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## modular inequality

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In any <http://planetmath.org/lattice> the self-dual *modular inequality* is true: if  $x \leq z$  then  $x \vee (y \wedge z) \leq (x \vee y) \wedge z$ .

*Proof.*  $x \leq x \vee y$  and we are given that  $x \leq z$ , so  $x \leq (x \vee y) \wedge z$ . Also,  $y \wedge z \leq y \leq x \vee y$  and  $y \wedge z \leq z$  imply that  $y \wedge z \leq (x \vee y) \wedge z$ . Therefore,  $x \vee (y \wedge z) \leq (x \vee y) \wedge z$ .  $\square$