

# **On Some Simple Eulerian Lattices**

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ARTICLE INFOABSTRACTIn this paper, we prove that CS(L)under set inclusion relation is Eulerian<br/>whenever L is a simple Eulerian lattice for some known simple Eulerian latticeslike<br/>Q, the dual of the face lattice of a cube, R, the face lattice of an icosahedron ,S(Q)<br/>and so on. We also prove that CS(L) is Eulerian for a dual simplicial Eulerian<br/>lattice.Keywords:<br/>Convex sublattice, Eulerian lattice, Simplicial lattice, Simple, Face<br/>lattice, Mathematics Subject Classification 2020; 03G10,06C05,06C10

#### 1. Introduction

K.M. Koh [2] began the study on the lattice of convex sublattices of a given lattice with respect to the set inclusion relation.

A sublattice C of a lattice L is said to be convex if a,  $b\Box C$ ,  $c\Box L$ ,  $a \le c \le b$  imply that  $c\Box C$ . Let CS(L) be the family of all convex sublattices of L, including the empty set. Then CS(L), partially ordered by inclusion, forms an

atomistic algebraic lattice. He had proved that CS(L) is distributive if and only if  $L \Box L_n$ , n = 1,2 where  $L_n$  denotes the chain of n elements. When L is a finite lattice and he has given a characterization for

CS(L) to be lower semi modular as CS(L) is lower semi modular if and only if L is a chain. He had also proved that when L satisfies ACC and DCC, then L is relatively complemented if and only if CS(L) is relatively complemented. As any Eulerian lattice L is relatively complemented[8],by this result we infer that CS(L) is also relatively complemented. Now a natural question is whether CS(L) is Eulerian whenever L is Eulerian. Many authors have attempted to solve this problem. For example,. Dr.A.Vethamanickam and Dr.R.Subbarayan[14], have proved that  $CS(B_n)$  is Eulerian when  $B_n$  is a Boolean algebra of rank n. In 2011, Sheeba Merlin.G and Vethamanickam.A[12] have proved the same for Eulerian lattices  $S(B_n)$ ,  $S(C_n)$  and  $S_m(B_n)$ .But they have done it only for some particular Eulerian lattices.

In the thesis of K.E.Usha[7], one open question was raised as to whether CS(L) is simple if L is an Eulerian lattice. By remark 3.4.2 in Usha's thesis we infer that to decide whether CS(L) is simple whenever L is Eulerian reduces to the problem of proving whether CS(L) is Eulerian whenever L is a simple Eulerian lattice. Therefore, the problem will be completely solved if we can prove that CS(L) is Eulerian whenever L is a simple Eulerian lattice. But one bottleneck in this attempt is we do not yet have a complete list of simple Eulerian lattices. The only known simple Eulerian lattices so far are the two element chain  $B_i$ , the face lattice

 $C_n$  of the polygon of n sides n > 3, a lattice of the form  $S \square L \square 1, 1 \square \square$ , where L is an Eulerian lattice [13],  $S_g(L_1, L_2, ..., L_n)$ [13], where  $L_i$ 's i = 1, 2, 3, ..., n are Eulerian,

 $D_r \square L \square \square \bigcup_{i \square I} L_i \square \square 0, 1 \square, where L_i \square L_i \setminus \square 0, 1 \square$  where each L<sub>i</sub> is an Eulerian lattice of same rank and  $\bigcup$  stands

for disjoint union [13], and some strongly uniform non-Boolean Eulerian lattices of rank  $\leq 5$  found in [8]. In this paper we prove that CS(L) is Eulerian for each of the above lattices L.

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The lattice of all convex sublattices of a two element chain is  $B_2$ , the Boolean algebra of rank 2 and it is Eulerian. CS[S(L)] is Eulerian have been proved for some particular Eulerian lattices L,viz., $B_n$ ,  $C_m$  by Sheeba Merlin .G

and Vethamanickam. A [12],  $S(B_n)[9]$  and  $B_n \square C_m$  [10] by Usha Nirmala Kumari.K.E. and Vethamanickam.A. For a general Eulerian lattice L, proving CS[S(L)] to be Eulerian is an open problem. In the following sections we provide proofs for the remaining lattices mentioned in the previous paragraph.

