex in G for $a_i \in \{0, 1\}$. In case a_i is an atom in \mathbf{MO}_k there exists j such that a_j is an atom in a different block by (b)(ii), and for all such i, j there is an edge $x_i x_j$ in G by (b)(iii). Hence the graph G has isolated vertices corresponding to those $a_i \in \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ that are from $\{0, 1\}$ while the other vertices can be partitioned according to which block the corresponding a_i comes from. This results in a complete p -partite graph by (b)(iii) such that $p \geq 2$ by (b)(ii). We have proven (c).

Let us now assume that (c) hold. We have already shown that, given a labelled graph $G = G_p$ as in (c), one can choose $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbf{MO}_k$ with $C_G(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ non-zero. We notice that $C_G(a_1, \dots, a_n) \neq 0$ if and only if all the expressions $c^{w_{i,j}}(a_i, a_j)$ and $c'(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ have values 1. We firstly consider the connected component of G that is partitioned into $p \geq 2$ parts and a vertex x_i in this connected component. For every j such that $x_i x_j$ is an edge in G , the term C_G contains the subterm $c'(x_i, x_j)$ in case $i < j$ and the subterm $c'(x_j, x_i)$ in case $j < i$. This subterm takes value 1 at (a_i, a_j) if and only if a_i, a_j are from different blocks of \mathbf{MO}_k . Now for x_j in the same block of the p -partite graph as x_i , the term C_G contains the subterm $c(x_i, x_j)$ in case $i < j$ and the subterm $c(x_j, x_i)$ in case $j < i$. These subterms take value 1 at (a_i, a_j) if and only if a_i, a_j are from the same block of \mathbf{MO}_k . In case x_i is an isolated vertex of G , any subterm $c^{w_{i,j}}(x_i, x_j)$ in the term C_G is $c(x_i, x_j)$ (and analogously for $c^{w_{j,i}}(x_j, x_i)$), hence a_i must lie in the same block as a_j for all j . It follows that we have to choose a_i to be either 0 or 1. So in order to have $C_G(a_1, \dots, a_n) \neq 0$, we associate to each block of the p -partite component of the graph G a unique block of \mathbf{MO}_k and we choose the corresponding a_i to be atoms of the associated blocks. And we choose $a_i \in \{0, 1\}$ for isolated vertices x_i . We have proven (a).

To count the number of n -tuples (a_1, \dots, a_n) such that $C_G(a_1, \dots, a_n) \neq 0$, we have seen that we need to associate p blocks of \mathbf{MO}_k , in any order, to the p blocks of the connected p -partite component of G . Clearly, once the order of the blocks has been chosen, there are two choices for any a_i : more precisely, these choices are either of the two atoms in the corresponding block for the vertex x_i in the connected component, or 0 or 1 for an isolated vertex x_i . Altogether this gives $2^n \binom{k}{p} p!$ such n -tuples (a_1, \dots, a_n) and the proof is complete. \square

3.2 The use of natural duality

By using the natural duality for \mathcal{MO}_k given by $H = \text{Aut}(\mathbf{MO}_k) \cup \{r\}$ we are able to analyse the structure of the intervals $[0, C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$ associated with graphs $G = G_p$ as they were described in Proposition 3.2(c). By the duality, the interval $[0, C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$ can be described as the algebra of all those H -preserving functions $f: (\mathbf{MO}_k)^n \rightarrow \mathbf{MO}_k$ that are pointwise less than or equal to $C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$. This yields that any such function f must take value zero whenever the term C_G does. Now by

$$T_G := \{(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in (\mathbf{MO}_k)^n \mid C_G(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 1\}$$

we denote the set consisting of the $2^n \binom{k}{p} p!$ n -tuples $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in (\mathbf{MO}_k)^n$ at which C_G is non-zero; this automatically means $C_G(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 1$.

Now we discuss the preservation of the dualising structure $H = \text{Aut}(\mathbf{MO}_k) \cup \{r\}$. We first recall a general definition saying that a function $f: (\mathbf{MO}_k)^n \rightarrow \mathbf{MO}_k$ preserves a partial endomorphism e of \mathbf{MO}_k with the graph e^\square if for $\underline{\mathbf{a}} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$, $\underline{\mathbf{b}} = (b_1, \dots, b_n) \in (\mathbf{MO}_k)^n$,

$$(2) \quad (a_1, b_1) \in e^\square, \dots, (a_n, b_n) \in e^\square \Rightarrow (f(\underline{\mathbf{a}}), f(\underline{\mathbf{b}})) \in e^\square.$$

We consider our partial endomorphism $r \in H$ with the graph

$$r^\square = \{(0, 0), (a, 0), (a', 1), (1, 1)\}$$

where a is an atom of \mathbf{MO}_k . We notice that for the left-hand side of (2) to hold, the elements a_i must lie in $\{0, a, a', 1\}$ and the elements b_i in $\{0, 1\}$, yielding that neither $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$ nor $\underline{\mathbf{b}}$ can lie in the set T_G . Hence $(f(\underline{\mathbf{a}}), f(\underline{\mathbf{b}})) = (0, 0) \in r^\square$ for any $f \leq C_G$ and this means that the function f is r -preserving.

To investigate the preservation of the automorphisms of \mathbf{MO}_k , we firstly consider the action of the automorphism group $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{MO}_k)$ on $(\mathbf{MO}_k)^n$ (we refer here e.g. to [13] for the basic notions). Naturally, the automorphism group $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{MO}_k)$ acts on \mathbf{MO}_k by permuting its atoms. We denote the action of an automorphism α on $a \in \mathbf{MO}_k$ by a^α (other common notations are $\alpha(a)$ or $a\alpha$ depending on whether α is treated as a function or as a permutation). One can extend the action of $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{MO}_k)$ on \mathbf{MO}_k pointwise to $(\mathbf{MO}_k)^n$, thus $\underline{\mathbf{a}}^\alpha = (a_1^\alpha, \dots, a_n^\alpha) \in (\mathbf{MO}_k)^n$ for $\underline{\mathbf{a}} = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in (\mathbf{MO}_k)^n$ and $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbf{MO}_k)$. We denote the orbit of $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$ for such $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$ and α by

$$\text{Orb } \underline{\mathbf{a}} = \{\underline{\mathbf{a}}^\beta \mid \beta \in \text{Aut}(\mathbf{MO}_k)\},$$

and the stabiliser of $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$ by

$$\text{Stab } \underline{\mathbf{a}} = \{\beta \in \text{Aut}(\mathbf{MO}_k) \mid \underline{\mathbf{a}}^\beta = \underline{\mathbf{a}}\}.$$

Moreover, the set of elements fixed by α under the action on \mathbf{MO}_k is denoted by

$$\text{fix}_{\mathbf{MO}_k} \alpha = \{b \in \mathbf{MO}_k \mid b^\alpha = b\}.$$

Now the well-known Stabiliser-Orbit Theorem (cf. also [13, Corollary 6.2]) gives us that for all $\underline{\mathbf{a}} \in (\mathbf{MO}_k)^n$,

$$(3) |\text{Aut}(\mathbf{MO}_k)| = |\text{Stab } \underline{\mathbf{a}}| \cdot |\text{Orb } \underline{\mathbf{a}}|.$$

In order to determine the size $|\text{Aut}(\mathbf{MO}_k)|$ of the automorphism group $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{MO}_k)$ of \mathbf{MO}_k for $k \geq 2$, we point out that every automorphism is determined by the images of k atoms, one from each block. These atoms have to be mapped to atoms of distinct blocks of \mathbf{MO}_k and this gives us two choices per such atom as soon as the order of blocks has been determined. This leads to the size $|\text{Aut}(\mathbf{MO}_k)| = 2^k k!$.

We are ready to rewrite (2) for an automorphism $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbf{MO}_k)$. A function $f : (\mathbf{MO}_k)^n \rightarrow \mathbf{MO}_k$ is α -preserving if for all $\underline{\mathbf{a}} = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in (\mathbf{MO}_k)^n$,

$$(4) f(\underline{\mathbf{a}}^\alpha) = f(\underline{\mathbf{a}})^\alpha.$$

We return to the investigation of the interval $[0, C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$ associated with a graph $G = G_p$ ($2 \leq p \leq k$). We first notice that

$$\underline{\mathbf{a}} \in T_G \text{ if and only if } \underline{\mathbf{a}}^\alpha \in T_G$$

for any $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbf{MO}_k)$. The equality (4) is satisfied on the set $(\mathbf{MO}_k)^n \setminus T_G$ for any $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbf{MO}_k)$, since $f(\underline{\mathbf{b}}) = 0$ for all $\underline{\mathbf{b}} \in (\mathbf{MO}_k)^n \setminus T_G$. Now we consider $\underline{\mathbf{a}} \in T_G$. We notice that the coordinates of $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$ lie exactly in p blocks of \mathbf{MO}_k and that any such $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$ is fixed by exactly those $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbf{MO}_k)$ which only permute atoms in the remaining $k - p$ blocks of \mathbf{MO}_k . This means that

$$|\text{Stab } \underline{\mathbf{a}}| = |\text{Aut}(\mathbf{MO}_{k-p})| = 2^{k-p}(k-p)!$$

which does not depend on $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$. Hence by (3) the set T_G is partitioned by the action of $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{MO}_k)$ into orbits of size

$$(5) |\text{Orb } \underline{\mathbf{a}}| = \frac{|\text{Aut}(\mathbf{MO}_k)|}{|\text{Stab } \underline{\mathbf{a}}|} = \frac{2^k k!}{2^{k-p}(k-p)!} = 2^p \binom{k}{p} p!$$

We point out that to define an $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{MO}_k)$ -preserving map $f \leq C_G$, we cannot freely choose images from \mathbf{MO}_k for representatives of the orbits within T_G and then use (4) in order to define the images of the other members of T_G (we did this in the first paper [7] in the case of the variety \mathcal{MC}_2). The reason is that when $p < k$, there exist elements $\alpha \neq \beta$ of $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{MO}_k)$ such that $\underline{\mathbf{a}}^\alpha = \underline{\mathbf{a}}^\beta$ for any representative $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$ of orbit $\text{Orb } \underline{\mathbf{a}}$, and this restricts the choices for $f(\underline{\mathbf{a}})$ only to those which satisfy $f(\underline{\mathbf{a}})^\alpha = f(\underline{\mathbf{a}})^\beta$.

