# The lattice of linear Mal'cev conditions 

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Interpretability form quasi-order. By a standard technique, we can get the corresponding partial order (we factor by equi-interpretability).
(Garcia, Taylor: The lattice of interpretability types of varieties, 1984.)

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## Observation

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- $\mathbf{A}=\left(\{0,1\}, x+y+z, \operatorname{proj}_{1}^{3}, \operatorname{proj}_{1}^{2}\right)$, and
- $\mathbf{B}=\left(\{0,1\}, \operatorname{proj}_{1}^{3},(x \vee y) \wedge(y \vee z) \wedge(x \vee z), \operatorname{proj}_{2}^{2}\right)$.


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