## 2. Preliminaries

To prove this result, we need the following definitions and theorems.

## **Definition(simple)**

A lattice L is said to be simple if it has no non-trivial congruences. For example,

1. The lattice  $M_3$  is simple which is not Eulerian. Rank 2 Eulerian lattice is not simple.

2. The lattice  $C_n$ ,  $n\Box$  4is simple.

## Definition(Relatively complemented)

A lattice with 0 and 1 is said to be relatively complemented, if every interval of L is complemented. For example,  $C_n$ ,  $n\square 3$  is relatively complemented.

## **Definition (Simplicial)**

Let *P* be a poset with 0. *P* is said to be simplicial if for every element  $t \Box P$ ,  $\Box 0, t \Box$  is Boolean. Dual simplicial poset is defined dually. Definition(r-simplicial)

A lattice L of rank  $d \square r$  is said to be r-simplicial, if  $\square 0, x \square$  is Boolean, for all elements x of rank r.

## **Definition(Strongly uniform)**

A lattice L is said to be strongly uniform, if for every two elements x and y in L of the same rank, the upper

intervals  $\Box x, 1 \Box$  and  $\Box y, 1 \Box$  are isomorphic.

## **Definition(Mobius function)**

Let P be a finite poset, The Mobius function  $\Box$  is an integer-valued function defined on  $P \Box P$  by the formulae:

 $\Box(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) = 1, \text{ for } \mathbf{x} \Box \mathbf{P}$  $\Box \mathbf{0}.$ 

if  $x \Box \Box y$ 

# $\Box \Box x, y \Box \Box \Box \Box \Box \Box \Box x, z \Box, if x \Box y$

 $\Box \Box_{x \Box z \Box y}$ 

## **Definition(Graded)**

A lattice L is said to be graded if all its maximal chains have same length.

## Definition(Height of an element )

The height of an element a of a lattice L, denoted by ht(a) is the length of the longest maximal chain in (0,a] Definition(Eulerian lattice)

A finite graded poset P is said to be Eulerian, if its Mobius function assumes the value  $\Box \Box x, y \Box \Box \Box \Box \Box \Box \Box^{\Box}_{x,y}$ 

for all  $x \le y$  in P, where  $l \square x$ ,  $y \square \square ht \square y \square \square ht \square x \square$ .

**Example**. Every Boolean algebra of Rank n is Eulerian and the lattice C<sub>4</sub> is a non modular Eulerian lattice.

Definition[5]

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where  $B_2$  is the Boolean lattice of rank 2.

#### Remark

Face lattice of a polytope need not be simple.

For example,  $B_3$  is not simple,  $B_3$  is the face lattice of a triangle.

**3. Simplicity of some known non-Boolean strongly uniform** Eulerian lattices Theorem 3.1 The dual of the face lattice Q of a cube(hexahedron) is simple.

## Proof

**Since**  $Q \square S \square C_4 \square$  it is simple.

## Theorem 3.2

The face lattice R of an icosahedron is simple.

#### Proof



Let  $\Box$  be a congruence relation on R.

Since R is atomistic, there exists an atom x in R such that  $\Box 0, x \Box \Box \Box$ 

Let y be the diametrically opposite vertex of x in the icosahedron, which is the constituent of R. Then there are 5 vertices connected with y with edges and faces which do not contain x. Let the vertices be  $y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4, y_5$ Therefore in R,  $x \square y_1 \square R$  and  $x \square y \square R$ 

Similarly,  $x \square y_2 \square R$ ,  $x \square y_3 \square R$ ,  $x \square y_4 \square R$ ,  $x \square y_5 \square R$ 

Now  $\Box 0, x \Box \Box \Box$  implies  $\Box y, R \Box \Box \Box, \Box y_1, R \Box \Box \Box, \Box y_2, R \Box \Box \Box, \Box y_3, R \Box \Box \Box, \Box y_4, R \Box \Box \Box, \Box y_5, R \Box \Box \Box$  by taking join with  $y, y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4, y_5$ 

Now take meet of two of these elements we get,  $\Box 0, R \Box \Box \Box$ .