For any element $b \in \mathbf{MO}_k$,

$$b^\alpha = b^\beta \iff b^{\alpha\beta^{-1}} = b \iff \alpha\beta^{-1} \in \text{Stab } b \iff b \in \text{fix}_{\mathbf{MO}_k}(\alpha\beta^{-1}).$$

So an $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{MO}_k)$ -preserving function f is restricted to values $f(\underline{\mathbf{a}}) \in \text{fix}_{\mathbf{MO}_k}(\gamma)$, for $\gamma \in \text{Stab } \underline{\mathbf{a}}$, and thus

$$(6) f(\underline{\mathbf{a}}) \in \bigcap_{\gamma \in \text{Stab } \underline{\mathbf{a}}} \text{fix}_{\mathbf{MO}_k}(\gamma).$$

Since the stabiliser of $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$ consists of exactly those automorphisms which only permute the $k - p$ blocks not covered by the coordinates of $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$, we obtain that $\bigcap_{\gamma \in \text{Stab } \underline{\mathbf{a}}} \text{fix}_{\mathbf{MO}_k}(\gamma)$ is the set of atoms of the p blocks covered by $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$ together with 0 and 1 that are always fixed. Hence ordered by the usual order relation \leq on \mathbf{MO}_k , we have

$$(7) \bigcap_{\gamma \in \text{Stab } \underline{\mathbf{a}}} \text{fix}_{\mathbf{MO}_k}(\gamma) \cong \mathbf{MO}_p.$$

In order to construct the $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{MO}_k)$ -preserving functions $f: (\mathbf{MO}_k)^n \rightarrow \mathbf{MO}_k$ which are pointwise less than or equal to $C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$, one has to define f to be zero whenever C_G is and to partition the set T_G on which C_G is non-zero into orbits under the automorphism action. According to (6) one can freely choose the image $f(\underline{\mathbf{a}})$ for each orbit-representative $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$ within $\bigcap_{\gamma \in \text{Stab}_{\underline{\mathbf{a}}}} \text{fix}_{\mathbf{MO}_k}(\gamma)$. This forces the values of the other points in $\text{Orb } \underline{\mathbf{a}}$ to be $f(\underline{\mathbf{a}}^\alpha) = f(\underline{\mathbf{a}})^\alpha$. Hence by (7) each orbit within T_G contributes a factor \mathbf{MO}_p to the algebra of $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{MO}_k)$ -preserving functions $f: (\mathbf{MO}_k)^n \rightarrow \mathbf{MO}_k$. The orbits are all of the same size and the number of them within T_G is

$$\frac{|T_G|}{|\text{Orb } \underline{\mathbf{a}}|} = \frac{2^n \binom{k}{p} p!}{2^p \binom{k}{p} p!} = 2^{n-p}.$$

Consequently,

$$(8) \quad [0, C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)] \cong (\mathbf{MO}_p)^{2^{n-p}}.$$

3.3 Counting the intervals

We know that the interval $[0, c'(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$ is the product of intervals $[0, C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$ over all graphs $G = G_p$ ($2 \leq p \leq k$) that satisfy the condition (c) from Proposition 3.2. The number of labelled complete p -partite graphs on m vertices is obviously the same as the number of partitions of a labelled m -element set into p parts. This number is given by the Stirling numbers $S(m, p)$ of the second kind (we refer to [1, 2.66, 3.29, 3.39]):

$$S(m, p) = pS(m-1, p) + S(m-1, p-1) = \frac{1}{p!} \sum_{s=1}^p (-1)^{p-s} \binom{p}{s} s^m.$$

As p ranges from 2 to k and the number of isolated vertices l from 0 to $n-p$, the number of the graphs $G = G_p$ on n vertices is given by

$$\phi'(n, p) = \sum_{l=0}^{n-p} \binom{n}{l} S(n-l, p).$$

We notice that $\phi'(1, p) = 0$ since $p \geq 2$. We define

$$\phi(n, p) = 2^{n-p} \phi'(n, p).$$

We remark that when $p = 2$, which is satisfied whenever $k = 2$, $\phi(n, 2)$ corresponds to the function $\phi(n)$ in [7, Theorem 1.1].

We give a table of values of $\phi(n, p)$ for $1 \leq n, p \leq 10$. To do this we need to compute, for $0 \leq l \leq p$, the binomial coefficients $\binom{n}{l}$ and the Stirling numbers of the second kind, $S(n-l, p)$. Our first table gives part of Pascal's triangle computed by the recursive definition

$$\begin{aligned} \binom{n}{0} &= 1, \\ \binom{n}{k} &= \binom{n-1}{k-1} + \binom{n-1}{k}. \end{aligned}$$

We notice that $\binom{n}{k} = 0$ for $k > n$, and this is represented by empty cells in the table.

Binomial coefficients (Pascal's triangle)

$\binom{n}{k}$	k=0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
n=1	1	1									
2	1	2	1								
3	1	3	3	1							
4	1	4	6	4	1						
5	1	5	10	10	5	1					
6	1	6	15	20	15	6	1				
7	1	7	21	35	35	21	7	1			
8	1	8	28	56	70	56	28	8	1		
9	1	9	36	84	126	126	84	36	9	1	
10	1	10	45	120	210	252	210	120	45	10	1

Our second table displays the demanded Stirling numbers. These can be defined recursively by

$$S(0,0) = 1, S(n,0) = 0 \quad \text{for } n > 0,$$

$$S(n,k) = S(n-1, k-1) + k \cdot S(n-1, k).$$

As before, the empty cells are to be filled with the values 0.

Stirling numbers of the second kind

$S(n,k)$	k=1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
n=1	1									
2	1	1								
3	1	3	1							
4	1	7	6	1						
5	1	15	25	10	1					
6	1	31	90	65	15	1				
7	1	63	301	350	140	21	1			
8	1	127	966	1701	1050	266	28	1		
9	1	255	3025	7770	6951	2646	462	36	1	
10	1	511	9330	34105	42525	22827	5880	750	45	1

Finally, the table of values of $\phi(n,k)$ can be established by the following procedure:

(1) The first column's entries are $\phi(n,1) = 2^n$.

Other entries are calculated by $\phi(n,k) = 2^{n-k} \sum_{l=0}^{n-k} \binom{n}{l} S(n-l, k)$.

(2) For $n < k$, $\phi(n,k)$ takes value 0.

(3) For $n \geq k$, the sum in the expression is taken over the products of row n entries of the Pascal triangle with column k entries of the Stirling table. At last the result is multiplied by 2^{n-k} to give $\phi(n,k)$.

Values of $\phi(n, k)$

$\phi(n, k)$	k=1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
n=1	2									
2	4	1								
3	8	12	1							
4	16	100	20	1						
5	32	720	260	30	1					
6	64	4816	2800	560	42	1				
7	128	30912	27216	8400	1064	56	1			
8	256	193600	248640	111216	21168	1848	72	1		
9	512	1194240	2182720	1360800	365232	47040	3000	90	1	
10	1024	7296256	18656000	15790720	5743584	1023792	95040	4620	110	1

3.4 The results and their illustration

As stated above, each $2 \leq p \leq k$ contributes a factor of $(\mathbf{MO}_p)^{\phi(n,p)}$ to the structure of the interval $[0, c'(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$. Consequently,

$$[0, c'(x_1, \dots, x_n)] \cong \prod_G [0, C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)] \cong \prod_{p=2}^k (\mathbf{MO}_p)^{\phi(n,p)}.$$

Now we can present our results. Firstly, an abstract description of $F_{\mathcal{MO}_k}(n)$ for all $n \geq 1$, $k \geq 2$.

Theorem 3.3 ([8, Theorem 3.3]). For all $n \geq 1$, $k \geq 2$,

$$F_{\mathcal{MO}_k}(n) \cong F_{\mathcal{B}}(n) \times \prod_{p=2}^k (\mathbf{MO}_p)^{\phi(n,p)}$$

where $F_{\mathcal{B}}(n)$ is the n -generated free Boolean algebra 2^{2^n} ,

$$\phi(n, p) = 2^{n-p} \phi'(n, p) = 2^{n-p} \sum_{l=0}^{n-p} \binom{n}{l} S(n-l, p),$$

and the Stirling numbers of the second kind are given by

$$S(m, p) = \frac{1}{p!} \sum_{s=1}^p (-1)^{p-s} \binom{p}{s} s^m.$$

Secondly, we can give a formula for the cardinality of $F_{\mathcal{MO}_k}(n)$ for all $n \geq 1$, $k \geq 2$.

Corollary 3.4 ([8, Corollary 3.4]). For all $n \geq 1$, $k \geq 2$,

$$|F_{\mathcal{MO}_k}(n)| = 2^{2^n} \cdot \prod_{p=2}^k (2(p+1))^{2^{n-p}} \sum_{l=0}^{n-p} \binom{n}{l} S(n-l, p),$$

where the Stirling numbers of the second kind are defined by

$$S(m, p) = \frac{1}{p!} \sum_{s=1}^p (-1)^{p-s} \binom{p}{s} s^m.$$

From the table of values of $\phi(n, k)$ one can read off the structure of all free algebras $F_{\mathcal{MO}_k}(n)$ for $k, n \leq 10$. Firstly, we define $\mathbf{MO}_1 := \mathbf{2}$ and secondly, we extend the formula $\phi(n, p)$ to include values at $p = 1$ by defining $\phi(n, 1) = 2^n$. This enables us to write

$$F_{\mathcal{MO}_k}(n) \cong \prod_{p=1}^k (\mathbf{MO}_p)^{\phi(n,p)}.$$

To determine, for example, the structure of the free algebra $F_{\mathcal{MO}_3}(7)$, we consider the first three entries in the 7th row of the above table. The first entry gives the power of $\mathbf{MO}_1 = \mathbf{2}$ in $F_{\mathcal{MO}_3}(7)$, the next one gives the power of \mathbf{MO}_2 , etc. Thus

$$F_{\mathcal{MO}_3}(7) \cong \mathbf{2}^{128} \times (\mathbf{MO}_2)^{30912} \times (\mathbf{MO}_3)^{27216} \quad \text{and} \\ |F_{\mathcal{MO}_3}(7)| = 2^{128} \cdot (2(2+1))^{30912} \cdot (2(3+1))^{27216}.$$

We notice that, for $k > n$, $F_{\mathcal{MO}_k}(n) = F_{\mathcal{MO}_n}(n)$ and that, for $k < n$, the free algebra $F_{\mathcal{MO}_{k+1}}(n)$ has an additional non-trivial factor $(\mathbf{MO}_{k+1})^{\phi(n,k+1)}$ when compared to the structure of $F_{\mathcal{MO}_k}(n)$.

4 Finitely generated free algebras in $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{L}_k)$

In this section we consider the chain of varieties $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{L}_k)$ ($k \geq 2$) of orthomodular lattices where \mathbf{L}_k is the ortholattice which is the horizontal sum of one block $\mathbf{2}^3$ and $k - 1$ blocks $\mathbf{2}^2$. More precisely, this chain of varieties is such that for every $k \geq 2$, $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{L}_k)$ contains the variety $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{MO}_k)$ (see Figure 2).

We present an abstract description of the finitely generated free algebras $F_{\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{L}_k)}(n)$ ($k \geq 2, n \geq 3$) with n generators in the varieties $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{L}_k)$ from our paper [9]. We recall that these free algebras are finite because the varieties $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{L}_k) = \mathbb{I}\mathbb{S}\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{L}_k)$ are locally finite (see [4, Chapter 1.3]).

4.1 Similarities with the modular ortholattices

The arithmeticity term function for the ortholattices \mathbf{L}_k is the same as for the modular ortholattices \mathbf{MO}_k . From the Arithmetic Strong Duality Theorem (cf. [4, Theorem 3.11]) it follows again that the n -generated free algebra $F_{\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{L}_k)}(n)$ ($k \geq 2, n \geq 3$) is isomorphic to the algebra of all functions from L_k^n to L_k preserving the partial endomorphisms of \mathbf{L}_k .

