

# The fundamental theorem of finite distributive lattices (Birkhoff)

$$\forall (\Lambda, \leq, \vee, \wedge) \ni |\Lambda| < \infty \wedge \forall a, b, c \in \Lambda$$

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Theorem: -

$$P \subseteq \{x \in \Lambda \mid \forall y \in \Lambda, x \vee y = x\}$$

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$$\Lambda \cong J(P)$$

Proof:

Let  $\phi_P : \Lambda \longrightarrow J(P)$

$$\phi_P = \lambda x. \{y \in P \mid y \leq_\Lambda x\}$$

Here,  $\phi_P$  is an order preserving injection.

Lemma:

$$\forall x \in \Lambda \exists Y \subset \{z \in \Lambda \mid \forall y \in \Lambda, z \leq y\}, \bigvee_{y \in Y} y$$