

# VCU Discrete Mathematics Seminar

## *What are the Face Lattices of the Binary Partition Polytopes?*

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Wednesday, Oct. 23  
1:00-1:50 EDT

**In person!** in 4145 Harris Hall, and Zoom @  
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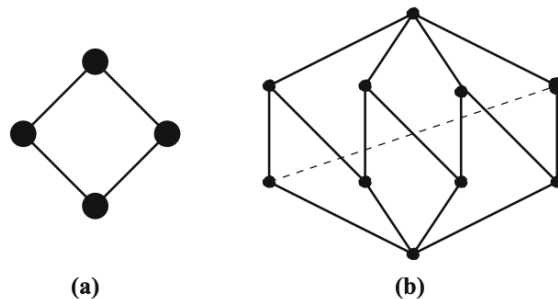


FIGURE 1. Interval lattices

Starting in dimensions 1 and 2 with the interval and the square, the binary partition polytope  $B_n$  of dimension  $n$  ( $\geq 2$ ) is a polytope which “looks like” the lattice of faces of the binary partition polytope of dimension  $n - 1$ . The faces of  $B_{n-1}$  and the vertices of  $B_n$  correspond to the (integer) partitions of  $2^n$  into powers of 2. It is an open problem to devise a “good” way to compute the lattice operations (“join” and “meet”) on the binary partitions.

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