The decomposition process is analogous to the one in the previous section. In the first step the n -generated free algebra $F_{\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{L}_k)}(n)$ is expressed as the product

$$F_{\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{L}_k)}(n) = [0, c(x_1, \dots, x_n)] \times [0, c'(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$$

where $c(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \bigvee_{(i_1, \dots, i_n) \in \{0,1\}^n} (x_1^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge x_n^{i_n})$ denotes the commutator of the generators x_1, \dots, x_n of $F_{\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{L}_k)}(n)$, $x_i^0 = x_i$, $x_i^1 = x'_i$ and $c'(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is $(c(x_1, \dots, x_n))'$. The interval $[0, c(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$ again represents the n -generated free Boolean algebra $F_{\mathbf{B}}(n) \cong \mathbf{2}^{2^n}$. In the second step the interval $[0, c'(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$ is decomposed by the commutators $c(x_i, x_j)$ ($i, j = 1, \dots, n, i < j$) into the form

$$[0, c'(x_1, \dots, x_n)] \cong \prod_{\tilde{w} \in \{0,1\}^N} \left[0, \bigwedge_{\substack{i,j=1 \\ i < j}}^n c^{w_{i,j}}(x_i, x_j) \wedge c'(x_1, \dots, x_n) \right],$$

where the product is taken over all N -tuples $\tilde{w} = (w_{1,2}, \dots, w_{n-1,n}) \in \{0, 1\}^N$, $N = \binom{n}{2}$ and

$$c^{w_{i,j}}(x_i, x_j) = \begin{cases} c(x_i, x_j), & \text{if } w_{i,j} = 0, \\ c'(x_i, x_j), & \text{if } w_{i,j} = 1. \end{cases}$$

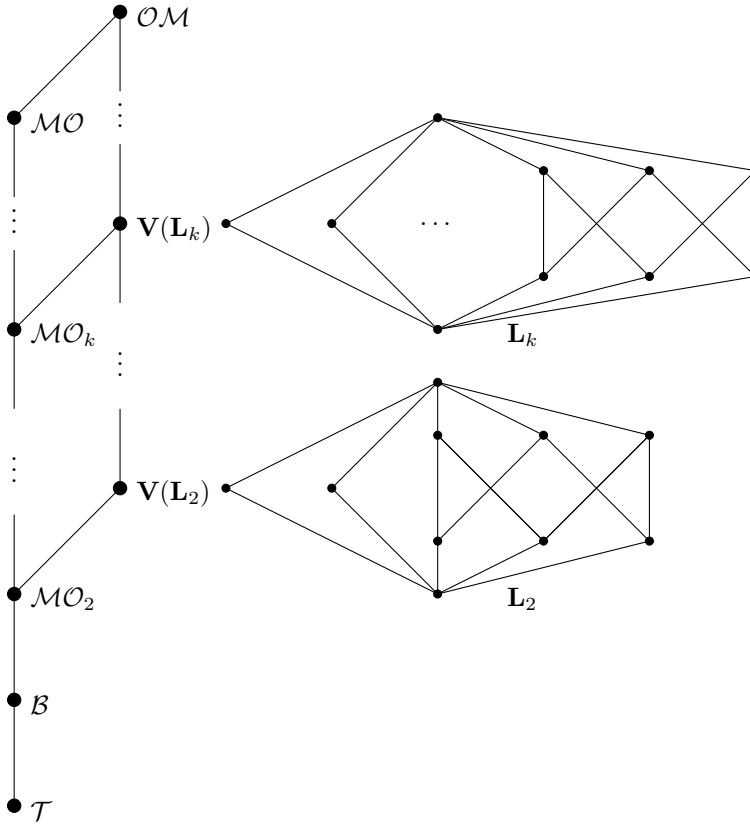


Figure 2. The subvarieties $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{L}_k)$ and their generators \mathbf{L}_k

As in the previous section, the term function

$$t_{\bar{w}}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \bigwedge_{\substack{i,j=1 \\ i < j}}^n c^{w_{i,j}}(x_i, x_j) \wedge c'(x_1, \dots, x_n) = C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

corresponds to a labelled unoriented graph $G = G_{\bar{w}}$ on the vertex set $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ with edges $x_i x_j$ whenever $w_{i,j} = 1$ for $i < j$. The next proposition gives a necessary and sufficient condition on the structure of the graph G for the interval $[0, C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$ in $F_{\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{L}_k)}(n)$ to be non-trivial (its proof is analogous to that of Proposition 3.2).

Proposition 4.1 ([9, Proposition 1]). Consider the term function $C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n) : (\mathbf{L}_k)^n \rightarrow \mathbf{L}_k$ given by

$$\bigwedge_{\substack{i,j=1 \\ i < j}}^n c^{w_{i,j}}(x_i, x_j) \wedge c'(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

and its associated graph G . The following conditions are equivalent:

- (a) The function $C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is not identically equal to zero.
- (b) There exist elements $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbf{L}_k$ such that

- (i) $C_G(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 1$ and
 - (ii) the elements a_1, \dots, a_n are not all from the same block of \mathbf{L}_k and
 - (iii) a_i, a_j are elements of different blocks in \mathbf{L}_k if and only if $x_i x_j$ is an edge of G .
- (c) The graph $G_p := G$ consists of l isolated vertices ($0 \leq l \leq n-p$) and one connected component which is a complete p -partite graph ($2 \leq p \leq k$).

As in the case of the modular ortholattices, the interval $[0, C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$ is isomorphic to the algebra of all functions from L_k^n to L_k which are pointwise less than or equal to $C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and preserve all partial endomorphisms of \mathbf{L}_k . Such functions take values zero whenever the term C_G does.

4.2 Orbits of three types

Let

$$T_G := \{(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in (L_k)^n \mid C_G(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 1\}$$

be the set of all n -tuples $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ from $(L_k)^n$ where the function C_G is non-zero, thus $C_G(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 1$. We call the coordinates $a_i \in \{0, 1\}$ corresponding to isolated vertices of G *trivial*, otherwise they are *non-trivial*.

By Proposition 4.1, the non-trivial coordinates of $\mathbf{a} \in T_G$ lie in exactly p of the k Boolean blocks B_1, \dots, B_k of \mathbf{L}_k corresponding to the blocks of the p -partite component of the graph $G = G_p$ ($2 \leq p \leq k$). Let us denote the cardinalities of these blocks by k_1, \dots, k_p , where $k_1 \geq k_2 \geq \dots \geq k_p \geq 1$ and $\sum_{i=1}^p k_i \leq n$. Assume that $(B_1, \dots, B_p)(\mathbf{a})$ is a sequence of the p Boolean blocks of \mathbf{L}_k which contain the non-trivial coordinates of \mathbf{a} and the number of the non-trivial coordinates of \mathbf{a} from the block B_i is k_i , $i = 1, \dots, p$.

4.2.1 First step

In the first step of our procedure we consider the partition of T_G into orbits under the action of the automorphism group $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{L}_k)$. We also count the number of orbits of $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{L}_k)$ in T_G . In case the block $\mathbf{2}^3$ of \mathbf{L}_k is a member of the sequence $(B_1, \dots, B_p)(\mathbf{a})$, i.e. $B_i \cong \mathbf{2}^3$ for a unique $i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$, we distinguish types I and II of the n -tuples $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in T_G$ (and the corresponding orbits $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$). We say that of *type I* are the n -tuples \mathbf{a} (and orbits $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$) such that the k_i coordinates of \mathbf{a} belonging to the block $B_i = \{0, b, b', c, c', d, d', 1\}$ are only from the set $\{b, b'\}$ of atoms of B_i . Of *type II* are the n -tuples \mathbf{a} (orbits $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$) such that the k_i non-trivial coordinates of \mathbf{a} belonging to the block B_i contain distinct elements b, c where b, c are not an atom and its complement in B_i .

We now assume for simplicity that $i = 1$ and the first k_1 coordinates of \mathbf{a} are from $B_1 \cong \mathbf{2}^3$. The considered types of the n -tuples \mathbf{a} (orbits $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$) in this case are specified as I.1 and II.1. We notice that there are automorphisms of \mathbf{L}_k which permute any two of the three atoms b, c, d of the block B_1 and which permute the atoms a_j, a'_j of other blocks B_2, \dots, B_p . Hence to pick up a representative of an orbit $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$ of type I.1 we obviously have 2^{k_1} choices for the k_1 coordinates from B_1 , 2^{k_i-1} choices for the k_i coordinates from B_i ($i \in \{2, \dots, p\}$) and $2^{n-(k_1+\dots+k_p)}$ choices for the coordinates of \mathbf{a} from $\{0, 1\}$. Altogether this gives

$$2^{k_1} \cdot 2^{k_2-1} \cdot \dots \cdot 2^{k_p-1} \cdot 2^{n-(k_1+\dots+k_p)} = 2^{n-p+1}$$

different orbits $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$ of $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{L}_k)$ of type I.1 on T_G . (We remark that we later showed in [9] that among all orbits $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$ of type I it is sufficient to consider only the orbits of type I.1.) For the number of orbits $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$ of type II.1 in T_G under the action of the automorphism group, the following lemma can be used. (We give its proof to make our presentation as much self-contained as possible.)

Lemma 4.2 ([9, Lemma 2]). There are (up to the automorphism action)

$$P(k) = 2^{k-1} + 6^{k-1}$$

choices for the $k := k_1$ coordinates of the n -tuples $\underline{\mathbf{a}} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ of type I.1 or II.1 in T_G to be taken from the block $B_1 \cong \mathbf{2}^3$.

Proof. Notice that if the pair of the first two coordinates of $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$ from B_1 is one of the four pairs $(b, c), (b, c'), (b', c), (b', c')$, where the distinct elements $b, c \notin \{0, 1\}$ are not an atom of B_1 and its complement, then arbitrary of the remaining $k - 2$ coordinates from B_1 might be chosen freely from the six elements $\{b, b', c, c', d, d'\}$ of B_1 . This gives $4 \cdot 6^{k-2}$ choices for the k coordinates from B_1 starting with such first two coordinates. In the remaining case the pair of the first two coordinates is one of $(b, b), (b, b'), (b', b), (b', b')$ for an atom b of B_1 . This gives us 2 choices, namely b and b' , for the first coordinate (up to the automorphism action) and, it gives us, recursively, $P(k - 1)$ choices for the remaining $k - 1$ coordinates. Therefore we obtain the recursive formula

$$P(k) = 4 \cdot 6^{k-2} + 2 \cdot P(k - 1).$$

A standard method of solving such formulas gradually gives us

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{P(k) - 2P(k - 1)}{P(k - 1) - 2P(k - 2)} &= 6 \\ P(k) - 8P(k - 1) + 12P(k - 2) &= 0 \\ u^2 - 8u + 12 &= 0 \\ u_1 = 2, u_2 = 6, \\ P(k) &= \alpha \cdot 2^k + \beta \cdot 6^k, \quad \alpha, \beta \in R. \end{aligned}$$

We arrive at $P(2) = 8$ and $P(3) = 40$, and this gives us

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{1}{6}.$$

Consequently $P(k) = 2^{k-1} + 6^{k-1}$ as claimed. \square

To continue, again there are automorphisms permuting the atoms a_j, a'_j of other blocks B_2, \dots, B_p . Hence to pick up a representative $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$ of an orbit $\text{Orb}(\underline{\mathbf{a}})$ of one of the types I.1, II.1, we notice we have $2^{k_1-1} + 6^{k_1-1}$ choices for the coordinates from the block B_1 , we have 2^{k_i-1} choices for the coordinates from B_i for $i = 2, \dots, p$ and we finally have $2^{n-(k_1+\dots+k_p)}$ choices for the coordinates of $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$ from $\{0, 1\}$. Altogether this gives

$$(2^{k_1-1} + 6^{k_1-1}) \cdot 2^{k_2-1} \cdot \dots \cdot 2^{k_p-1} \cdot 2^{n-(k_1+\dots+k_p)} = 2^{n-p}(3^{k_1-1} + 1)$$

orbits $\text{Orb}(\underline{\mathbf{a}})$ of $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{L}_k)$ in T_G of types I.1 or II.1. Consequently the number of orbits $\text{Orb}(\underline{\mathbf{a}})$ of type II.1 is $2^{n-p}(3^{k_1-1} + 1) - 2^{n-p+1} = 2^{n-p}(3^{k_1-1} - 1)$ while the total number of orbits $\text{Orb}(\underline{\mathbf{a}})$ of type II is

$$N(k_1, \dots, k_p) = 2^{n-p} \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^p 3^{k_i-1} \right) - p \right].$$

To describe the third type of orbits, we assume now that for the n -tuple $\underline{\mathbf{a}} = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in T_G$, the block $\mathbf{2}^3$ of \mathbf{L}_k is not a member of the sequence $(B_1, \dots, B_p)(\underline{\mathbf{a}})$.

This means that $B_i \cong \mathbf{2}^2$ for all $i = 1, \dots, p$. We say such n -tuples $\underline{\mathbf{a}} \in T_G$ (the corresponding orbits $\text{Orb}(\underline{\mathbf{a}})$) are of *type III*. Since there exist automorphisms permuting the atoms a_j, a'_j of any of the blocks B_1, \dots, B_p , there are

$$2^{k_1-1} \cdot 2^{k_2-1} \dots \cdot 2^{k_p-1} \cdot 2^{n-(k_1+\dots+k_p)} = 2^{n-p}$$

orbits $\text{Orb}(\underline{\mathbf{a}})$ of $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{L}_k)$ of type III.