Therefore,  $\Box \Box R \Box R$ This is true for any atom a of R. Therefore, we conclude that R is simple.

#### Theorem

The face lattice D of an dodecahedron is simple.

#### Proof



Let  $\Box$  be a congruence relation on D.

Since D is atomistic, there exists an atom x in D such that  $\Box 0, x \Box \Box \Box$ 

Let y be a vertex in the face which is diametrically opposite to the face in which x is one of the vertices of Dodecahedron, which is the constituent of D.

Besides y, we have four more vertices in that face say,  $y_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}, y_{\scriptscriptstyle 2}, y_{\scriptscriptstyle 3}$  and  $y_{\scriptscriptstyle 4}$  .

Taking join of  $\Box y$ ,  $y \Box and \Box y_1$ ,  $y_1 \Box with \Box 0, x \Box \Box \Box$  we get  $\Box y, D \Box, \Box y_1, D \Box \Box \Box$ . On taking meet we get

## $\Box 0, D\Box \Box \Box$ .

So,  $\Box \Box D \Box D$ , the same argument is valid for all the other atoms.

Hence  $\Box \Box D \Box D$ Hence, D contains no proper congruences. Therefore, D is simple.

#### Theorem 3.2

The face lattice S of an octahedron is simple.

## Proof

Let  $\Box$  be a congruence relation on S.

Since S is atomistic, there exists an atom x in S such that  $\Box 0, x \Box \Box \Box$ 

Let y be the diametrically opposite vertex of x in the octahedron, which is the constituent of S. There is a face containing y which does not intersect of a face containing x. The face containing y contains two more vertices ,

say,  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ . Taking join of  $(y_1, y_1)$  and  $(y_2, y_2)$  with (0, x) we get  $(y_1, D), (y_2, D)$   $\Box$  Now take meet of these

elements we get,  $\Box\Box$ , $S\Box\Box\Box$ .

Therefore,  $\Box \Box S \Box S$ This is true for any atom a of S. Therefore, S has no proper congruences. Therefore, we conclude that S is simple.

# 4. Eulerian property of the lattice of convex sublattices of some strongly uniform Eulerian Lattices

#### Lemma 4.1

A finite graded poset P is said to be Eulerian if and only if all intervals [x, y] of length  $l \ge 1$  in P contain an equal number of elements of odd and even rank.

#### Lemma4.2

lattice Eulerian of rank 3 which is strongly uniform the form An is of r 🛛 🗕  $L \square \cup C_{ni} \cup \square 0, 1 \square$  where  $C_{ni} \square C_{ni} \setminus \square 0, 1 \square$ 

#### Theorem 4.3

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If L is strongly uniform Eulerian lattice of rank 3, then CS(L) is Eulerian. **Proof** Since rank of L is 3, the rank of CS(L) is 4. Let A<sub>i</sub> be the number of elements of rank i in CS(L) Then, A<sub>1</sub> =  $2(n_1+n_2+...+n_r)+2$ A<sub>2</sub> =  $n_1+n_2+...+n_r + 2(n_1+n_2+...+n_r) + (n_1+n_2+...+n_r)$ A<sub>3</sub> =  $2(n_1+n_2+...+n_r)$ Hence, A<sub>1</sub>-A<sub>2</sub>+A<sub>3</sub> =  $2(n_1+n_2+...+n_r)+2$  $-(n_1+n_2+...+n_r) - 2(n_1+n_2+...+n_r) + 2(n_1+n_2+...+n_r)$  $+ 2(n_1+n_2+...+n_r) = 2.$ Hence, CS(L) is Eulerian.

#### **Corollary 4.4** CS(C<sub>n</sub>) is Eulerian Proof



If we take one copy in the above theorem, then we get the result.

