CSPs of Finite Commutative Idempotent Binars

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A *binary* operation $t(x, y)$ is weak-nu if

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So let's try to prove (?) for commutative idempotent binars.

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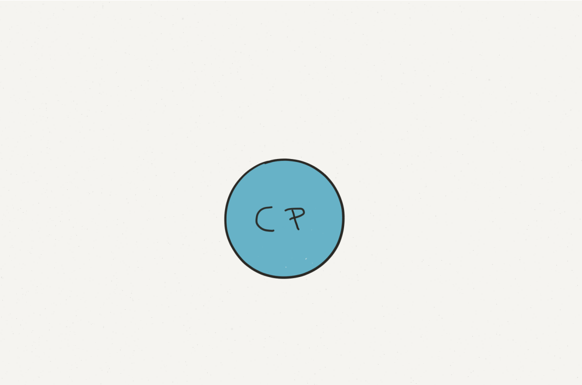

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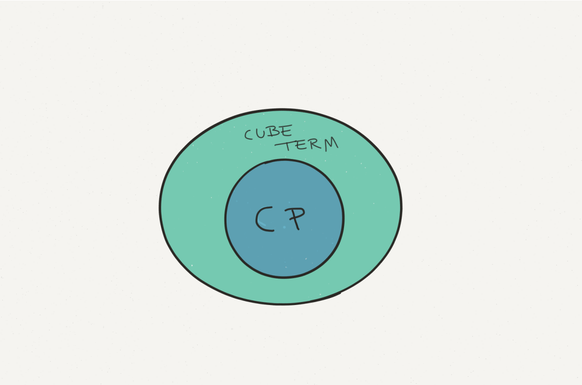

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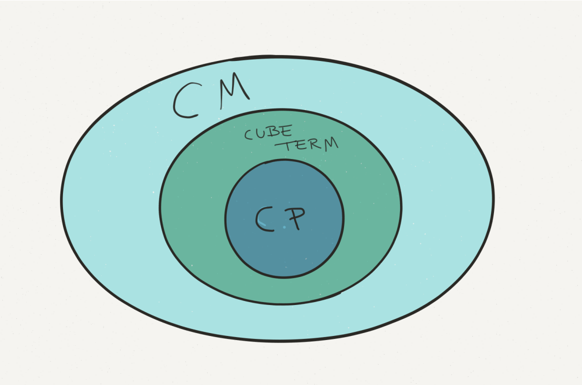

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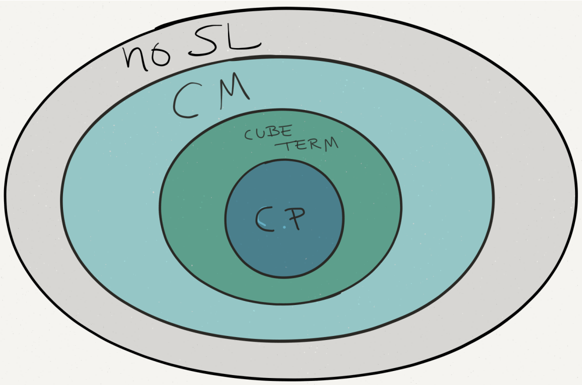

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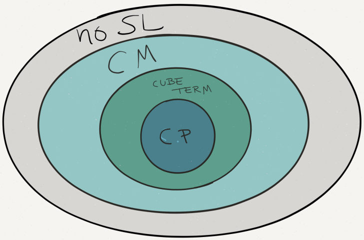

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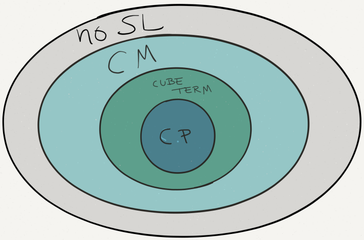

- cube term $\implies$ CM

  (Berman, Idziak, Marković, McKenzie, Valeriote, Willard 2010)

- CM $\implies$ $\mathbf{S}_2$ is not in $\mathrm{V}(\mathbf{A})$

  Proof: $\mathbf{S}_2 \in \mathrm{V}(\mathbf{A}) \Rightarrow \mathbf{S}_2^2 \in \mathrm{V}(\mathbf{A})$;

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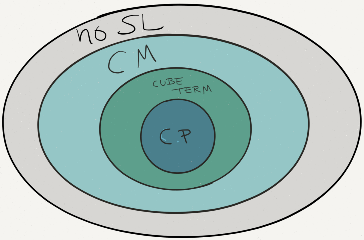

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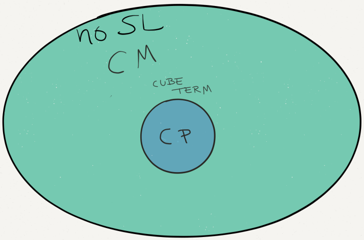

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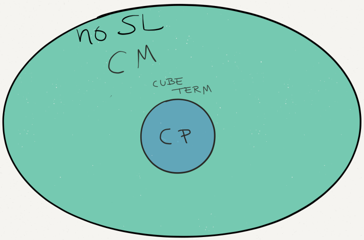

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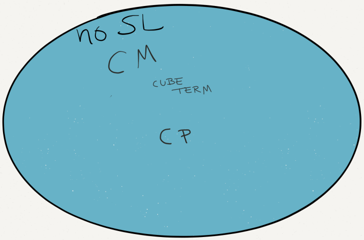

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Conversely, suppose $\mathbf{S}_2 \in \mathsf{HS}(\mathbf{A})$, and $\mathbf{B}$ is a subalgebra of $\mathbf{A}$ with $\mathbf{B}/\theta$ a meet-SL for some θ. Let C/θ be the bottom of $\mathbf{B}/\theta$, then (C, B) is a CTB. $\square$

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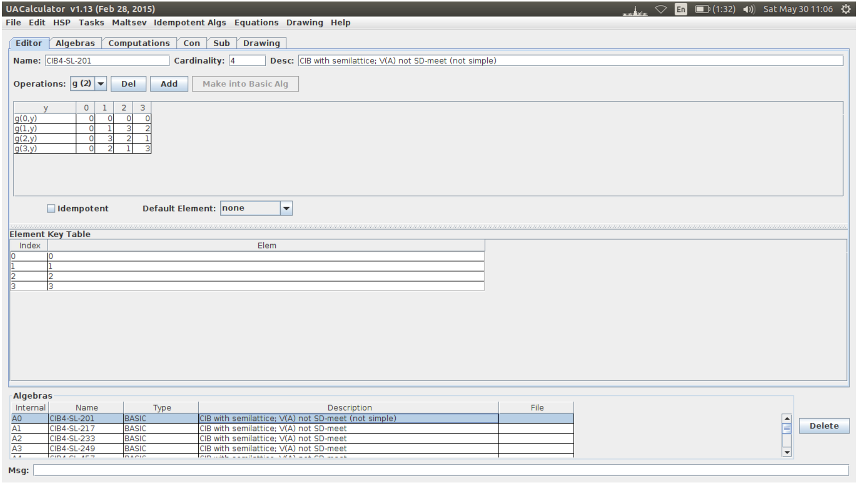

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