4.2.2 Second step

In the second step we determine the structure of the algebra of $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{L}_k)$ -preserving functions from L_k^n to L_k which are pointwise less than or equal to $C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$. As in the previous section, we extend the action of the automorphism group $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{L}_k)$ on \mathbf{L}_k pointwise to $(\mathbf{L}_k)^n$: this means that for $\underline{\mathbf{a}} = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in (\mathbf{L}_k)^n$ and $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbf{L}_k)$ we have $\underline{\mathbf{a}}^\alpha = (a_1^\alpha, \dots, a_n^\alpha) \in (\mathbf{L}_k)^n$ and a function $f : (\mathbf{L}_k)^n \rightarrow \mathbf{L}_k$ is α -preserving if for all $\underline{\mathbf{a}} \in (\mathbf{L}_k)^n$, $f(\underline{\mathbf{a}}^\alpha) = f(\underline{\mathbf{a}})^\alpha$. We notice that in order to define an $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{L}_k)$ -preserving function $f \leq C_G$, one cannot freely choose images from \mathbf{L}_k for representatives of the orbits $\text{Orb}(\underline{\mathbf{a}})$ within T_G since in case $p < k$ there are automorphisms $\alpha \neq \beta$ in $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{L}_k)$ such that $\underline{\mathbf{a}}^\alpha = \underline{\mathbf{a}}^\beta$ for any representative $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$ of orbit $\text{Orb} \underline{\mathbf{a}}$. This restricts the choices for $f(\underline{\mathbf{a}})$ to those satisfying $f(\underline{\mathbf{a}}^\alpha) = f(\underline{\mathbf{a}})^\beta$. Consequently, one can freely choose the image $f(\underline{\mathbf{a}})$ for each orbit-representative $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$ within $\bigcap_{\gamma \in \text{Stab}_{\underline{\mathbf{a}}}} \text{fix}_{\mathbf{L}_k}(\gamma)$ and this forces the values of the other elements $\underline{\mathbf{a}}^\alpha$ in $\text{Orb}(\underline{\mathbf{a}})$ to be $f(\underline{\mathbf{a}}^\alpha) = f(\underline{\mathbf{a}})^\alpha$. To compare it with the previous section, now only the orbits of types I and III within T_G contribute a factor \mathbf{MO}_p to the algebra of $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{L}_k)$ -preserving functions $f : (\mathbf{L}_k)^n \rightarrow \mathbf{L}_k$. On the other hand, the orbits of type II within T_G contribute a factor \mathbf{L}_p . To see this, we notice that the stabiliser of n -tuples $\underline{\mathbf{a}} \in T_G$ of type II with associated sequences of blocks $(B_1, \dots, B_p)(\underline{\mathbf{a}})$ with $B_i \cong \mathbf{2}^3$ for a unique $i \in \{1, \dots, p\}$, consists exactly of those automorphisms in $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{L}_k)$ that fix all elements of the blocks B_1, \dots, B_p in \mathbf{L}_k and permute only atoms in the remaining $k - p$ blocks $\mathbf{2}^2$ of \mathbf{L}_k .

4.2.3 Third step

In the third step of our procedure we determine which of the orbits $\text{Orb}(\underline{\mathbf{a}})$ of types I, II and III can be “glued together” by the action of the partial endomorphisms of \mathbf{L}_k . We note at the beginning that for $\underline{\mathbf{a}} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$, $\underline{\mathbf{b}} = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$ in T_G , the action $e(a_1) = b_1, \dots, e(a_n) = b_n$ by a partial endomorphism e of \mathbf{L}_k is impossible if the domain $\text{dom}(e)$ is a subalgebra of one of the blocks of \mathbf{L}_k . To see this, notice that the non-trivial coordinates of $\underline{\mathbf{a}}, \underline{\mathbf{b}}$ from T_G always lie in at least two different blocks of \mathbf{L}_k . We also note that for any partial endomorphism e of \mathbf{L}_k with the action $e(a_1) = b_1, \dots, e(a_n) = b_n$ for some $(a_1, \dots, a_n), (b_1, \dots, b_n) \in T_G$, there is always a partial endomorphism e' of \mathbf{L}_k with the “reverse action” $e'(b_1) = a_1, \dots, e'(b_n) = a_n$. This means that the binary relation E on the set of orbits $\text{Orb}(\underline{\mathbf{a}})$ of types I, II and III given by $(\text{Orb}(\underline{\mathbf{a}}), \text{Orb}(\underline{\mathbf{b}})) \in E$ if there is a partial endomorphism e with the action $e(a_1) = b_1, \dots, e(a_n) = b_n$ is an equivalence.

We remark that in the first step we dealt with the n -tuples $\underline{\mathbf{a}} \in T_G$ of type I.1 which were determined by a sequence $(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_p)(\underline{\mathbf{a}})$ of blocks where $B_1 \cong \mathbf{2}^3$. Now we can see that for any orbit $\text{Orb}(\underline{\mathbf{b}})$ of type I with an associated sequence $(B'_1, B'_2, \dots, B'_p)(\underline{\mathbf{b}})$ with $B'_i \cong \mathbf{2}^3$ for a unique $i \in \{2, \dots, p\}$ we have

$$(\text{Orb}(\underline{\mathbf{a}}), \text{Orb}(\underline{\mathbf{b}})) \in E$$

for the n -tuple $\underline{\mathbf{a}} = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in T_G$ of type I.1 obtained from $\underline{\mathbf{b}}$ by mutually replacing in $\underline{\mathbf{b}}$ the coordinates from the first block $B'_1 \cong \mathbf{2}^2$ with the coordinates from the i -th block $B'_i \cong \mathbf{2}^3$. This is witnessed by the action $e(a_1) = b_1, \dots, e(a_n) = b_n$ where the partial endomorphism e of \mathbf{L}_k is as follows:

- (i) It mutually replaces the atoms of \mathbf{L}_k that are the coordinates of $\underline{\mathbf{b}}$ coming from the block $B'_1 \cong \mathbf{2}^2$ with the elements b, b' of \mathbf{L}_k that are the coordinates of $\underline{\mathbf{b}}$ coming from the block $B'_i \cong \mathbf{2}^3$.
- (ii) It fixes all elements of the blocks $B'_2, \dots, B'_{i-1}, B'_{i+1}, \dots, B'_p$ of \mathbf{L}_k .

From this it follows that a function $f : L_k^n \rightarrow L_k$ preserving all partial endomorphisms of \mathbf{L}_k can map the representative $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$ of $\text{Orb}(\underline{\mathbf{a}})$ of type I.1 freely into the subalgebra \mathbf{MO}_p of \mathbf{L}_k while the image of the representative $\underline{\mathbf{b}}$ of $\text{Orb}(\underline{\mathbf{b}})$ of a given type I (different from I.1) is determined by

$$f(b_1, \dots, b_n) = f(e(a_1), \dots, e(a_n)) = e(f(a_1, \dots, a_n)).$$

That is why the factors \mathbf{MO}_p contributed by the orbits $\text{Orb}(\underline{\mathbf{a}})$ of type I different from I.1 will not be considered.

In a similar way each orbit $\text{Orb}(\underline{\mathbf{a}})$, such that $\underline{\mathbf{a}} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ is of type III and the associated sequence $(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_p)(\underline{\mathbf{a}})$ has all blocks $B_i \cong \mathbf{2}^2$, $i = 1, \dots, p$, can be "glued together" by the equivalence E with an orbit $\text{Orb}(\underline{\mathbf{b}})$ such that $\underline{\mathbf{b}} = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$ is of type I.1 and the associated sequence $(B'_1, B_2, \dots, B_p)(\underline{\mathbf{b}})$ has $B'_1 = \mathbf{2}^3$. This is witnessed by the action $e(a_1) = b_1, \dots, e(a_n) = b_n$ where the partial endomorphism e of \mathbf{L}_k is as follows:

- (i) It mutually replaces the atoms of \mathbf{L}_k which are the coordinates of $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$ coming from the block $B_1 \cong \mathbf{2}^2$ with the elements b, b' of \mathbf{L}_k which are the coordinates of $\underline{\mathbf{b}}$ coming from the block $B'_1 \cong \mathbf{2}^3$.
- (ii) It fixes all elements of the blocks B_2, \dots, B_p of \mathbf{L}_k .

That is why the factors \mathbf{MO}_p contributed by the orbits $\text{Orb}(\underline{\mathbf{a}})$ of type III will not be considered, too.

Finally we notice that each orbit $\text{Orb}(\underline{\mathbf{a}})$ of type I.1 with a sequence $(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_p)(\underline{\mathbf{a}})$ such that the k_1 coordinates of $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$ are coming from the set $\{b, b'\}$ of the block $B_1 \cong \mathbf{2}^3$ for some atom b of B_1 can be "glued together" by the equivalence E with an orbit $\text{Orb}(\underline{\mathbf{b}})$ where $\underline{\mathbf{b}} = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$ can be obtained from $\underline{\mathbf{a}} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ by only mutually replacing the atom b with its complement b' . This is witnessed by the partial endomorphism of \mathbf{L}_k mutually replacing b and b' and fixing all elements of the blocks B_2, \dots, B_p of \mathbf{L}_k . This will reduce the number of factors \mathbf{MO}_p contributed by the orbits $\text{Orb}(\underline{\mathbf{a}})$ of type I.1 to the half, that is, 2^{n-p} .

To summarise above, the structure of the interval $[0, C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$ associated to a p -partite graph $G = G_p(k_1, \dots, k_p)$ with blocks of cardinalities k_1, \dots, k_p such that each $k_i \geq 1$ and $\sum_{i=1}^p k_i \leq n$ is

$$[0, C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)] \cong (\mathbf{MO}_p)^{2^{n-p}} \times (L_p)^{N(k_1, \dots, k_p)}$$

where $N(k_1, \dots, k_p) = 2^{n-p}[(\sum_{i=1}^p 3^{k_i-1}) - p]$. We see that, compared to the previous section, this structure now depends on the sequence (k_1, \dots, k_p) of the cardinalities of the blocks of the p -partite graph G where one can assume $k_1 \geq \dots \geq k_p$.

4.2.4 Counting the graphs

We calculate the number $\phi(n; k_1, \dots, k_p)$ of the p -partite graphs $G = G_p(k_1, \dots, k_p)$ on n -element vertex set with blocks of cardinalities k_1, \dots, k_p ($k_1 \geq \dots \geq k_p \geq 1, \sum_{i=1}^p k_i \leq n$) and with $l = n - \sum_{i=1}^p k_i$ isolated vertices. We firstly have $\binom{n}{l}$ choices for the isolated vertices. And secondly, the number of partitions of a labelled $(n-l)$ -element set $S = \{1, \dots, n-l\}$ into exactly p blocks S^1, \dots, S^p of cardinalities k_1, \dots, k_p , respectively is given by (cf. [1, 3.15])

$$(9) \quad S(n-l; k_1, \dots, k_p) = \frac{(n-l)!}{b_1!b_2!\dots b_{n-l}!(2!)^{b_2}\dots((n-l)!)^{b_{n-l}}}$$

where for $i = 1, \dots, n-l$, b_i denotes the number of blocks of cardinality i among the blocks S^1, \dots, S^p . Consequently, we have

$$(10) \quad \phi(n; k_1, \dots, k_p) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{k_i} \right) S(\sum_{i=1}^p k_i; k_1, \dots, k_p).$$

4.3 The results

Theorem 4.3 ([9, Theorem 3]). For any $n \geq 3, k \geq 2$, the finitely generated free algebra $F_{\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{L}_k)}(n)$ is isomorphic to the product

$$2^{2^n} \times \prod_{p=2}^k \prod_{\substack{(k_1, \dots, k_p) \\ k_1 \geq \dots \geq k_p \geq 1 \\ \sum_{i=1}^p k_i \leq n}} [(\mathbf{MO}_p)^{2^{n-p}} \times (\mathbf{L}_p)^{N(k_1, \dots, k_p)}] \phi(n; k_1, \dots, k_p)$$

where $\phi(n; k_1, \dots, k_p)$ is given by (9), (10) and $N(k_1, \dots, k_p) = 2^{n-p}[(\sum_{i=1}^p 3^{k_i-1}) - p]$.