#### Remark

We have  $CS \square D_r \square L \square \square \square \cup CS \square L_j \square \cup \square \square, D_r \square L \square \square$ 

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#### Theorem 4.5

 $CS \square D_r \square L \square \square$  is Eulerian if and only if  $CS \square L_j \square$  is Eulerian for every j =1,2,...,r

#### Proof

Let  $D_r(L)$  be of rank d+1,then each  $L_j$  is of rank d+1,rank of  $CS \square D_r \square L \square \square$  is d+2 and rank of each  $CS(L_j)$  is also d+2.

Let  $CS \square D_r \square L \square \square$  be Eulerian

Let  $A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_{d\square}$  be number of elements of rank 1,2,...,d+1 of  $CS \square D_r \square L \square \square$ .

Let  $A_{j1}, A_{j2}, ..., A_{j}\square_{d\square^1}\square$  be the number of elements of ranks 1,2,...,d+1 in CS(L<sub>j</sub>). Now, Let d be odd, then d+2 is also odd.



#### Lemma[8]

Let L be an Eulerian lattice of rank 4 which is strongly uniform and dual uniform. Then L is either  $B_4$  or Q or R or their duals.

#### Theorem 4.3

If Q is the dual of the face lattice of a cube, then CS(Q) is Eulerian.

#### Proof.

Let O be the dual of the face lattice of a cube Now the rank of O is 4 Let  $a_i$  be the number of elements of rank i in Q. then  $a_1 = 6, a_2 = 12, a_3 = 8$ To prove that ,CS(Q) is Eulerian, we have to prove that the number of elements of even rank is equal to the number of elements of odd rank, in CS(Q). Since rank of Q is 4, rank of CS(Q) is 5. Let  $A_i$  be the number of elements of rank i in CS(Q), i=1,2,3,4 Therefore,  $A_1$  I number of singleton sets of Q = 6 +12 +8+2 = 28  $_{2}$  = number of edges of Q = 6 +24 +24 +8 = 62 Α  $_3$  = number of rank 2 convex sublattices of Q = 12 + 6 + 4 + 12 = 48 $A_{4}$  I number of rank 3 convex sublattices of Q = 8 + 6 = 14 Hence,  $A_1 \square A_2 \square A_3 \square A_4 \square 28 \square 62 \square 48 \square 14 \square 0$ Therefore. is Eulerian. CS(Q)

**Remark** As  $Q = S(C_4)$ , CS(Q) is Eulerian follows from the theorem 4.1 of [12].

#### Theorem 4.4

If R is the face lattice of an icosahedron, then CS(R) is Eulerian.

## Proof

Let R be the face lattice of an icosahedron. Now the rank of R is 4 Then the rank of CS(R) is 5 Let  $a_i$  be the number of elements of rank i in R. We have  $a_1 = 12$ ,  $a_2 = 30$ ,  $a_3 = 20$ . To prove that CS(R) is Eulerian, we have to prove that the number of elements of even rank is equal to number of elements of odd rank. Let  $A_i$ be the number of elements of rank i in CS(R) Therefore,  $A_1$  = number of singleton sets of R = 12 + 30 + 20 + 2= 64  $A_2$  = number of edges of R = 12 + (12  $\Box$  5) + (30  $\Box$  2) + 20 = 12 + 60 + 60 + 20 = 152  $A_3$  = number of rank 2 convex sublattices of R = 30 + 12  $\Box$  5 + 30  $\Box$  1 = 120  $A_4$  = number of rank 3 convex sublattices of R = 12 + 20 = 32

Hence,  $A_1 - A_2 + A_3 - A_4 = 64 - 152 + 120 - 32$ = 184-184 = 0.

Therefore, CS(R) is Eulerian.

## Lemma[8]

A 4-simplicial strongly uniform Eulerian lattice of rank 5 with 8 atoms in which  $\Box x, 1 \Box \Box Q$ , for every atom x,

is isomorphic to  $\Box \Box B_2 \setminus \Box 1 \Box \Box \Box \Box Q \setminus \Box 1 \Box \Box \Box \Box \Box 1, 1 \Box \Box \Box S \Box Q \Box$ .

