

4. We'll prove it by induction.

As  $n=1$ ,  $\phi \in \{1\}$  is a symmetry chain partition of  $B_1$ .

As  $n=k$ , say  $B_k = C_1 \cup C_2 \cup \dots \cup C_m$ , where  $C_i$  is a symmetry chain  $\forall i \in [m]$ . Now, as  $n=k+1$ , we will construct two kinds of symmetry chain.

For any  $i \in [m]$ , say  $C_i = \{S_{i,j}, S_{i,j+1}, \dots, S_{i,k-j}\}$ , where  $|S_{i,l}| = l$  for all  $l$  and  $S_{i,j} \subseteq S_{i,j+1} \subseteq \dots \subseteq S_{i,k-j}$ .

Now we start our construction.

- First kind:  $C'_j = C_j \cup \{S_{i,k-j} \cup \{k+1\}\}$ .

Since  $S_{i,k-j} \subseteq S_{i,k-j} \cup \{k+1\}$  and  $|S_{i,k-j} \cup \{k+1\}| = (k+1) - j$ ,  $C'_j$  is also a symmetry chain.

- Second kind:  $C''_j = \{S \cup \{k+1\} : S \in C_j \setminus \{S_{i,k-j}\}\}$ .

Let us first assume  $C''_j$  is nonempty (i.e.  $|C''_j| > 1$ ).

Since  $S_{i,j} \cup \{k+1\} \subseteq S_{i,j+1} \cup \{k+1\} \subseteq \dots \subseteq S_{i,k-1-j} \cup \{k+1\}$

and  $|S_{i,l} \cup \{k+1\}| = l+1$  for  $l = j, j+1, \dots, k-1-j$ ,  $C''_j$  is also a symmetry chain (the size are  $j+1, j+2, \dots, k-j = (k+1)-(j+1)$ ).

Now, W.L.O.G, say  $C'_1, C'_2, \dots, C'_r$  are nonempty,  $r \leq m$ .

Since  $C_i \cap C_j = \emptyset \forall i, j$ , by our construction, for all  $i, j$ , we have  $C'_i \cap C'_j = C'_i \cap C''_j = C''_i \cap C'_j = \emptyset$ .

Also, for any  $\alpha \in B_k$ ,  $\alpha \in C_i$  for unique  $i$  by the induction hypothesis. For  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha \cup \{k+1\} \in B_{k+1}$ , consider our construction, if  $\alpha$  is not the maximum element of  $C_i$ , then  $\alpha \in C'_i$  and  $\alpha \cup \{k+1\} \in C''_i$ ; if  $\alpha$  is the maximum element of  $C_i$ , then  $\alpha, \alpha \cup \{k+1\} \in C'_i$ . Hence,  $B_{k+1} = (\bigcup_{i \in [m]} C'_i) \cup (\bigcup_{j \in [r]} C''_j)$ .

By induction,  $B_n$  can be partitioned into symmetry chains for any positive integer  $n$ .

6. (a) Let's consider  $M_3$  first.

Recall that  $\delta_p(x,y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \leq y \\ 0 & \text{if } x \not\leq y \end{cases}$ . By the Hasse diagram, we have

$$M_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since  $M_3 \times M_\mu = M_8 = I$ , by computing the inverse of  $M_3$ , we have

$$M_\mu = M_3^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(i,j) &= 0 \quad \forall i \neq j, \quad M(k,k) = 1 \quad \forall k \in \{6\}, \\ M(1,3) &= M(1,4) = M(2,4) = M(2,5) = M(4,6) = M(5,6) = -1, \\ \text{and } M(1,6) &= M(2,6) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

(b) Since  $M_3$  is an upper triangular matrix, its determinant is the product of its diagonal entries.

$$\Rightarrow \det M_3 = \prod_{i \in P} \delta_p(i,i) = \prod_{i \in P} 1 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow M_\mu = \frac{1}{\det M_3} \cdot \text{adj } M_3 = \text{adj } M_3.$$

Note that  $(\text{adj } M_3)_{ij} := (-1)^{i+j} M_{ji}$ , where  $M_{ji}$  is the determinant of the  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  matrix obtained by removing the  $j$ -th row and the  $i$ -th column of  $M_3$ . Since the entries of  $M_3$  are either 0 or 1,  $M_{ji}$  is an integer.

Hence,  $M_\mu = \text{adj } M_3$  are the matrix with all entries being integers. That is,  $M(i,j) \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \forall i, j \in P$ .