It can be seen that

$$\sum_{\substack{(k_1, \dots, k_p) \\ k_1 \geq \dots \geq k_p \geq 1 \\ \sum_{i=1}^p k_i = n-l}} S(n-l; k_1, \dots, k_p) = S(n-l, p),$$

where $S(n-l, p)$ is the Stirling number of the second kind. We recall from the previous section that it gives the number of partitions of a labelled $(n-l)$ -element set into exactly p parts and that it is given by the formula

$$S(n-l, p) = \frac{1}{p!} \sum_{s=1}^p (-1)^{p-s} \binom{p}{s} s^{n-l}$$

(cf. [1, 3.39]). This means that

$$2^{2^n} \times \prod_{p=2}^k \prod_{\substack{(k_1, \dots, k_p) \\ k_1 \geq \dots \geq k_p \geq 1 \\ \sum_{i=1}^p k_i \leq n}} [(\mathbf{MO}_p)^{2^{n-p}}] \phi(n; k_1, \dots, k_p) = 2^{2^n} \times \prod_{p=2}^k (\mathbf{MO}_p)^{(2^{n-p} \phi'(n,p))}$$

with

$$\phi'(n, p) = \sum_{l=0}^{n-p} \binom{n}{l} S(n-l, p).$$

Notice that this is isomorphic to the free modular ortholattice $F_{\mathcal{MO}_k}(n)$ with n generators in the variety \mathcal{MO}_k from the previous section. We arrive at our final result.

Corollary 4.4 ([9, Corollary 4]). For any $n \geq 3, k \geq 2$,

$$F_{\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{L}_k)}(n) \cong F_{\mathcal{MO}_k}(n) \times \prod_{p=2}^k \prod_{\substack{(k_1, \dots, k_p) \\ k_1 \geq \dots \geq k_p \geq 1 \\ \sum_{i=1}^p k_i \leq n}} [(\mathbf{L}_p)^{N(k_1, \dots, k_p)}] \phi(n; k_1, \dots, k_p)$$

where $F_{\mathcal{MO}_k}(n)$ is the free modular ortholattice in the variety \mathcal{MO}_k with n generators, $\phi(n; k_1, \dots, k_p)$ is given by (9) and (10) and $N(k_1, \dots, k_p) = 2^{n-p}[(\sum_{i=1}^p 3^{k_i-1}) - p]$.

5 Finitely generated free algebras in $\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{O}_k)}(n)$

In this section we present, based on our paper [10], a full description of the finitely generated free algebras $\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{O}_k)}(n)$ ($2 \leq k \leq n$) with n generators in the varieties $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ of non-modular ortholattices. These varieties are generated by the orthomodular lattices \mathbf{O}_k which are horizontal sums of k Boolean blocks $\mathbf{2}^3$ and form another infinite chain “parallel” to the chains of varieties \mathcal{MO}_k and $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{L}_k)$ in the sense that each $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ contains the variety $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{L}_k)$ (see Figure 3). As we shall see, this very ambitious step outside the varieties of modular ortholattices results in a very complex description.

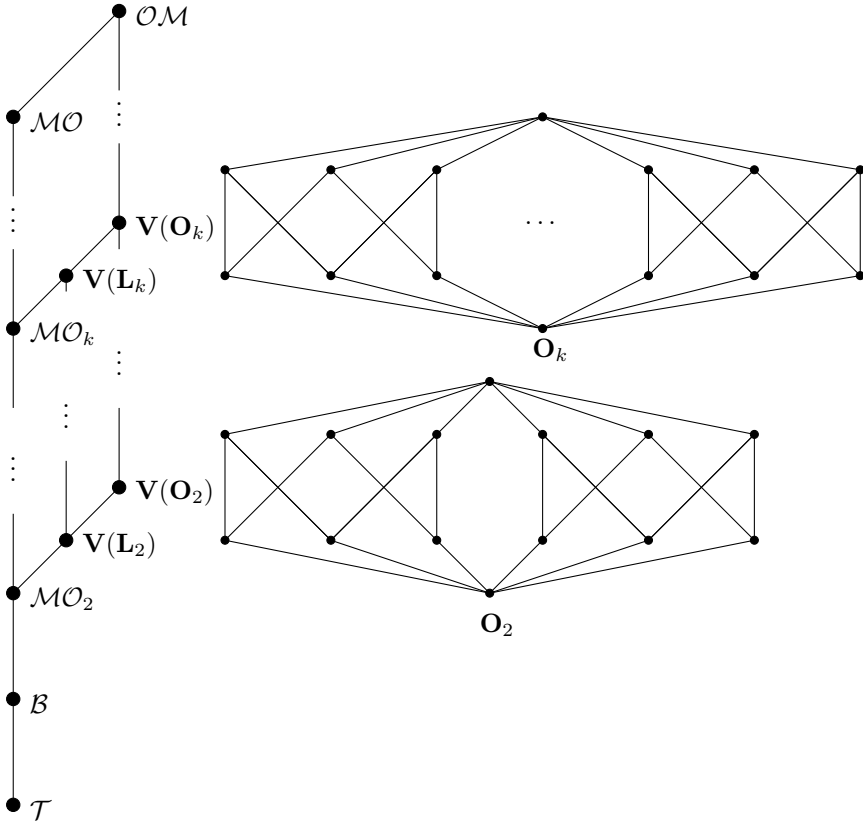


Figure 3. The subvarieties $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ and their generators \mathbf{O}_k

5.1 Similarities with the modular ortholattices once again

The free algebras $\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{O}_k)}(n)$ are certainly finite because the varieties $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ are locally finite (cf. [4, Chapter 1.3]). The varieties $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ are arithmetical with the same Pixley arithmeticity term as in the previous two sections. From the Arithmetic Strong Duality Theorem of Theory of natural dualities (cf. [4, Theorem 3.11]) we once again have a concrete description of the free algebra $\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{O}_k)}(n)$.

Theorem 5.1 ([10, Theorem 3.1]). The free algebra $\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{O}_k)}(n)$ with n generators in the variety $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ ($2 \leq k \leq n$) is isomorphic to the algebra of all functions from \mathbf{O}_k^n to \mathbf{O}_k preserving the unary partial endomorphisms of \mathbf{O}_k .

Since the commutator $c(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is a central element of $\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{O}_k)}(n)$, the free algebra $\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{O}_k)}(n)$ can be decomposed into the product

$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{O}_k)}(n) = [0, c(x_1, \dots, x_n)] \times [0, c'(x_1, \dots, x_n)].$$

Again the interval $[0, c(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$ is isomorphic to the n -generated free Boolean algebra $\mathbf{F}_{\mathcal{B}}(n) \cong \mathbf{2}^{2^n}$. The interval $[0, c'(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$ is decomposed by the binary commutators $c(x_i, x_j)$ ($i, j = 1, \dots, n, i < j$) in the form

$$[0, c'(x_1, \dots, x_n)] \cong \prod_{\tilde{w} \in \{0,1\}^N} [0, \bigwedge_{\substack{i,j=1 \\ i < j}}^n c^{w_{i,j}}(x_i, x_j) \wedge c'(x_1, \dots, x_n)],$$

where the product is taken over all N -tuples $\tilde{w} = (w_{1,2}, \dots, w_{n-1,n}) \in \{0, 1\}^N$, $N = \binom{n}{2}$ and

$$c^{w_{i,j}}(x_i, x_j) = \begin{cases} c(x_i, x_j), & \text{if } w_{i,j} = 0, \\ c'(x_i, x_j), & \text{if } w_{i,j} = 1. \end{cases}$$

The term function $t_{\tilde{w}}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \bigwedge_{\substack{i,j=1 \\ i < j}}^n c^{w_{i,j}}(x_i, x_j) \wedge c'(x_1, \dots, x_n) = C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ can be associated with a labelled unoriented graph $G_{\tilde{w}}$ on the vertex set $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ with edges $x_i x_j$ whenever $w_{i,j} = 1$ for $i < j$. The next proposition, analogous to Propositions 3.2 and 4.1 (and with its proof similar to that of Proposition 3.2), gives a necessary and sufficient condition on the structure of the graph G for the interval $[0, C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$ in $\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{O}_k)}(n)$ to be non-trivial.

Proposition 5.2 ([10, Proposition 3.2]). Let $C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n) : (\mathbf{MO}_k)^n \rightarrow \mathbf{MO}_k$ be a term function given by

$$\bigwedge_{\substack{i,j=1, \\ i < j}}^n c^{w_{i,j}}(x_i, x_j) \wedge c'(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

which is associated to a labelled unoriented graph $G = G_{\tilde{w}}$. The following conditions are equivalent:

- (a) The function $C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n) : O_k^n \rightarrow O_k$ is not identically equal to zero.
- (b) There exist elements $a_1, \dots, a_n \in O_k$ such that
 - (i) $C_G(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 1$ and
 - (ii) the elements a_1, \dots, a_n are not all from the same block of O_k and
 - (iii) a_i, a_j are elements of different blocks in O_k if and only if $x_i x_j$ is an edge of G .
- (c) The graph $G_p := G$ consists of l isolated vertices ($0 \leq l \leq n - p$) and one connected component which is a complete p -partite graph ($2 \leq p \leq k$).

Once again, let

$$T_G := \{(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in (O_k)^n \mid C_G(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 1\}$$

be the set of all $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ from $(O_k)^n$ where C_G is non-zero, hence it takes value 1. As in the previous section, we call the coordinates $a_i \in \{0, 1\}$ *trivial* if they correspond to isolated vertices of G . Then Proposition 5.2 means that the non-trivial coordinates of $\mathbf{a} \in T_G$ lie in exactly p of the k Boolean blocks B_1, \dots, B_k of O_k associated to blocks

of the p -partite component of $G = G_p$, $2 \leq p \leq k$. Henceforth we assume that the blocks of the p -partite component of the graph G have cardinalities k_1, \dots, k_p , where $k_1 \geq k_2 \geq \dots \geq k_p \geq 1$ and $\sum_{i=1}^p k_i \leq n$. Accordingly, we sometimes use the notation $G_p(k_1, \dots, k_p)$ for the graph $G = G_p$. We call the elements $\mathbf{a} \in T_G$ *standard* if their k_1, \dots, k_p non-trivial coordinates are taken respectively from the first p blocks B_1, \dots, B_p of \mathbf{O}_k .

5.2 Types of orbits

5.2.1 First step

The orbits of the automorphism group $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ on T_G will be counted. We denote the atoms and the coatoms of each block B_i b_i, c_i, d_i and b'_i, c'_i, d'_i , respectively. We notice that any automorphism f_i of the Boolean algebra \mathbf{B}_i fixes $\{0, 1\}$ and is determined by a permutation of the atoms of \mathbf{B}_i for $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$. A description of the automorphisms of \mathbf{O}_k is given in the following lemma. It guarantees that it suffices to focus on the standard elements $\mathbf{a} \in T_G$ when counting the orbits of $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ on T_G .

Lemma 5.3 ([10, Lemma 3.3]).

- (i) For each automorphism $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ there is a permutation ν on the index set $I_k := \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ and on the set of automorphisms $\{f_i : B_i \rightarrow B_i \mid i \in I_k\}$ of the Boolean blocks \mathbf{B}_i such that

$$(11) \quad \alpha(x_i) = f_{\nu(i)}(x_{\nu(i)}) \text{ for every } i \in I_k \text{ and } x_i \in B_i.$$

- (ii) Conversely, for each permutation ν on the index set $I_k := \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ and on the set $\{f_i : B_i \rightarrow B_i \mid i \in I_k\}$ of automorphisms of the Boolean blocks \mathbf{B}_i , the unary map $\alpha : O_k \rightarrow O_k$ defined by (11) is an automorphism of \mathbf{O}_k .

- (iii) For each $\mathbf{b} \in T_G$ such that the non-trivial coordinates of \mathbf{b} lie in p Boolean blocks B_{i_1}, \dots, B_{i_p} of \mathbf{O}_k , with $2 \leq p \leq k$ and $\{i_1, \dots, i_p\} \subseteq I_k$, there exists a standard element $\mathbf{a} \in T_G$ and $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ such that

$$(12) \quad \alpha(a_1) = b_1, \dots, \alpha(a_n) = b_n,$$

whence \mathbf{b} belongs to the orbit $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$ of the automorphism group $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ on T_G .