## Theorem 4.5

Prove that CS[S(Q)] is Eulerian.

## Proof

Since  $S \square Q \square \square \square B_2 \setminus \square 1 \square \square \square \square Q \setminus \square 1 \square \square \square \square 1, 1 \square \square$ , it is of rank 5, then the rank of CS[S(Q)] is 6

Now,  $a_1 \square 8$ ,  $a_2 \square 24$ ,  $a_3 \square 32$ ,  $a_4 \square 16$  where  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4$  are the number of elements in S(Q) of ranks 1,2,3,4, respectively.

Let  $A_i$  be the number of elements of rank i in CS[S(Q)].

Then,  $A_1 \square$  number of singleton sets of  $S \square Q \square = 8+24+32+16=82$ 

 $A_2 \square$  number of edges of  $S \square Q \square \{0 \text{ at the bottom + rank 1 at the bottom +...} \}$ 

□ □ = 8 + 48+96+64+16 = 232

 $A_3 \square$  number of rank 2 convex sublattices of  $S \square Q \square$ 

 $= 24 \square [24+12 \square 6] + [(6 \square 4) \square 2 + (12 \square 4)] + (2 \square 12+8)$ 

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= 24 + [24 + 12 \ ] 6] + [(6 \ ] 4) \ ] 2 + 12 \ ] 4] + [2 \ ] 12 + 8]
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= 24+96+96+32=246
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 $A_4 \square$  number of rank 3 convex sublattices of  $S \square Q \square$ 

= 32 + [2 [8+8 [6]+[ 2 [6+12]

= 32 + 64 + 24 =120

 $A_5 \square$  number of rank 4 convex sublattices of  $S \square Q \square$ 

- $= (2 \square 8) + (2 \square 1 + 6)$
- = 16+2+6=24

 $A_1 \square A_2 \square A_3 \square A_4 \square A_5 = 82 - 232 + 246 - 120 + 24 = 2.$ 

Hence,  $CS \square S \square Q \square \square$  is Eulerian.

#### **Theorem** Prove that CS[S(R)] is Eulerian.

## Proof

## Since $S \square R \square \square \square B_2 \setminus \square 1 \square \square \square \square R \setminus \square 1 \square \square \square \square 1, 1 \square \square$ , it is of rank 5, then the rank of CS[S(R)] is 6

Now, $a_1 \Box 14$ , $a_2 \Box 54$ , $a_3 \Box 80$ , $a_4 \Box 40$  where  $a_1$ , $a_2$ , $a_3$ , $a_4$  are the number of elements in S(R) of ranks 1,2,3,4, respectively.

We observe that if x is any atom in an extreme copy of S(R), then  $\Box x, 1 \Box \Box C_5$  and if it is in the middle copy of

# S(R), then $\Box x$ , 1 $\Box \Box S \Box C_5 \Box$ .

We also note that if y is an element of rank 2 in the middle copy of S(R), then  $\Box y, 1 \Box \Box S \Box B_2 \Box \Box C_4$  Let  $A_i$  be the number of elements of rank i in CS[S(R)].

Then,  ${}^{A}_{1}\Box$  number of singleton sets of S(R) = 16+54+80+40=190.

 $A_2$  = Number of edges of S(R) = number of edges containing zero+ number of edges containing an atom + number of edges containing rank 2 elements + number of edges containing rank 3 elements + number of edges containing rank 4 elements at the bottom

= [12+2] + [2 [12+12]7] + [(12 [5) [2+30]]4] + [(30] 2) [2+20] 2] + [20+20] = 14+24+84+120+120+60+20 = 562.

- $A_3$  = number of rank 2 convex sublattices of S(R).
  - $= 54+[2\square 30+15\square 12]+[(12\square 5)\square 2+30\square 4]+[(30\square 1)\square 2]+20\square 1$
  - = 54+240+240+60+20=614
- $A_4 =$  number of rank 3 convex sublattices of S(R).
  - = 80+2[20+12]10+2[12+30
  - = 80+40+120+24+30=294
- $A_5$  = number of rank 4 convex sublattices of S(R).
- = 40+14=54

 $A_1 - A_2 + A_3 - A_4 + A_5 = 190 - 562 + 614 - 294 + 54 = 858 - 856 = 2$  Hence,  $CS \square S \square R \square \square$  is Eulerian.