Proof. While (i) and (ii) are easy, to show (iii) we define a permutation ν on the set I_k such that $\nu(j) = i_j$ for $j = 1, \dots, p$ and ν maps the set $I_k \setminus \{1, \dots, p\}$ arbitrarily onto the set $I_k \setminus \{i_1, \dots, i_p\}$. For the automorphisms $\{f_i : B_i \rightarrow B_i \mid i \in I_k\}$ of the Boolean blocks \mathbf{B}_i we take the identity maps. By this we define an automorphism $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ such that $\alpha \upharpoonright \mathbf{B}_j : \mathbf{B}_j \rightarrow \mathbf{B}_{i_j}$ is an isomorphism for every $j \in \{1, \dots, p\}$. Now let α^{-1} denote the inverse of α and $a_i := \alpha^{-1}(b_i)$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$. Then obviously $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in T_G$ by Proposition 5.2. Also \mathbf{a} is standard and (12) holds. Thus \mathbf{b} belongs to the orbit $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$ of $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ on T_G . \square

For standard element $\mathbf{a} \in T_G$ we call the corresponding orbit $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$ of $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ on T_G *standard*, too. Lemma 5.3(iii) shows that when counting the orbits $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$ of the automorphism group $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ on T_G for a p -partite graph $G = G_p(k_1, \dots, k_p)$ with $k_1 \geq k_2 \geq \dots \geq k_p$ and $\sum_{i=1}^p k_i \leq n$, one can count only standard orbits $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$. This means that one can assume that for $i = 1, \dots, p$ the k_i non-trivial coordinates of \mathbf{a} are taken from the Boolean block B_i . We accordingly use the notation $\mathbf{a}(k_1, \dots, k_p)$ for \mathbf{a} .

Lemma 5.4. (i) There are (up to the automorphism action)

$$P(k_i) = 2^{k_i-1} + 6^{k_i-1}$$

choices for the non-trivial k_i coordinates of $\mathbf{a}(k_1, \dots, k_p) = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ to be selected from the block B_i , $i = 1, \dots, p$.

(ii) There are

$$N(n, p; k_1, \dots, k_p) = 2^{n-p} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^p (3^{k_i-1} + 1)$$

orbits $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a}(k_1, \dots, k_p))$ of $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ on T_G .

Proof. The part (i) comes from Lemma 4.2.

(ii) We use (i) and the fact that there are $2^{n-\sum_{i=1}^p k_i}$ choices for the trivial coordinates of \mathbf{a} to be selected from the set $\{0, 1\}$. This implies that the number of orbits $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a}(k_1, \dots, k_p))$ of $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ on T_G is

$$\begin{aligned} N(n, p; k_1, \dots, k_p) &= \left(\prod_{i=1}^p (2^{k_i-1} + 6^{k_i-1}) \right) \cdot 2^{n-\sum_{i=1}^p k_i} \\ &= 2^{(\sum_{i=1}^p k_i)-p} \cdot \left(\prod_{i=1}^p (3^{k_i-1} + 1) \right) \cdot 2^{n-\sum_{i=1}^p k_i} \\ &= 2^{n-p} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^p (3^{k_i-1} + 1). \end{aligned}$$

□

The k_i non-trivial coordinates of \mathbf{a} belonging to the block B_i are said to be of *type I* if they all are from the set $\{b, b'\}$ for an atom b and its orthocomplement b' in \mathbf{B}_i . They are called of *type II* otherwise. It is easy to see that among $P(k_i) = 2^{k_i-1} + 6^{k_i-1}$ choices for the non-trivial k_i coordinates of \mathbf{a} from the block B_i there exist exactly 2^{k_i} choices for the k_i coordinates of type I while the rest, $2^{k_i-1} + 6^{k_i-1} - 2^{k_i} = 6^{k_i-1} - 2^{k_i-1}$, are the choices for the k_i coordinates of type II. Hence we can express the product $N(n, p; k_1, \dots, k_p)$ in Lemma 5.4 as

$$(13) \quad N(n, p; k_1, \dots, k_p) = \left(\prod_{i=1}^p [(6^{k_i-1} - 2^{k_i-1}) + 2^{k_i}] \right) \cdot 2^{n-\sum_{i=1}^p k_i}.$$

From this it follows how the coordinates of types I and II contribute to the resulting number.

We call a standard orbit $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$ of the automorphism group $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ on T_G of *type* $\{i_1, \dots, i_s\}$ if the non-trivial coordinates of \mathbf{a} of type II are exactly from the blocks B_{i_1}, \dots, B_{i_s} for some subset $\{i_1, \dots, i_s\} \subseteq \{1, \dots, p\}$.

5.2.2 Second step

In the second step we determine the structure of the interval of $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ -preserving functions from O_k^n to O_k which are pointwise less than or equal to the term function $C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$. Again, we extend the action of $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ on \mathbf{O}_k pointwise to $(\mathbf{O}_k)^n$: for $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in (\mathbf{O}_k)^n$ and $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbf{O}_k)$, $\alpha(\mathbf{a}) := (\alpha(a_1), \dots, \alpha(a_n)) \in (\mathbf{O}_k)^n$. A function $f: (\mathbf{L}_k)^n \rightarrow \mathbf{L}_k$ is α -preserving if for all $\mathbf{a} \in (\mathbf{L}_k)^n$, $f(\alpha(\mathbf{a})) = \alpha(f(\mathbf{a}))$. We again notice that to define an $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{L}_k)$ -preserving function $f \leq C_G$, we cannot arbitrarily choose images from \mathbf{O}_k for representatives of the orbits $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$ of $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ on T_G . The reason is that for $p < k$ there exist automorphisms $\alpha \neq \beta$ in $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ such that for any representative \mathbf{a} of orbit $\text{Orb} \mathbf{a}$, $\alpha(\mathbf{a}) = \beta(\mathbf{a})$. This restricts the choices for $f(\mathbf{a})$ to only those that satisfy $f(\alpha(\mathbf{a})) = f(\beta(\mathbf{a}))$. Therefore we can arbitrarily choose the

image $f(\mathbf{a})$ for each orbit-representative \mathbf{a} within $\bigcap_{\gamma \in \text{Stab } \mathbf{a}} \text{fix}_{\mathbf{L}_k}(\gamma)$ while the values of the other elements $\alpha(\mathbf{a})$ in $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$ are determined by

$$f(\alpha(\mathbf{a})) = \alpha(f(\mathbf{a})).$$

It follows that the algebra \mathbf{A}_G of the $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ -preserving functions from O_k^n to O_k that are pointwise less than or equal to C_G is isomorphic to the product of the subalgebras $\bigcap_{\gamma \in \text{Stab } \mathbf{a}} \text{fix}_{\mathbf{L}_k}(\gamma)$ of \mathbf{O}_k taken over all standard orbits $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$ of $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ on T_G .

We denote by $\mathbf{L}_{(s,p-s)}$ ($s \in \{0, 1, \dots, p\}$) a subalgebra of \mathbf{O}_k which consists of s Boolean blocks $\mathbf{2}^3$ and $p-s$ Boolean blocks $\mathbf{2}^2$.

Proposition 5.5 ([10, Proposition 3.5]). Let $G = G_p(k_1, \dots, k_p)$ be a p -partite graph with blocks of cardinalities k_1, \dots, k_p such that $k_1 \geq \dots \geq k_p \geq 1$ and $\sum_{i=1}^p k_i \leq n$. The algebra \mathbf{A}_G of the $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ -preserving functions from O_k^n to O_k which are pointwise less than or equal to $C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is

$$\mathbf{A}_G \cong (\mathbf{MO}_p)^{2^n} \times \prod_{s=1}^p (\mathbf{L}_{(s,p-s)})^{N_A(n,p,s;k_1,\dots,k_p)},$$

where

$$N_A(n,p,s;k_1,\dots,k_p) = 2^n \cdot \sum_{\{i_1,\dots,i_s\} \subseteq \{1,\dots,p\}} \prod_{r=1}^s \frac{6^{k_{i_r}-1} - 2^{k_{i_r}-1}}{2^{k_{i_r}}}.$$

Proof. We already know that every standard orbit $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$ of $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ on T_G contributes a factor $\bigcap_{\gamma \in \text{Stab } \mathbf{a}} \text{fix}_{\mathbf{L}_k}(\gamma)$ to the algebra \mathbf{A}_G . Now for every type of the orbits $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$ we investigate the structure of $\bigcap_{\gamma \in \text{Stab } \mathbf{a}} \text{fix}_{\mathbf{L}_k}(\gamma)$ and we state the number of orbits $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$ of a given type.

We firstly consider a standard orbit $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$ of $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ on T_G of type $I_p = \{1, \dots, p\}$, i.e. all the non-trivial coordinates of \mathbf{a} are of type II. Then $\text{Stab } \mathbf{a}$ consists of the automorphisms $\gamma \in \text{Aut}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ that fix all elements of the blocks B_1, \dots, B_p in \mathbf{O}_k and permute the atoms (together with their complementary coatoms) in the remaining $k-p$ blocks of \mathbf{O}_k . Thus

$$\bigcap_{\gamma \in \text{Stab } \mathbf{a}} \text{fix}_{\mathbf{L}_k}(\gamma) \cong \mathbf{L}_{(p,0)} = \mathbf{O}_p,$$

whence the orbit $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$ contributes a factor \mathbf{O}_p to \mathbf{A}_G . Notice that the number of standard orbits $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a}(k_1, \dots, k_p))$ of type I_p is

$$N(n,p;k_1,\dots,k_p;I_p) = \left(\prod_{i=1}^p (6^{k_i-1} - 2^{k_i-1}) \right) \cdot 2^{n-\sum_{i=1}^p k_i} = 2^n \cdot \prod_{i=1}^p \frac{6^{k_i-1} - 2^{k_i-1}}{2^{k_i}}.$$

Hence this is the number of \mathbf{O}_p contributed by all standard orbits $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a}(k_1, \dots, k_p))$ of type $\{1, \dots, p\}$. We remark that one can get this number from $N(n,p;k_1, \dots, k_p)$ in (13) by removing in each of the first p factors the term 2^{k_i} expressing the number of the non-trivial coordinates of type I.

We secondly consider a standard orbit $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$ of type $S := \{i_1, \dots, i_s\}$ where we have $\emptyset \neq S \subsetneq I_p$, i.e. $1 \leq s \leq p-1$. For every $j \in I_p \setminus S$, the k_j non-trivial coordinates of \mathbf{a} taken from the block B_j are from the subset $\{b_j, b'_j\} \subset B_j$ where $b_j \in B_j$ is an atom. Now $\text{Stab } \mathbf{a}$ consists of the automorphisms $\gamma \in \text{Aut}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ that fix the elements of the $p-s$ subalgebras $\{0, b_j, b'_j, 1\}$ of B_j for $j \in I_p \setminus S$, fix the elements of the s blocks B_j for $j \in S$

and permute the atoms (together with their complements) in the remaining $k - p$ blocks of \mathbf{O}_k . Thus

$$\bigcap_{\gamma \in \text{Stab } \mathbf{a}} \text{fix}_{\mathbf{L}_k}(\gamma) \cong \mathbf{L}_{(s,p-s)}.$$

Hence each such orbit $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$ contributes a factor $\mathbf{L}_{(s,p-s)}$ to \mathbf{A}_G . Notice that the number of orbits $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a}(k_1, \dots, k_p))$ of type $S = \{i_1, \dots, i_s\}$ is

$$(14) \quad N(n, p, s; k_1, \dots, k_p; \{i_1, \dots, i_s\}) = 2^n \cdot \prod_{r=1}^s \frac{6^{k_{i_r}-1} - 2^{k_{i_r}-1}}{2^{k_{i_r}}}.$$

This is the number of factors $\mathbf{L}_{(s,p-s)}$ contributed to \mathbf{A}_G by all standard orbits $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a}(k_1, \dots, k_p))$ of type $S = \{i_1, \dots, i_s\}$ where $\emptyset \neq S \subsetneq I_p$. We remark that this number can be obtained from $N(n, p; k_1, \dots, k_p)$ in (14) by removing

- (i) in the factors corresponding to $i \in S$ the term 2^{k_i} which expresses the number of the non-trivial coordinates of type I and
- (ii) in the factors corresponding to $i \in I_p \setminus S$ the term $6^{k_i-1} - 2^{k_i-1}$ expressing the number of the non-trivial coordinates of type II.

Finally, we consider the orbits $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$ of type \emptyset , i.e. those that all the non-trivial coordinates of \mathbf{a} are of type I. Every such orbit contributes a factor $\mathbf{L}_{(0,p)} \cong \mathbf{MO}_p$ to \mathbf{A}_G and the number of these \mathbf{MO}_p is given by

$$N(n, p; k_1, \dots, k_p; \emptyset) = 2^{\sum_{i=1}^p k_i} \cdot 2^{n - \sum_{i=1}^p k_i} = 2^n.$$

□

5.2.3 Third step

We investigate which of the different standard orbits $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$ of $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ on T_G can be “glued together” by the action of the unary partial endomorphisms e of \mathbf{O}_k . By this we mean that

$$(15) \quad e(a_1) = b_1, \dots, e(a_n) = b_n$$

for representatives $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$, $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$ of different standard orbits $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$ and $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{b})$ and for a unary partial endomorphism e of \mathbf{O}_k . As the functions $f : O_k^n \rightarrow O_k$ which we consider preserve all unary partial endomorphisms of \mathbf{O}_k , we must guarantee the condition

$$(16) \quad (e(a_1) = b_1, \dots, e(a_n) = b_n) \implies f(b_1, \dots, b_n) = e(f(a_1, \dots, a_n))$$

for every unary partial endomorphism e of \mathbf{O}_k .

Definition 5.6 ([10, Definition 3.6]). A unary partial endomorphism e of \mathbf{O}_k is called

- (i) *straight*, if e maps all elements of $\text{dom}(e) \cap B_i$ into B_i for every $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$;
- (ii) *proper*, if the domain $\text{dom}(e)$ consists of the elements from at least two different blocks of \mathbf{O}_k ;
- (iii) *0, 1-separating*, if for any $x \in O_k$

$$e(x) = 0 \text{ implies } x = 0 \text{ and } e(x) = 1 \text{ implies } x = 1.$$

The following lemma describes the partial endomorphisms of \mathbf{O}_k .

Lemma 5.7 ([10, Lemma 3.7]). Every unary partial endomorphism e of \mathbf{O}_k can be expressed as

$$e = \alpha \circ e'$$

for some automorphism $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ and a straight partial endomorphism e' on \mathbf{O}_k with domain $\text{dom}(e') = \text{dom}(e)$.

Proof. In case the partial endomorphism e of \mathbf{O}_k is straight, the claim is satisfied for $e' = e$ and α being the identity map on \mathbf{O}_k .

If the partial endomorphism e is not straight, there exist elements $x_i \in B_i \setminus \{0, 1\}$ and $y_j \in B_j \setminus \{0, 1\}$ ($i, j \in \{1, \dots, k\}$, $i \neq j$) such that $e(x_i) = y_j$, whence $e(x'_i) = y'_j$. Suppose by contradiction that e maps an element z_l of a block $B_l \neq B_i$ into the block B_j . It follows that the element $e(z_l)$ must be comparable to one of the elements y_j, y'_j . One can assume, without loss of generality, that $e(z_l) \neq 0$. Since $z_l \wedge x_i = z_l \wedge x'_i = 0$, we get $e(z_l) \wedge y_j = e(z_l) \wedge y'_j = e(0) = 0$, a contradiction.

Hence every partial endomorphism e maps different blocks of \mathbf{O}_k to mutually different blocks of \mathbf{O}_k . Thus there is a permutation ν of the index set $I_k = \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ such that e maps each $x_i \in \text{dom}(e) \cap B_i$ into $B_{\nu(i)}$. Assume that $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ is determined by this permutation and by the identity maps $\{f_i : B_i \rightarrow B_i \mid i \in I_k\}$ (see Lemma 5.3). We define a partial endomorphism e' on \mathbf{O}_k with domain $\text{dom}(e') = \text{dom}(e)$ by $e' := \alpha^{-1} \circ e$. Now it is easy to see that e' is straight and $\alpha \circ e' = e$. \square

By Lemma 5.7, a function $f : O_k^n \rightarrow O_k$ preserves all unary partial endomorphisms e of \mathbf{O}_k if it preserves the automorphisms of \mathbf{O}_k and the straight partial endomorphisms e' of \mathbf{O}_k . This means that it is sufficient to consider the condition (16) only for straight partial endomorphisms e of \mathbf{O}_k .

We remark that (15) is possible only if the partial endomorphism e is proper since the non-trivial coordinates of $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in T_G$ always lie in at least two different blocks of \mathbf{O}_k . The next lemma shows that proper partial endomorphisms e are necessarily 0, 1-separating.

Lemma 5.8 ([10, Lemma 3.8]). Every proper partial endomorphisms of \mathbf{O}_k is 0, 1-separating.

Proof. Assume that $x_i \in \text{dom}(e) \cap B_i$ and $y_j \in \text{dom}(e) \cap B_j$ for different blocks B_i, B_j of \mathbf{O}_k . It follows $\{x_i, y_j\} \cap \{0, 1\} = \emptyset$. Suppose by contradiction that, without loss of generality, $e(x_i) = 0$. Since $y_j \vee x_i = 1 = y'_j \vee x_i$, we get

$$e(y_j) = e(y_j) \vee e(x_i) = e(y_j \vee x_i) = e(1) = 1.$$

Analogously,

$$e(y'_j) = e(y'_j) \vee e(x_i) = e(y'_j \vee x_i) = e(1) = 1.$$

From this it follows $e(0) = e(y_j \wedge y'_j) = e(y_j) \wedge e(y'_j) = 1$, a contradiction. \square

We conclude that it is sufficient to consider the condition (16) only for straight and proper (i.e. 0, 1-separating) partial endomorphisms e of \mathbf{O}_k .

We call a unary partial endomorphism u_j of \mathbf{O}_k *primitive* if its graph is

$$(u_j)^\square = \{(0, 0), (b_j, b'_j), (b'_j, b_j), (1, 1)\}$$

where b_j is an atom of the block B_j , $j \in I_k$. We call it $\{j_1, \dots, j_s\}$ -*primitive* if $u \upharpoonright B_{j_r}$ is primitive for $r = 1, \dots, s$ and $u(x) = x$ for all $x \in \text{dom}(u) \setminus (B_{j_1} \cup \dots \cup B_{j_s})$.

Our final lemma is now easy to see.

Lemma 5.9 ([10, Lemma 3.9]). Every straight and proper (i.e. 0, 1-separating) partial endomorphism e of \mathbf{O}_k which is not an automorphism is of the form

$$e = \alpha \circ u$$

for some $\{j_1, \dots, j_s\}$ -primitive partial endomorphism u of \mathbf{O}_k and a straight automorphism α of \mathbf{O}_k .

Consequently it is sufficient to consider the condition (16) only for $\{j_1, \dots, j_s\}$ -primitive partial endomorphisms e of \mathbf{O}_k .

We finally consider a standard orbit $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$ of $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{O}_k)$ on T_G of a type $S \subsetneq I_p$, where $s := |S| \geq 0$. This means that for each $j \in I_p \setminus S$, the k_j non-trivial coordinates of \mathbf{a} taken from the block B_j are from the subset $\{b_j, b'_j\} \subset B_j$ where b_j is an atom of B_j . Let $I_p \setminus S = \{j_1, \dots, j_{p-s}\}$. Assume that e is an $\{j_1, \dots, j_{p-s}\}$ -primitive partial endomorphism of \mathbf{O}_k and that (15) holds for e and $\mathbf{b} \in T_G \setminus \text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$. It follows that the orbit $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{b})$ is also of type S . In case the image $f(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ of \mathbf{a} in f is chosen from

$$\bigcap_{\gamma \in \text{Stab } \mathbf{a}} \text{fix}_{\mathbf{L}_k}(\gamma) \cong \mathbf{L}_{(s,p-s)},$$

by (16) the image $f(b_1, \dots, b_n)$ of \mathbf{b} in f is determined by $f(b_1, \dots, b_n) = e(f(a_1, \dots, a_n))$. Hence only one of the orbits $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{a})$ and $\text{Orb}(\mathbf{b})$ contributes a factor $\mathbf{L}_{(s,p-s)}$ to the interval $[0, C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$ of functions $f : (\mathbf{L}_k)^n \rightarrow \mathbf{L}_k$ which are pointwise less than or equal to $C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and preserve all unary partial endomorphisms of \mathbf{O}_k . It follows that for $0 \leq s \leq p - 1$, the number of factors $\mathbf{L}_{(s,p-s)}$ in the structure of the interval $[0, C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$ can be obtained by dividing every $N(n, p, s; k_1, \dots, k_p; S)$ in (14) by two for each $j \in I_p \setminus S = \{j_1, \dots, j_{p-s}\}$, hence by dividing the exponents $N_A(n, p, s; k_1, \dots, k_p)$ in Proposition 5.5 by 2^{p-s} . The number of factors \mathbf{MO}_p in the interval $[0, C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$ can be obtained by dividing $N(n, p; k_1, \dots, k_p; \emptyset) = 2^n$ by 2^p , hence it is equal to 2^{n-p} . We denote for every $1 \leq s \leq p$,

$$N(n, p; s; k_1, \dots, k_p) := \frac{N_A(n, p, s; k_1, \dots, k_p)}{2^{p-s}}$$

and we arrive to our final proposition.

Proposition 5.10 ([10, Proposition 3.10]). For the interval $[0, C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$ associated to a p -partite graph $G = G_p(k_1, \dots, k_p)$ with blocks of cardinalities k_1, \dots, k_p such that $k_1 \geq \dots \geq k_p \geq 1$ and $\sum_{i=1}^p k_i \leq n$ we have

$$[0, C_G(x_1, \dots, x_n)] \cong (\mathbf{MO}_p)^{2^{n-p}} \times \prod_{s=1}^p (\mathbf{L}_{(s,p-s)})^{N(n,p,s;k_1,\dots,k_p)}$$

where

$$N(n, p, s; k_1, \dots, k_p) = 2^{n-p+s} \cdot \sum_{\{i_1, \dots, i_s\} \subseteq \{1, \dots, p\}} \prod_{r=1}^s \frac{6^{k_{i_r}-1} - 2^{k_{i_r}-1}}{2^{k_{i_r}}}.$$

5.3 The results and their illustration

The calculation of the number of the p -partite graphs $G = G_p(k_1, \dots, k_p)$ on an n -element vertex set with blocks of cardinalities k_1, \dots, k_p ($k_1 \geq \dots \geq k_p \geq 1, \sum_{i=1}^p k_i \leq n$) and with $l = n - \sum_{i=1}^p k_i$ isolated vertices was given by (9) and (10) in the previous section.

Also similarly to the previous sections, $\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{O}_k)}(n) \cong \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{O}_n)}(n)$ if $n < k$. Thus it suffices to consider $k \leq n$ in the description of the finitely generated free algebras $\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{O}_k)}(n)$. Our final note is that in the case $n = k = 2$ we have $\phi(2; 1, 1) = 1$ and so we have the known description $\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{O}_2)}(2) \cong \mathbf{F}_{\mathcal{B}}(2) \times \mathbf{MO}_2$.