## 5.Lattice of convex sublattices of a dual simplicial Eulerian lattice Theorem 5.1

Lattice of convex sublattices of any dual simplicial Eulerian lattice is Eulerian.

## Proof.

Let L be a dual simplicial Eulerian lattice of rank d+1 with  $a_i$ , number of elements of ranks i=1,2...,d Then the rank of CS(L) is d + 2. Let d be even

Therefore,  $a_1 \square a_2 \square ... \square \square \square \square \square^{d\square_1} a_d \square 0$ 

Claim: CS(L) is Eulerian

Let  $A_i$  be the number of elements of rank i in CS(L)

 $A a a_1 \square \square \square \square \square_1 \qquad 2 \qquad \dots a_d \qquad 2$ 

 $A_2$  = number of edges with {o at the bottom + an atom at the bottom + a rank 2 element

the bottom + ... + a rank d elements at the bottom}

at

- $= a_1 \Box \Box a_1 d \Box a_2 \Box d \Box 1 \Box \Box ... \Box a_d \Box$
- $A_{3}$  = number of rank 2 convex sublattices with {0 at the bottom + an atom at the bottom + ... + a rank (d-1) element at the bottom}
  - $\Box d \Box = \Box d \Box 1 \Box$
- A <sub>4</sub> = number of rank 3 convex sublattices with {0 at the bottom + an atom at the bottom + ... + a rank (d-2) element at the bottom}
  - $\Box d \Box = \Box d \Box 1 \Box$

$$= a_{1} \square \square^{\Box} \square_{\Box} \square_{\Box}$$

= 0 + 2 = 2. If d is odd, then

 $A_1 \square A_2 \square A_3 \square \dots \square A_d \square A_{d\square 1}$ 

=	$a_1  \Box a_2  \Box \ldots \Box a_d  \Box  2\Box \Box a_1  \Box a_1 d\Box a_2  \Box \ldots \Box a_d  \Box \Box \Box \Box \Box a_2$
$\Box a$	$1 \square \square \square d 2 \square \square \square \square a_2 \square \square \square d 2 \square 1 \square \square \square \square \square \square a_{d \square 1} \square \square \square \square$
	$\Box \Box \Box \Box a_3 \Box a_1 \Box \Box \Box 3 \Box \Box \Box C_3 \Box a_2 \Box \Box \exists \Box \Box \Box \Box \Box a_{d_{\Box}2} \Box \Box \Box + + \Box \Box \Box a_{d_{\Box}1} \Box a_1 \Box \Box \Box d \Box \Box \Box \Box \Box a_2$
	$\Box\Box\Box a_1 \Box a_d \Box$
=	$2 \square a_2 \square a_4 \square \dots \square a_{d\square^1} \square \square \square \square + a_1 \square \square \square \square d \square \square \square \square d 2 \square \square \square \square \square \square \square 3 d \square \square$
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	+ $a_3 \square \square$
=	$2\Box a_2 \Box a_4 \Box \ldots \Box a_{d\Box^1} \Box \Box \ 2\Box a_1 \Box a_2 \Box \ldots \Box a_d$
=	$\Box a_1 \Box a_2 \Box a_3 \Box a_4 \Box a_5 \Box \ldots \Box a_{d\Box 1} \Box a_d$
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Hence, the Lattice of all convex sublattices of a dual simplicial Eulerian lattice is Eulerian.

#### Conclusion

We have proved above that the lattice of convex sublattices of some known simple Eulerian lattices are Eulerian. Also we have investigated the truthfulness of the Eulerian property for strongly uniform and dual uniform Eulerian lattices up to rank 5 only. The study on the strongly uniform and dual uniform Eulerian lattices of ranks > 5 is also possible, but it looks difficult.

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