Theorem 5.11 ([10, Theorem 3.11]). For any $2 \leq k \leq n$, the finitely generated free algebra $\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{O}_k)}(n)$ is isomorphic to the product of the n -generated free Boolean algebra $\mathbf{F}_{\mathcal{B}}(n)$ with

$$\prod_{p=2}^k \prod_{\substack{(k_1, \dots, k_p) \\ k_1 \geq \dots \geq k_p \geq 1 \\ \sum_{i=1}^p k_i \leq n}} [(\mathbf{MO}_p)^{2^{n-p}} \times \prod_{s=1}^p (\mathbf{L}_{(s,p-s)})^{N(n,p,s;k_1, \dots, k_p)}] \phi(n; k_1, \dots, k_p)$$

where $\phi(n; k_1, \dots, k_p)$ are given by (9) and (10) on page 44 and

$$N(n, p, s; k_1, \dots, k_p) = 2^{n-p+s} \cdot \sum_{\{i_1, \dots, i_s\} \subseteq \{1, \dots, p\}} \prod_{r=1}^s \frac{6^{k_{i_r}-1} - 2^{k_{i_r}-1}}{2^{k_{i_r}}}.$$

We notice that (cf. [9])

$$\sum_{\substack{(k_1, \dots, k_p) \\ k_1 \geq \dots \geq k_p \geq 1 \\ \sum_{i=1}^p k_i = n-l}} S(n-l; k_1, \dots, k_p) = S(n-l, p),$$

where the Stirling number $S(n-l, p)$ of the second kind is the number of partitions of a labelled $(n-l)$ -element set into exactly p parts (cf. [1, 3.39]). It follows that

$$(17) \quad \prod_{p=2}^k \prod_{\substack{(k_1, \dots, k_p) \\ k_1 \geq \dots \geq k_p \geq 1 \\ \sum_{i=1}^p k_i \leq n}} [(\mathbf{MO}_p)^{2^{n-p}}] \phi(n; k_1, \dots, k_p) = \prod_{p=2}^k \mathbf{MO}_p^{(2^{n-p} \phi'(n,p))}$$

where

$$\phi'(n, p) = \sum_{l=0}^{n-p} \binom{n}{l} S(n-l, p).$$

Notice that on the right hand side of (17) we have an isomorphic copy of the n -generated free modular ortholattice $F_{\mathcal{MO}_k}(n)$ in the variety \mathcal{MO}_k . We arrive at our final result.

Corollary 5.12 ([10, Corollary 3.12]). For any $2 \leq k \leq n$, the finitely generated free algebra $\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{O}_k)}(n)$ is isomorphic to

$$F_{\mathcal{MO}_k}(n) \times \prod_{p=2}^k \prod_{\substack{(k_1, \dots, k_p) \\ k_1 \geq \dots \geq k_p \geq 1 \\ \sum_{i=1}^p k_i \leq n}} \left[\prod_{s=1}^p (\mathbf{L}_{(s,p-s)})^{N(n,p,s;k_1, \dots, k_p)} \right] \phi(n; k_1, \dots, k_p)$$

where $F_{\mathcal{MO}_k}(n)$ is the n -generated free modular ortholattice in the variety \mathcal{MO}_k , $\phi(n; k_1, \dots, k_p)$ are given by (9) and (10) on page 44 and

$$N(n, p, s; k_1, \dots, k_p) = 2^{n-p+s} \cdot \sum_{\{i_1, \dots, i_s\} \subseteq \{1, \dots, p\}} \prod_{r=1}^s \frac{6^{k_{i_r}-1} - 2^{k_{i_r}-1}}{2^{k_{i_r}}}.$$

Remark 5.13 ([10, Remark 3.13]). We notice that for $s = 1$,

$$N(n, p, 1; k_1, \dots, k_p) = 2^{n-p+1} \cdot \sum_{\{i\} \subseteq \{1, \dots, p\}} \frac{6^{k_i-1} - 2^{k_i-1}}{2^{k_i}} = 2^{n-p} \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^p 3^{k_i-1} \right) - p \right]$$

and the factor

$$F_{\mathcal{M}\mathcal{O}_k}(n) \times \prod_{p=2}^k \prod_{\substack{(k_1, \dots, k_p) \\ k_1 \geq \dots \geq k_p \geq 1 \\ \sum_{i=1}^p k_i \leq n}} [(\mathbf{L}_{(1,p-1)})^{N(n,p,1;k_1, \dots, k_p)}] \phi(n; k_1, \dots, k_p)$$

of the free algebra $\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{V}(\mathcal{O}_k)}(n)$ in Corollary 5.12 is isomorphic to the n -generated free algebra $F_{\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{L}_{(1,p-1)})}(n)$ in the variety $V(\mathbf{L}_{(1,p-1)})$ described in the previous section (there for the algebra $\mathbf{L}_{(1,p-1)}$ we use the notation \mathbf{L}_p).

We finally illustrate the obtained results by presenting the structures of the free algebras $\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{V}(\mathcal{O}_k)}(n)$ for $k = 2, 3, 4$ and for $n = 3, 4, 5$.

In the first of our next tables are displayed the values of the coefficients $\phi(n; k_1, \dots, k_p)$.

$n = 3$	$n = 4$	$n = 5$
$\phi(3; 1, 1) = 3$	$\phi(4; 1, 1) = 6$	$\phi(5; 1, 1) = 10$
$\phi(3; 2, 1) = 3$	$\phi(4; 2, 1) = 12$	$\phi(5; 2, 1) = 30$
	$\phi(4; 3, 1) = 4$	$\phi(5; 3, 1) = 20$
	$\phi(4; 2, 2) = 3$	$\phi(5; 2, 2) = 15$
	$\phi(4; 1, 1, 1) = 4$	$\phi(5; 4, 1) = 5$
	$\phi(4; 2, 1, 1) = 6$	$\phi(5; 3, 2) = 10$
	$\phi(4; 1, 1, 1, 1) = 1$	$\phi(5; 1, 1, 1) = 10$
		$\phi(5; 2, 1, 1) = 30$
		$\phi(5; 3, 1, 1) = 10$
		$\phi(5; 2, 2, 1) = 15$
		$\phi(5; 1, 1, 1, 1) = 5$
		$\phi(5; 2, 1, 1, 1) = 10$

$n = 3$	$n = 4$	$n = 5$
$N(3, 2, 1; 2, 1) = 4$	$N(4, 2, 1; 2, 1) = 8$	$N(5, 2, 1; 2, 1) = 16$
	$N(4, 2, 1; 3, 1) = 32$	$N(5, 2, 1; 3, 1) = 64$
	$N(4, 2, 1; 2, 2) = 16$	$N(5, 2, 1; 2, 2) = 32$
	$N(4, 2, 2; 2, 2) = 16$	$N(5, 2, 2; 2, 2) = 32$
	$N(4, 3, 1; 2, 1, 1) = 4$	$N(5, 3, 1; 2, 1, 1) = 8$
		$N(5, 2, 1; 4, 1) = 208$
		$N(5, 2, 1; 3, 2) = 80$
		$N(5, 2, 2; 3, 2) = 128$
		$N(5, 3, 1; 3, 1, 1) = 32$
		$N(5, 3, 1; 2, 2, 1) = 16$
		$N(5, 3, 2; 2, 2, 1) = 16$
		$N(5, 4, 1; 2, 1, 1, 1) = 4$

The coefficients $N(n, p, s; k_1, \dots, k_p)$ which are non-zero for $n = 3, 4, 5$ are displayed in our second table (all other coefficients $N(n, p, s; k_1, \dots, k_p)$ for $n = 3, 4, 5$ take value zero).

Hence we have the following structures of the free algebras $\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{V}(\mathcal{O}_k)}(n)$ for $k = 2, 3, 4$ and for $n = 3, 4, 5$:

$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{V}(\mathcal{O}_2)}(3) \cong \mathbf{F}_{\mathcal{B}}(3) \times (\mathbf{MO}_2)^{12} \times (\mathbf{L}_{1,1})^{12}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{V}(\mathcal{O}_2)}(4) \cong \mathbf{F}_{\mathcal{B}}(4) \times (\mathbf{MO}_2)^{100} \times (\mathbf{L}_{1,1})^{272} \times (\mathbf{L}_{2,0})^{48}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{V}(\mathcal{O}_2)}(5) \cong \mathbf{F}_{\mathcal{B}}(5) \times (\mathbf{MO}_2)^{720} \times (\mathbf{L}_{1,1})^{4080} \times (\mathbf{L}_{2,0})^{1760}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{V}(\mathcal{O}_3)}(3) \cong \mathbf{F}_{\mathcal{B}}(3) \times (\mathbf{MO}_2)^{12} \times (\mathbf{L}_{1,1})^{12} \times (\mathbf{MO}_3)^1$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{V}(\mathcal{O}_3)}(4) \cong \mathbf{F}_{\mathcal{B}}(4) \times (\mathbf{MO}_2)^{100} \times (\mathbf{MO}_3)^{20} \times (\mathbf{L}_{1,1})^{272} \times (\mathbf{L}_{2,0})^{48} \times (\mathbf{L}_{1,2})^{24}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{V}(\mathcal{O}_3)}(5) \cong \mathbf{F}_{\mathcal{B}}(5) \times (\mathbf{MO}_2)^{720} \times (\mathbf{MO}_3)^{260} \times (\mathbf{L}_{1,1})^{4080} \times (\mathbf{L}_{2,0})^{1760} \times (\mathbf{L}_{1,2})^{800} \\ \times (\mathbf{L}_{2,1})^{240}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{V}(\mathcal{O}_4)}(4) \cong \mathbf{F}_{\mathcal{B}}(4) \times (\mathbf{MO}_2)^{100} \times (\mathbf{MO}_3)^{20} \times (\mathbf{MO}_4)^1 \times (\mathbf{L}_{1,1})^{272} \times (\mathbf{L}_{2,0})^{48} \\ \times (\mathbf{L}_{1,2})^{24}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{V}(\mathcal{O}_4)}(5) \cong \mathbf{F}_{\mathcal{B}}(5) \times (\mathbf{MO}_2)^{720} \times (\mathbf{MO}_3)^{260} \times (\mathbf{MO}_4)^{30} \times (\mathbf{L}_{1,1})^{4080} \times (\mathbf{L}_{2,0})^{1760} \\ \times (\mathbf{L}_{1,2})^{800} \times (\mathbf{L}_{2,1})^{240} \times (\mathbf{L}_{1,3})^{40}$$

6 Problem

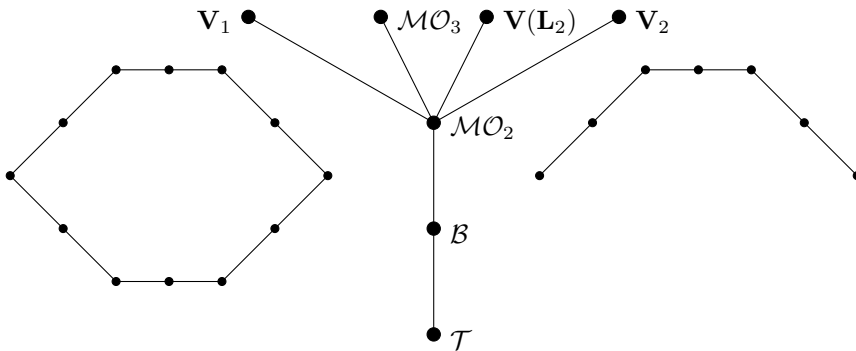


Figure 4. The four subvarieties covering the variety \mathcal{MO}_2

Similar descriptions as above are still missing in two particular varieties of orthomodular lattices which together with the varieties \mathcal{MO}_3 and $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{L}_2)$ are among the four varieties of orthomodular lattices covering the variety \mathcal{MO}_2 . More precisely, these are the variety \mathbf{V}_1 generated by the ortholattice whose Greechie diagram is ‘the pentagon’ (see the left part of Figure 4) and the variety \mathbf{V}_2 generated by the ortholattice whose Greechie diagram is ‘the 6-path’ (see the right part of Figure 4). (For the concept of the Greechie diagram we refer to the original Greechie’s paper [6].) The question is if one

can attack the problem of describing the n -generated free algebras in these two varieties using the methods analogous to those presented here. We close this paper with an open problem.

Problem 6.1. Give for any $n \geq 1$ abstract descriptions, similar to those presented here, of the n -generated free algebras in the variety \mathbf{V}_1 generated by ‘the pentagon’ and in the variety \mathbf{V}_2 generated by the ‘the 6-path’. Also give (recursive) formulas for the cardinalities of these free algebras.

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